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SECOND ANNUAL MODEL SENATE HELD AT N.J.C.

**Cremer And Koenig of
Forum Represent Ken-
tucky Senators.**

The second annual meeting of the Model Senate, composed of student delegates from various eastern colleges, met on February 13, 14, and 15 at the New Jersey College for Women in New Brunswick. Bard College, as the state of Kentucky, was represented by Messrs. Cremer and Koenig (Senators Logan and Barkly) of the Forum.

The session was opened by Congressman Frederick Leback, U. S. representative from New Jersey. In his address he said that "not since the days of President Arthur when the first Civil Service Reform Act was passed, has there been such a scrapping of the merit system as there is today." He was interrupted during his speech by one of the student Senators who accused him of making a political speech.

On Friday evening, Dr. Charles G. Fenwick, professor of political science at Bryn Mawr, gave a brief talk on the history of neutrality legislation.

Three bills were discussed on the floor of the Senate after they had been drawn up in committee meetings. An amendment proposing that Congress by a 2/3 vote of both houses have the power to override any decision of the Supreme Court declaring an act of Congress unconstitutional was defeated by a vote of 46 to 43. Soon afterwards a pure food, drug and cosmetic bill was passed by a unanimous decision. Mr. Koenig, who was a member of the commit-

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FROSH PETITION FOR CONVOCATION TO AID FROLIC

In spite of the fact that convocation refused to vote the freshman class one hundred dollars for which they appealed, the class will hold their prom March 20, according to schedule.

Although this year's class of 1939 is the largest in many years, it was the opinion of those in charge of the arrangements that without money from convocation, funds would not be sufficient to cover all costs. Their plea was made on the grounds that the money put aside for informal dances this year has not been utilized and should be.

On February 13, after a great deal of controversy, their appeal was voted down, and the prom committee was forced to proceed with their original budget.

The decorations committee has announced that the gymnasium will be done in a polar motif. No definite orchestra has been announced as yet, but the orchestra committee will make known the name of the orchestra secured shortly.

NUNAN COMES BACK

EDITORIAL

Last March 200 college students from this state, including seventeen from Bard, gathered in Albany to protest a particularly spurious morsel of proposed legislation known as the Nunan Bill. It required that an extra-academic requirement be imposed on students entering colleges receiving public funds (loose interpretation of such phraseology might, under the tax exemption regulations, place schools such as this in that class!) The students would be required to take an oath of allegiance to the constitution. The nigger in the woodpile of course was William Randolph Hearst. His New York newspapers had been campaigning for such a bill for a long time. The idiots who disagreed with Mr. Hearst and the towers of learning and clear thinking in Albany and Washington on certain fundamental issues must be purged by, nothing better being in sight, the Constitution of the United States. The work of that delegation in defeating the Nunan Bill will stand as a monument to those who could see through the clouds of Hearsteria then threatening to break over the academic world.

But reaction is in the van again. The Nunan Bill is to be brought still bleeding from its last defeat before the state legislature, within the very near future. This is no mere philandering with patriotism and loyalty but a serious effort in chauvinistic disguise to put the screws down on the non-conformists. We hope that when the bill actually does come up we can expect Bard students to lend their strength to the opposition in the same spirit as they exhibited last year.

SUICIDE CLUB IN MEMORY OF SCHOPENHAUER

Sarajevo, Yugoslavia — (ACP) — Existence of a suicide club among students of philosophy at Sarajevo, members of which were sworn to kill themselves each year on the anniversary of the passing of the German thinker Schopenhauer, was revealed here by the death of a student named Paul Seltbauer.

Seltbauer's body was found in a wild gorge some miles from town a few days after his disappearance. He had stripped naked in a nearby cave, burned his philosophic writings, cut the veins of both wrists, thrust a knife into his chest and hurled himself into the gorge.

A note proved he had committed suicide on the exact anniversary of Schopenhauer's death 75 years ago. Police discovered that a small circle of keen philosophy students had sworn to keep silence for the whole day on each anniversary of Schopenhauer's death and to commit suicide in a certain order.

A student named Avdo Srntich was first on the list. He killed himself last year. Seltbauer was third, but "went out of turn."

VISITS COLLEGE

Mr. C. R. Van Allen, poet and critic, visited the college as a guest of Mr. Cyril Harris of the English Department over the past week-end. Mr. Van Allen speaking on Modern Poetry in the Faculty room on Friday evening read several selections of his including many sonnets and three historical ballads. A reading of *Renascence* by Edna St. Vincent Millay closed the formal lecture. A brief discussion on the functions of poetry and the question of social vision and foresight closed the meeting.

SECOND STRING DEBATERS WILL MEET VERMONT

On February 22, in the evening, St. Michael's College from Vermont, will meet Bard College to debate the question; resolved, that Congress by a 2/3 vote of both houses have the power to override any decision of the Supreme Court declaring an act of Congress unconstitutional. Bard College will be represented by Lee Knowles, William Jordy, and George Raducan of the Forum.

The St. Michael's College debating society is taking a field trip during the latter part of February and will be in the vicinity of Albany this coming week-end.

Saturday's debate will be the first time that these two colleges will have met

BARNARD ALUMNAE AVERAGE \$1,962

New York—(ACP)—Barnard College alumnae average \$1,962 yearly earnings, according to a late survey. The averages run from \$1,115 for the class of 1933 to \$4,125 for '93 to '98.

Law and medicine, although showing the greatest decline since 1929, are still most lucrative fields, credited with maximum earnings of \$16,000 and \$10,350 respectively, with the average at \$2,750.

Eight women—a lawyer, a doctor, a secretary, a writer, a publicity executive and a research worker in economics—were shown by the survey to be drawing \$10,000 or more.

R. P. I. Takes Second Game of Bard Season

SCIENTIFIC DATA IS COLLECTED AT BARRO COLORADO

**Dr. Carpenter Takes Sev-
eral Thousand Feet
Of Films.**

The recent expedition by members of Bard College to Barro Colorado Island in the Panama Canal Zone, was significant both in the amount of scientific data obtained and in the enfoldings of new scenes to some of the younger members of the expedition. The expedition was made under the auspices of the National Research Council, the Social Science Research Society, and the Museum of Comparative Zoology of Cambridge. The purpose of the expedition was to study the social behavior of new world primates. A census of these primates was one of the problems of the general topic. This census was accomplished by the expedition from Bard.

Census taking of these animals on Barro Colorado Island is important, in conjunction with the study of new world primates. Barro Colorado was cut off by water when the district around it was flooded to form a part of the Panama Canal. As it is now the island, within a small radius, contains the flora and fauna of a portion of Central America. It is one of the best places of its kind in which to study wild animal life. Various censuses have been taken of the different kinds of animals, from time to time, in order to determine whether the numbers are increasing or decreasing.

The island is made up of primary and secondary forests. It has been found that the number of animals on the island is increasing. At present they occupy, for the most part, the primary forest which covers approximately two-thirds of the island. If the number of animals continues to increase the animals will be forced to spread out into the secondary forest.

Scientific men are interested in observing the changes that will occur in the amount of wild life on the island. The number of animals may increase to a certain point and then decline, or the number may increase to a certain point and then remain fairly constant thereafter. Dr. Carpenter, in a previous expedition made a census, which, compared with his latest census, shows that the number is increasing.

During the expedition five marmosets, including a pair of twin marmosets, were shipped back to the Harvard Medical School for experimental purposes. Brundage is reported to have brought back no less than twenty-five boxes of

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BARD LEADS IN EARLY PERIOD; LOSES 48-26

**Captain Nieman And Testi
High Bard Scorers. Fel-
lows Scores For R.P.I.**

Troy, N. Y., Feb. 15.—On Saturday night last, the Bard cagers dropped their second game of the season and first since December, to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 48-26, at Troy.

The Red and White five, opposed by Coach Donald's second team, drew the first blood on a foul shot by Scott. The retaliating score of 5-4 was soon evened by Testi's field goal and foul shot. Then, after R.P.I., led by Fellows, had surged into a 13-7 lead, the Bard club, via a five-point run by Nieman, a two-pointer by Testi and a converted foul shot by Ray Filsinger, regained the lead of the ball game. Before the half ended at 16-15 in the Institute's favor, the Engineers had scored another three points.

With the score still close after five minutes of the second half, Coach Donald sent in his tall first stringers who were immediately checked by the Bard defense. But by passing high and working the ball into scoring positions they changed the score to 39-23 after ten playing minutes. Five minutes were yet to be played when the Cherry and White second team re-

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LEWIS COREY TO SPEAK HERE ON WEDNESDAY

Bard College has been fortunate in obtaining for speaker at College Convocation, February 19, Mr. Lewis Corey, well-known economist, lecturer, and author. Mr. Corey has gained most of his reputation from his two books, "The Decline of American Capitalism," recognized by authorities to be one of the most critical analyses of national economics, and "The House of Morgan," which is a study of the development of industry and finance in the United States. He is also a frequent contributor to "The New Republic", "The Nation", "American Mercury", the "Annalist" of the New York Times, and other well-known periodicals.

For four years Mr. Corey has been an assistant editor of the "Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences" under the director of Prof. E. R. A. Seligman of Columbia University and Dr. Alvin S. Johnson, director of the New School for Social Research.

Mr. Corey has the keen and tolerant international viewpoint which can be gained only by spending several years in Europe and Latin America.

Remarkable Versatility of Tuskegee Scientist

Tuskegee, Ala.—(ACP)— From wood shavings he has made synthetic marble. From peanut shells he has made insulating walls for houses. From the muck of swamps and the leaves of the forest floor he has made valuable fertilizers. From the common peanut he has made 285 useful products, including, milk, cheese, instant coffee, pickles, oils, dyes, lard, shaving lotions, printer's ink, and even axle grease!

Scientific marvels from nothing, or almost nothing. Such has been the incredible achievement of Dr. George Washington Carver, distinguished Negro scientist, who for 35 years has been director of agricultural research at Tuskegee Institute, noted Negro school here.

From the lowly sweet potato he has made 118 products, among them flour, starch, library paste, vinegar, shoe polish, ginger, ink, rubber compound, chocolate compound, molasses and caramels.

From the clays of the earth he has made non-fading paints and pigments. From wornout sandy soil he has produced paying crops.

Born in a rude slave cabin in Missouri about 70 years ago (Dr. Carver does not know the exact date) he began his education with a Webster blue-book speller. Today his honors include a Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, honorary Doctor of Science, winner of

the Spingarn medal for Negro achievement, member of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce of Great Britain.

The aging Negro's versatility is remarkably demonstrated in fields other than science. Dr. Carver is an accomplished artist, and is especially skilled in painting flowers. His works have been exhibited at world fairs, and some are to be hung in the Luxembourg gallery in Paris after his death. He makes all his own paints, using Alabama clays. He makes his paper from peanut shells, and the frames from his pictures are made from corn husks.

Dr. Carver is a skilled musician and once toured the country as a concert pianist. To top these accomplishments, he is an expert cook, and recipes originated by him are used today in leading hotels throughout the country.

By his work in agriculture and chemistry, Dr. Carver has been able to serve his own people and lighten their burdens. Experts say that he has done more to rehabilitate agriculture in the South than any other man living.

"When you do the common things of life in an uncommon way," Dr. Carver once said to his students, "you will command the attention of the world." In that sentence lies the secret of his own achievement.

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tee which drew up this bill pointed out during the discussion, that while the bill provided for the liability and penalty for false advertising over the radio, there were no adequate means to introduce the evidence of false radio advertising. Mr. Koenig proposed the following amendment, "resolved, that all advertising over the radio in regard to food, cosmetics, drugs or devices be filed with the Federal Communication's Commission." This amendment, after some discussion, was included in the finished bill.

The session of the Senate on Saturday morning witnessed perhaps the most spirited debate. A Neutrality Bill providing for a ban of United States' exports to belligerent nations was defeated by a vote of 42 to 33. Mr. Cremer declared, in an address to the Senate, that the bill was little more than a series of sad compromises and that it conferred undue discretionary powers on the President. He maintained that the United States, instead of trying to shirk the responsibilities of stopping war and hiding behind a so-called neutral barrier which would have no effect in keeping this nation independent, should take steps to prevent war and preserve peace by joining some international peace movement such as the League of Nations. Appealing to the Senate to forget petty prejudices, he exhorted the mem-

bers to vote as students of America and students supposedly dedicated to the furtherance of actual peace. Mr. Cremer finished by calling for a vote on the bill on hand and then asked for a discussion on the League of Nations. Following further remarks by other senators, the Neutrality Bill was defeated and a resolution that the United States enter the League was adopted by the Senate by a vote of 55 to 20. The Senate was then adjourned.

Plans are now underway for a third annual Model Senate for next year.

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insect specimens. Kritzer, on being interviewed, was hesitant in telling of his activities, since he plans to save his notes for a lecture he will give at a future meeting of the Science Club. Dr. Carpenter has "shot" several thousand feet of film and plans to show the pictures of the island at some later date.

Mr. Corti, who also accompanied the expedition to the Canal Zone, when asked how he spent his time,

said that there really was not very much to tell. Like the others, he acquired a generous tan. He spent a week in Panama City and a week in going to Costa Rica and back. Perhaps if this were Mr. Corti's first trip into foreign surroundings he could think of much to tell us, but the veteran traveler soon acclimates himself to things as he finds them and mountains become mole-hills.

Although Dr. Carpenter is not planning any future expeditions to Barro Colorado Island at this time there is a possibility of his leading a student tour on the island during the next reading period.

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MORGUE CUSTODIAN

Syracuse, N. Y. — (ACP) — Paul Schroeder's phone rings in the early morning hours, it isn't a prankish friend calling to ask if he's sleeping well, or news that someone's finally died and left him a million. Nine times out of ten it's the police, or state troopers, or the emergency ward of a hospital, with a request that Schroeder drop around with the hearse and pick up a little business.

Schroeder, a liberal arts student at Syracuse University, is official custodian of the city morgue from 6 p. m. to 4 a. m. of every day. The work doesn't bother him, he says—he took the job a year ago—and he thinks it may prove to have been a useful experience. He plans to enter medical school next Fall.

Collegiate Review

The University of Alaska has been closed because of a scarlet fever epidemic.

Approval of a fund of \$1,983,000 for radio education has been given by President Roosevelt.

A course in "civilization" designed to enable students to orient themselves intellectually and spiritually, is being given at St. Lawrence University.

Regular graduate courses on automobile traffic control will be started next fall by Harvard's Bureau for Street Traffic Research.

A national essay contest to encourage youth to express itself on matters of government, education and business is being urged on President Roosevelt.

University of Michigan - Notre Dame football relations, broken off in 1910, may be renewed next year.

A. B. DeGree is the name of a Williston, N. D., man.

Privately endowed universities and preparatory schools might be wiped out by "tax the rich" legislation, says Dr. James Rowland Angell of Yale.

Ten Harvard students, intrigued with nude snow bathing, have formed the Polar "Bare" club at Cambridge.

Assets of Temple University, Philadelphia, have risen \$6,000,000 in ten years.

An M.I.T. chemical warfare class was routed recently when someone tossed a regulation army tear-gas bomb into the room.

The University of Pennsylvania has restored a three per cent cut to its teaching staff.

Columbia's class of 1935 is 75 per cent employed.

Middlebury College will join other schools in dropping Latin and math as entrance requirements.

Hockey was first played in America in 1901, starting at Vassar, Bryn Mawr, Smith and—Harvard Summer School!

Education note: In the Southwest, a "soup-bane" is a personal check, and the Dean of Men is known as the "boot-giver."

A Harvard zoologist risked his life to enter his burning home the other day. He was after a set of corrected exam papers.

Summer earnings of college students are due to rise in 1936.

BARD COLLEGE

Residential Unit of Columbia University

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The new educational program of Bard College is designed for young men who are prepared to undertake responsible work *along the lines of their own abilities* in the field of the liberal arts and sciences. Each student accepted by the College is offered the opportunity of building under guidance his own curriculum beginning in the first year with a *trial major* in his chosen field and progressively extending his interests into related fields. Individual tutorial conferences held biweekly with the members of the faculty are a feature of the Bard program. The degree of Bachelor of Arts of Columbia University is conferred upon graduation.

SELECTIVE ADMISSION

Candidates for admission are selected primarily on the basis of the quality of their preparatory school record and the recommendation of the headmaster or principal. Preference is given to those applicants, otherwise qualified, who present *evidences of marked ability in some broad field of study* such as: the natural sciences and mathematics; languages and literature; fine arts, music and drama; or the social studies and history. The entering class is limited to seventy-five students. Communications regarding admission, and requests for a descriptive catalogue, should be addressed to the Director of Admissions.

FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Under the new program, the inclusive fees for the year amount to twelve hundred dollars, allowing seven hundred dollars for tuition and five hundred for room and board. Scholarship funds are awarded in varying amounts up to five hundred dollars on the basis of ability and need to students who are unable to meet the regular charges. Applications for scholarship adjustment should be made to the Committee on Scholarships.

BARD COLLEGE — ANNANDALE-ON-HUDSON — N. Y.

Ad in a Portland, Me., paper: "Wanted, three attractive young ladies for three Bowdoin men to take to house parties. Picture must accompany reply."

Ph.D.'s are almost certain job-tickets today, says Northwestern University's placement bureau, with starting salaries averaging \$200 monthly.

Antiquated "band-box" gymnasiums are to blame for the mediocre brand of basketball played in New England, says Al McCoy, coach of Northeastern University, Boston.



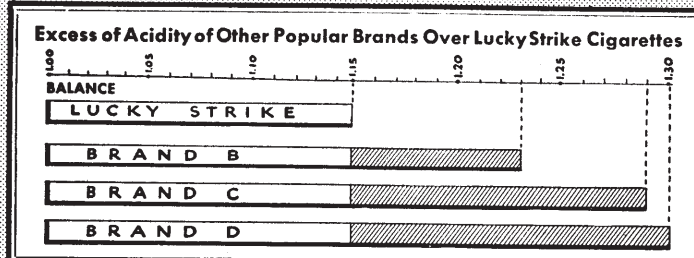
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EDITORIAL REFLEX

OUR EDITORIAL on the general culture tests drew some fire. We received Dr. Carpenter's copy of the editorial back with the following comment addressed to the editor:

"Do you know the objects of the tests given? Do you know what comparisons were desired? Do you know techniques of test construction? Do you know enough to write this criticism instead of raising some fundamental campus problem?"

No, Dr. Carpenter, we do not know very much about the objects of the test nor about the comparisons. You see we were not told. We read the title of the test, and we gathered that as a general culture test it should grade the general culture of the students—a naive but unavoidable assumption.

Dr. Carpenter seems to think that we are unable to criticize the tests because we have no knowledge of the technique. Therefore, we should confine our criticism to "fundamental campus problems." We have sometimes written editorials about war. Would Dr. Carpenter have us attend West Point for four years to learn war technique before we could criticize the follies of the militarists?

Again in relation to "fundamental campus problems" are we to assume that culture is not a fundamental campus problem?

In closing we still assert that this test is only a measure of that miscellaneous and nondescript knowledge which passes for culture in pseudo-intellectual circles, and as such is unfair to a great portion of the student body.

AN EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

DURING THE past reading period some students have procured positions with firms or institutions where they have had the opportunity of acquiring practical experience in their chosen field of endeavor. This activity, it seems, is one of the most beneficial pursuits that can be carried on during the Winter Field and Reading Period.

Still, the percentage of students, who were lucky enough to secure such positions, was small. Of course, the essential part of getting such a position is the matter of knowing someone who will give you such a chance, or else knowing someone who has an acquaintance who will aid in the situation.

Since all students do not happen to know people who are employed in their particular field of interest, a bureau which would attempt to place Bard men in various positions, would greatly enhance the value of the Winter Field and Reading Period. This bureau would also serve as an agency to procure summer jobs for those students who desired them. It might even serve to place Bard men with various firms upon their graduation.

We believe that a move such as this would be directly in keeping with the Bard program, which places an evaluation upon practical experience in a college curriculum.

AND NOW—SALARIES

THE BARDIAN is growing and we still need more news writers. We had hoped that we could attract new men to the staff who were interested enough in journalism for its own sake. However, we have now reached a position at which we will be able to pay modest staff salaries to a few members. This added attraction has been held back intentionally for we felt that we would receive more spirited co-operation without ballyhooing the financial side of the paper's publication. We await the results.

Looking Around

Jacob Cremer

The culture tests of late memory seem to have caused an undue disturbance on campus and their importance, it seems to us, has been over-emphasized to a degree of ridiculousness.

That these tests are unfair to science students is not a justifiable criticism. We are, after all, a liberal arts college, the fundamental function of which is to develop young men with well-rounded and sound educations. Specialization is desirable and therefore recommended but not to such a degree that one's broader and more general education is sacrificed. If a student wishes to concentrate in a special field of knowledge, he can find enough colleges which are willing to offer him all the concentration he desires. But if he attends a liberal arts college, let him conform himself to the principles of a liberal arts college.

But culture does not consist solely in one's ability to connect two related facts in a question. Culture is used in a broader sense to include an individual's character and personality and how he behaves toward his fellow-men. A collection of many unrelated facts and even a mastery of one field of knowledge does not make a cultured man, it only furnishes him a few tools to set up in the business of culture; one can only arrive at the art of culture, the natural culture, of sincere and genuine culture by way of personality and character.

The fundamental fallacy of the so-called "culture" tests of the third is that they are mere balance sheets of the business of culture. They do not and cannot judge the true nature of culture itself. When the questions on these tests are criticized as questions, the criticism has no justification; but when the nature of the tests is purported to be an examination of culture, one can only become slightly cynical and shrug one's shoulders.

We can be quite safe in saying that if security of employment is to be found anywhere, it is in one of the following three fields: munitions, alcoholic beverages, or oil. These three industries can always find a market for their products and if one has no compunction about such matters, a goodly salary is in the offing. Then too, besides the direct monetary advantage, we can take these three industries and set them up as a fairly practical cross-section of today's practical business and practice.

We came across the following lines in a very spirited Seattle paper defending the fair name of Hearst, "Last Thursday the editor of the Star (apparently an intelligent paper) who is an imported ALIEN from IDAHO, wrote a piece for his SUBVERSIVE paper in which he tried TO INDOCTRINATE THE SUBSCRIBERS with his RED, YELLOW AND PINK ideas to the effect that William Randolph Hearst, praise HIS name . . . da da da. Apparently Hearst is very much worried concerning the city of Seattle. His crusaders for American goodness invade the very classes of the city's University and keep the professors on the straight and narrow path of political righteousness. They also believe in corporal punishment, at least they have their own ideas as to what the police should do, and do, in case the "Pacifistic, Rooseveltistic and Class-strugglish" elements of America say boo.

President Roosevelt's position on the campus is somewhat indefinite and it might be interesting to find out exactly how he stands. He has undergone a lot of criticism lately. Yet, the fundamental principle of public security, of national government, and national conservation for which he is responsible for bringing into actual practice have been incorporated in a greater or lesser degree in the platforms of the various Republican candidates for the presidency now scaring bugaboos in queer little corners of this country. If any one desires to commit political suicide we should advise him no more pleasant but abrupt course than to say to the people, "let's call it quits, folks, we'll scrap unemployment relief and such fooleries as social security."

It looks very much as if we are returning to the old-fashioned winters about which our parents so often reflect. Maybe we too are once more going back to the arms of rugged nature. At least the exercise is stimulating. And certainly nothing is so beautiful and satisfying as a rolling landscape bowed down by a cool and sparkling cast of snow.

We at last have learned why trains are so easily delayed when white flakes tumble down from Heaven. The slippery tracks are no bother to the staunch trainmen. The schedules are forgotten when the switches freeze. When they come to one of these frost traps, they just have to get down and thaw the mess out with a blow-torch.

Alms for Oblivion

HUGH ROCKWELL

"IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE"

It is the opinion of the present reviewer that all novels may be divided into three categories, viz. those novels which are literature, those which are valuable from a historical or sociological point of view, and those novels which are simply rubbish. It is also the opinion of the present reviewer that Sinclair Lewis' "It Can't Happen Here" belongs in the second of these broad categories. This statement is not to be construed as being an unfavorable criticism. It is simply that one calls a bludgeon a bludgeon and not a splendid and enduring masterpiece of the armorer's art.

The novel attempts to show how the bacilli of a particularly virulent form of fascism, now incipient in this country, spreads fearfully and inevitably through the nation's arteries, until finally the body of the present state is overcome by the disease. The protagonist of the piece, one Doremus Jessup, is the archetype of moderately intelligent liberalism, and it is around this Jessup and his immediate family that the novel revolves. To say more would spoil the pleasure of reading it. (A convenient excuse. The present reviewer is sleepy and objects bitterly to precis writing even in his most energetic moments.)

The book is crammed with blood and thunder and those brief, penetrating sketches at which Lewis is so peculiarly apt. There are tortures, murders, rapes, and satire, —a combination calculated to grip and sustain the attention of even the most blasé of novel readers. The story smashes its way along.

As a closing note, we wish to say again that it is not literature. The writing is generally hasty, often slipshod. The characters are neither sharply delineated nor profoundly interpreted. But what the book lacks in polish and those qualities which go to make an enduring classic, it makes up for in power and impact. And though in all fairness it must be said that it is one of Lewis' weaker novels, in another and more human sense it must be considered his best. It lacks the universality and craftsmanship which mark the great work, but it possesses a contemporaneity and punch which are terrifying. And perhaps it might be better for the present to think less on literature and more of the immediate future. Otherwise the immediate future may be such as to make literature impossible. We recommend the book highly.

Note: Unlike most colleges, Bard has no distinctly literary organ. Doubtless, this unfortunate condition will soon be remedied, but until then this column will have to serve as the means whereby aspiring literatuers may blossom into print. Unhappily, the space available precludes the publishing of short stories, essays, or long poems. Only sketches, humorous or otherwise, short poems, fragments of longer poems, and book reviews, will be considered.

If the material available for any issue is not sufficient, the columnist will publish a book review, sketch, or poem of his own. Obviously, it is in the interest of the public well to see that this does not often occur. Therefore, we hope the contributions will be numerous. They should be given, in person, to the columnist.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor of THE BARDIAN,
Dear Sir:

In his book PSYCHOLOGY, Robert S. Woodworth makes the statement "VALIDITY is present (in a psychological test) when the test measures what it is designed to measure." Validity is established by giving the test to a large group of people who have, in the opinion of other people, the quality that the test is purporting to test. That is to say, in order to establish the validity of a test for general culture, such as we labored over February 3, psychologists would administer the test to a group they considered cultured. If there happened to be a significantly high correlation of individual scores the test would be considered valid.

Undoubtedly a group of genuinely cultured people would make high scores on that particular test. Equally without doubt, there would be a high correlation of those scores. If, however, an individual who makes no pretense of being cultured had inadvertently turned his radio to WABC Sunday just long enough to hear Mr. Lawrence Gilman drawl the information that Modest Petrovich Moussorgsky had written a piano suite called "Pictures at an Exhibition" and that Maurice Ravel had transcribed it for a symphony, he might have turned to something else immediately and still have acquired a bit of knowledge that would assist him on a general culture test. Likewise a casual glance at the Times art page would have shown that Goya drew rather well and also made etchings.

The central group used by the psychologists to validate a general culture test would have certain reflex patterns established, for instance: "Girl of the Golden West"—Puccini, "The Discobolus"—Myron, etc. Above and beyond those reflex patterns would be acquaintanceship and knowledge. If culture is merely a series of S-R's, of proper responses to given stimuli, by all means let us have such tests. In fact, let us cram for them and become cultured in ten easy lessons. If culture is not that, and the psychologists desire to test general culture, can they not design a test which would be more valid and more valuable?

SOPHOMORE.

P. S. The English tests seem to prove that Bard has proof-readers who are 15 to 20 per cent better than other colleges' proof-readers.

A CULTURAL QUESTION

To the Editor of THE BARDIAN,
Dear Sir:

Nearly every time we have an achievement test of any sort, the average of the Bard students seems to be considerably above the averages made by other colleges. It sounds fine, it flatters us and gives us an educated feeling that only a test of this kind can do. But what other colleges are we compared with? That is probably a different story. Is the Bard average high in comparison with some southern "country club" colleges? Or is it high in comparison with Harvard, Yale, Amherst, Williams, Columbia or Cornell? —which colleges, after all, should be the standards by which to judge Bard.

I would like to have the administration compare us with the above six colleges in the scores just posted or else give us tests by which we can be compared with these.

JUNIOR.

SPORTS

JIM MAGEE

Guest Columnist

Heavy falls of snow and a crisp sting in the air has sent many students skiing and snowshoeing their way across the Zabriskie Estates. Others have discovered wind-swept skating rinks in the vicinity of Kruger's Island.

But winter's charm has not claimed all our athletes, for after dropping their initial contest to Drew University, 49-34, the local basketballers have been constantly training for this Saturday's battle with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. In fact, they have even been pointing beyond, towards a return game with Drew.

Bard has not met R. P. I. in basketball for two years; both

quintets are total strangers. Some of the local lads, however, may recognize the opposing left guard as Luening, soccer goalie.

The Troy squad has lost five out of eight starts, being trounced by Pratt and barely nosing out Stevens Tech by one point. As they have not seen action for three weeks, placing them in a category with Bard, our chances of victory are fifty-fifty.

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On the twenty-second of this month the Bard quintet will journey to Madison, New Jersey to engage Drew University in a return game. (On February twenty-second, 1935, the Bardians took Drew, 33-30). Once again the Jerseyites must face Neiman, who they claim to be the best forward they have ever played against, and who accounted for 21 of the 34 points recently scored against them.

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On Saturday, the 14th of March,

the Alumni, under the able organization of Jimmy Fusscas, '31, will be entertained at Annandale. Although Fusscas has sent us no official line-up as yet, Gellert, '27; Burgevin, '34; and Mason, '35, will be in the fray. Probably Riccardo, Burbank, Mitton and Good, veterans of the 1934 clash, in which they defeated their Alma Mater, 44-42, will also see action.

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The Sophomores, who up until our last edition were winning the Interclass basket-tossing competition, have since been defeated by the Freshmen Five, 22-15. As the class of '38 won the first half of the series, and the Frosh are favored to win this half, the evening play-off will likely feature these two rivals.

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FLASH: The 1937 baseball schedule has become interesting, even at this early date, in that the squad may make a three-day trip to play Hamilton and Rochester,

the games to be played on a Friday and Saturday, respectively.

This year's schedule calls for games with Albany State, New Paltz Normal, Wagner College away; Upsala, Hamilton, and Drew at home.

Regarding our approaching tennis season, Smythe and Bush are the only remaining racketeers who saw action in the past. Ted is depending largely upon such new men as Ficker, Bates, Weissburger, Knowles, and Burnett to carry the team into contests with Brooklyn Poly, Wesleyan, Albany State, Hartwick, Upsala, and Springfield. This latter match will mark a resumption of activities with a school which is well recognized in athletic fields.

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As this column is going through the typewriter, the K. G. X. bowling team has just defeated the Faculty in three straight games, and in doing so, they boosted the High Team Match Score, formerly held by S. A. E. On Monday last, the second half of the bowling season was begun when the Eulexians won three games from the Non-Socs. The winner of the present series will play the Help in the final play-off.

Attention Faculty: Don't forget that a splendid opportunity exists for all pros who wish to participate in physical training. Coach

Ackerman conducts a faculty gym class every Monday and Friday at 5:30, and the Athletic Department would be only too pleased with a more regular and a greater attendance.

SUGGESTION: Why can't the Outing Club, co-operating with Ackie, organize a Cross Country ski-run before the snow disappears?

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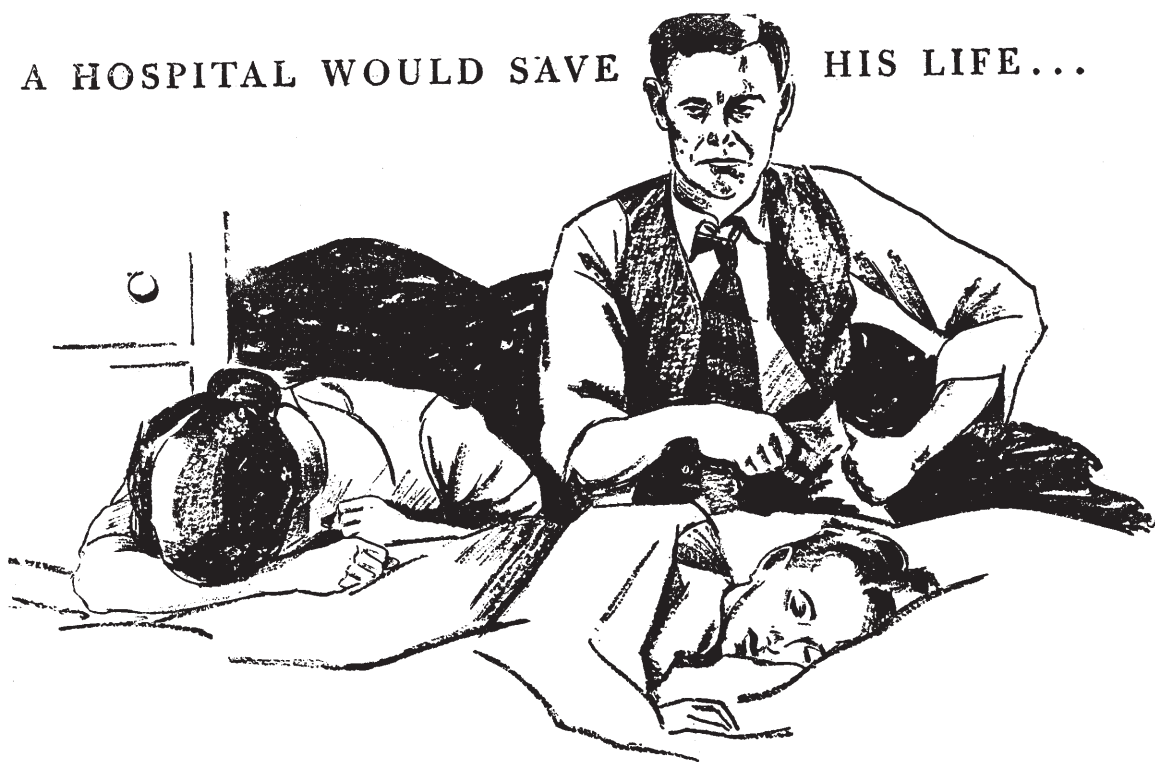
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R. P. I. TAKES SECOND GAME OF BARD SEASON

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entered the fray. Over a tired Bard team, weakened by the loss of two men, they gained another nine points before the final gun. Filsinger and Scott had been forced to leave the game, the former on fouls, the latter because of an injured ankle. Final score: R.P.I., 48; Bard, 26.

The Red and White used a zone defense to excellent advantage and the Engineers were often forced into taking lengthy shots in order to move the ball through this defense. Pickard (Scott) and Filsinger, hovering near the basket, allowed only a minimum of points to be scored from the immediate vicinity of the basket.

Nieman carried the brunt of the Bard offense and was high scorer for the evening with eleven points. Both Nieman and Bates broke quickly into a two-man offense, with the result that they were either able to dribble to a "push"

shot or receive a pass in a possible scoring position.

The '87 gym is much longer and wider than the one to which the Bard squad is accustomed, a fact which made it difficult for our boys to judge their passes, dribbles and shots.

Both teams converted eight points apiece from the foul line, Bard out of fifteen chances, Rensselaer out of seventeen.

Stearns replaced Nieman near the end of the first half and was substituted for Scott when the latter suffered an injury late in the second period. Dave Burnett saw action in place of Filsinger. Although neither scored, both earned the right to be in the game.

Recognition is also due the Bard cheering section composed of Messrs. Gage, MacNichol, Jacoby, Cubberly and Jacobs.

The line-up was as follows:

BARD (26)

	FG	FB	TP
Bates, rf	2	0	4
Nieman, lf	4	3	11
Scott, c, lg	0	1	1

Filsinger, rg	0	2	2
Burnett	0	0	0
Pickard, lg	1	1	3
Stearns	0	0	0
Testi, c	2	1	5
Totals	9	8	26

RENSSELAER (48)

	FG	FB	TP
Levonian, rf	2	3	7
Hovey	2	0	4
Fellows, lf	4	1	9
Johnson	0	0	0
Gilcoyne, c	2	0	4
MacFeeters	3	0	6
Silvera, rg	1	0	2
Luening	1	0	2
Safford	0	0	0
Wood, lg	3	0	8
Manville	0	1	1
Totals	20	8	48

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