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## COLUMBIA-BARD DEBATE TONIGHT ON WAGES-HOURS

Princeton And Vassar Frosh  
On Forensic Schedules;  
Plans For Next Year

During the next two weeks Columbia, Princeton and Vassar Colleges will debate the Bard College Forum on campus here.

This evening at eight o'clock in the recreation room the varsity teams of Columbia College and the Forum will discuss the question, "resolved, that Congress should be empowered to enact minimum wage and maximum hour laws for industry." This is the first time that this question has been debated on campus.

Messrs. Koenig and McBee will uphold the negative of the question. Both these speakers were members of the varsity team that toured the South this winter field period debating many leading colleges and universities.

### Frosh Debates

This coming Friday, H. Peters and N. Gray will meet the freshman team of Princeton University on the minimum wage and maximum hours question. The Bard team will present the negative arguments in the debate.

On Wednesday, April twenty-eight, the Vassar freshman team will uphold the affirmative of the question, "resolved that President Roosevelt's proposals to reform the Supreme Court are desirable", against the Bard affirmative argument to be given by Messrs. Peters and Gray.

This will be the fourth Vassar-Bard debate since the Forum first engaged Vassar in debate last year.

### Panel Discussions

The Columbia Debate Council and the Bard Forum are at the present working on plans for panel discussions to be next year both in New York City and on campus. These panel discussions are being organized for the purpose of getting away from the more formal type of debate and from the much used political and economic subjects.

It is felt that by extending the range of subjects for discussion debating will attract a greater general public interest and will become a more essential and real part of student life.

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## Sabin's 12-Piece Band For Senior Ball

The orchestra to play for the Senior Ball on May seventh will be conducted and managed by Paul Sabin. This orchestra composed of twelve pieces and including a girl vocalist, has just completed its engagement with the Miami Biltmore. It has also played in the Silver Grill at the Hotel Lexington in New York City.

Johnny Johnson who was to play for the spring ball entered into a long term engagement and was forced to cancel its contract with the senior class.

## VASSAR ADOPTS READING PERIODS, DROP MID-YEARS

At a recent meeting for educational and curricular reform, the faculty of Vassar College voted to abolish the regular mid-year examination period, adopted measures for the arrangement of individual reading periods two weeks in duration, extended the time-limit for the reporting of marks for courses ending with the first semester, and in general "adopted recommendations designed to foster greater continuity in the academic schedule."

These measures were adopted "to develop the academic year as a whole, with the breaks occurring normally at the two vacations, and to lessen the pressure of work, upon both faculty and students, from the completion of semester papers and semester examinations at one time."

Any final examinations required by the department will be held at some period in the regular scheduled hours of each course, eliminating the concentrated session of examinations at the end of the terms. Also, those students who finish a course in the first semester but who plan to continue with another semester course in the same department may be exempt from the first semester examinations, though comprehensive questions may supplement the examination at the end of the second semester.

If the needs of a course so justify, there will be allowances for a Reading Period (periods without the requirements of class attendance for any time up to two weeks).

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## CO-OP PROPOSALS TO BE PRESENTED TO CONVOCATION

Investments By Students To  
Finance Campus Store;  
Ask Voluntary Action

At the last meeting of the Co-operative Steering Committee, the constitution for the proposed Bard College Co-operative Store was completed and presented to Dean Tewksbury.

The committee emphasizes the fact that, since the college will support the proposed co-operative store, there will be no danger of financial loss on the part of the individual member. Likewise, the student who pays his ten dollars as a deposit for the payment in the store, will receive the ten dollars when he leaves college.

The co-operative store, to be adopted, must be accepted by at least a majority of the student body at the next convocation.

The following selections of the proposed constitution have been chosen because of their significance and relative value in the constitution in entirety.

### ARTICLE I—License.

- A. The store shall be licensed annually by the Board of Trustees of the College.
- B. The license shall include a general statement of the relationship between the College and the store.

### ARTICLE II—The Board of Directors.

- A. Membership of the Board of Directors.
1. The Board of Directors shall consist of five members, each selected for a term of one year. One shall be elected from the staff and the faculty, one from the fourth year class, one from the third year class, one from the second year class, and one from the college employees.

### ARTICLE III—Membership in the Co-operative.

- A. All students, faculty, staff, employees, trustees, and other members of the college community are eligible for membership.
- B. 1. The price of membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
2. Upon request of a member retiring from the community this sum will be refunded.
- D. 1. The members shall share in the surplus savings of the store and the amount of investment

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## R. EVANS OF M. I. T. TO DISCUSS WORK IN THE SCIENCES

From the Department of Physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dr. Robley D. Evans will come to Bard and deliver a lecture before an open meeting of the Science Club, at eight o'clock, Friday evening, April twenty-third. The talk, it is expected, will be on his past work in the field of science.

Dr. Evans has specialized in the study of distribution of radio-active materials in a wide variety of media; the surface of the earth, meteorites, and living organisms. He has done extensive work on cures for radium poisoning. Several of his experiments have been on the effect of electron beams on living cells.

His lecture will not be of a too technical nature so that all students and faculty are invited to attend the meeting, which will be held in the Faculty Recreation Room. Following the talk there will be an informal discussion which will include more critical questions and opinions on the Doctor's subject.

## College Backs Peace Meeting

### Liebermann Song Recital At Bard Hall Friday

On Friday evening, April twenty-third, at Bard Hall, the Non-Socs will present Seymour Liebermann in a song recital. This recital is another in the series of programs of general interest to the community that the Non-Socs have been sponsoring throughout the year.

Mr. Liebermann has studied for some years with Miss Estelle Platt of Carnegie Hall. His program will include works by Dvorak, Beethoven, Wagner and Debussy. Liebermann will be accompanied by Mr. Ernest White.

## 40 GERMAN PROFS TO VISIT CAMPUS THIS WEEK-END

No less than forty German professors will visit the campus this coming weekend. They represent the Hudson Chapter of the American Association of the Teachers of German, and will celebrate their tenth anniversary here, discussing various educational problems in connection with the instruction of German.

The program will feature a luncheon in the dining commons, and some motion pictures taken by Professor Curtis of Middlebury College while on a recent trip to Germany. Professor D. H. Danton of Union College, the President of the organization, will preside.

The Association is composed of German teachers in both high schools and colleges, and their annual conventions are held at a different school every year.

## TWO AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION OF CONVOCATION

April 21—At a meeting of Convocation this evening in the Commons two amendments to the Convocation Constitution were voted upon and passed with little opposition.

The first amendment introduced a freshman representative into the student council and the second amendment lengthened the term of office of the marshals.

The amendments as included in the Constitution are as follows:

First amendment—Freshman representative.

Sec. 1—The freshman class will elect a representative to the Student Council during the fifth week of its residence on campus.

Sec. 2—During the first semester of the school year, the freshman representative will only have the privilege of discussion.

Second amendment—Tenure of office for marshal.

In quarterly rotation each Marshal of Convocation shall serve as spokesman and Marshal of the student body.

The four quarters of the school year will run from May 1 to September 30, from October 1 to November 31, from December 1 to February 28, and from March 1 (or February 29) to April 30.

### Other Changes

The two amendments were drawn up by the Student Council and followed a movement started by THE BARDIAN to introduce several vital changes in the Convocation Constitution. These proposals were defeated in Convocation held on April twelfth.

## GRIFFIN TO TALK ON SPANISH WAR AT CONVOCATION

Theatre Will Give Scenes  
From 'Bury The Dead';  
Discussion To Follow

On Thursday morning, April twenty-second, in the Bard Theatre an anti-war meeting sponsored by nearly all campus groups will be held in the Bard Theatre.

The morning's speaker will be Mr. Charles C. Griffin of the History Department of Vassar College in Poughkeepsie. Mr. Griffin will devote much of his speech to the current crisis in Spain. He was in Spain during the first year of the Republic and has given some study to the groups comprising the People's Front and General Francisco Franco's insurgent forces.

The meeting itself will be one of many thousands taking place simultaneously on many school and college campuses. Last year the same meeting brought out well over a half million of the nation's students and it is expected that this year that figure will be doubled. The first meeting held in 1935 showed an attendance of 25,000.

Bard College's strike gathering last year was addressed by Dr. Louis Hacker of the Economics Department of Columbia University and the attendance was approximately 95%. At that time it was sponsored solely by the American Student Union chapter here. This Spring such campus organizations as the Science Club, the Dragon Club, the Annandale Consumers Club, the Forum, THE BARDIAN, the Sketch Book and the three fraternities have joined to form a united student peace committee to sponsor the gathering.

### Theatre Will Aid

The Bard Theatre has been working in conjunction with the strike committee and will contribute to the day's activities with a presentation of scenes from Irwin Shaw's *Bury the Dead* on Thursday evening. This play has been hailed as the most moving social drama of the last Broadway season. It is expected that Thursday evening's session will be attended by many members of the community. The Rev. Lawrence French will speak briefly before the first showing of *Bury the Dead* on "The Peace Movement in Dutchess County" and a later meeting will be addressed by Frederick Schaefer and R. H. Rovere.

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## ART OF PHOTOGRAPHY DISCUSSED BY CRAMER

On Wednesday evening, April fourteenth, Konrad Cramer spoke in Orient Gallery to a large group of faculty and students on the ethics, aesthetics and techniques of photography. After briefly outlining the history of photography and the changes in photographic styles due to technical developments, Mr. Cramer suggested that the audience ask him questions about problems that interested them.

In his replies, it was found that he was a purist who believed that photography, and every other art medium, should be exploited for its inherent characteristics and should not attempt to imitate some other medium. The questions asked ranged from specific technical queries on Surrealist photography to the artistic ethics of re-touching portraits. Mr. Cramer answered them all drawing on his experience in other artistic fields to demonstrate his position, and when possible, using the photographs from his exhibition as illustrations.

## Where Can Ducks Drink Is Answered By W. Vogt

Importance Of Marshes To Birds And As Means Of Flood  
Control Shown By College Graduate

"Where Can A Duck Get A Drink?" was the subject of an address by Mr. William Vogt last Wednesday evening. Mr. Vogt is an alumnus, a member of the class of 1925 of St. Stephen's College, and present editor of "Bird Lore," the official publication of the National Association of Audubon Societies.

Mr. Vogt's lecture, supplemented by numerous colored slides, concerned the economic and biological value of marshes in the United States. For the past few years Mr. Vogt has been active in eastern United States and in Canada pointing out the value and purposes of marshes.

One of the primary values of marshes and swamps, Mr. Vogt said, involves their relation to adequate water supply. Where water is naturally scarce and where droughts are imminent, marshes may be of the utmost importance in providing suitable water facilities. Suffolk County, its water supply dangerously impaired through the drainage of marshes, illustrates this factor, Mr. Vogt said.

Another value of the preservation of marshes involves the fur indus-

try. Muskrats, which are the chief animal inhabitants of marsh land, have suffered tremendous periods of extermination from the practice of draining their natural habitat. Mr. Vogt related the histories of several large swamps in the west which had been drained for farming purposes. They proved useless for farm land, however, and actually they existed as a drought menace.

Marshes may be valuable as a means of flood control, according to Mr. Vogt, who stated that, had the marshes been preserved at the head waters of the Ohio River, the intensity and extreme disaster would have been considerably averted in the recent flood.

The impending shortage of ducks presents both an economic and recreational problem, since about \$65,000,000 are spent annually by duck hunters and sportsmen for ammunition and equipment.

In his talk, Mr. Vogt emphasized both the economic and biological aspects of the problem because it is a situation which must be overcome if we hope to avert serious consequences.



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## Looking Around

Dick Rovere

Educators never learn. Last year a number of American Universities sent representatives to the fiasco that was the empty-centennial of Heidelberg University. They insisted that by so doing they were in no way endorsing Nazi politics; they were paying tribute to a venerable institution which had been responsible for much that is fine in Western civilization. Their lofty indifference to the reality that is the Hitlerian slaughter of culture was immediately noted by progressive groups. They pointed out that such equally venerable institutions as Oxford and Cambridge had refused to participate in the festivities because they realized that they could better pay homage to Heidelberg by staying home and not listening to politician-educators gushing about Aryan science and Aryan arts. This did not affect most of our educators. Heads of some few colleges—among them Vassar, Western Reserve and Michigan—did refuse but the majority including our own university accepted gleefully. Out of the Columbia acceptance came the shameful expulsion of Bob Burke. What went on at Heidelberg was indicated in newspaper dispatches such as the following quoted from the *New York Times*: "The second day of Heidelberg University's celebration has gone by without one catching sight of an academic robe. Both ceremonies of the day's program had a military and political character. All directions continued to be issued by a special office of the Propaganda Ministry set up here."

Well, the *New York Times* of Monday, April 19, 1937, carries a lead headline of "American Delegations To Be Biggest At Fete Of Goettingen University." Further we read that seven institutions have accepted bids to the 200th anniversary of this center of kultur and 11 others hope to be represented. Neatly the *Times* informs us that of ninety professors at the university in 1932, forty-five remain. Thirteen Jewish professors were among them, and some of them can be accounted for in this country. Goettingen's publicists announce that thirty of the profs have left because of old age. Now if one-third of a faculty retires for such a reason within five years I can flatly say that I smell fish. Furthermore they state that no one left because of political differences. This is absurd. Even though it cannot possibly bear the strain of what we know of Germany, 1933-37, we can assume its accuracy and claim that on this very ground we have no right to be represented at Goettingen. What manner of faculty can this be that out of ninety members not one left because of political differences? I am sure that there is no American faculty so flabby that not one of its members would be so weak-minded to endure Hitler's perversion of their trade. But what it all boils down to is this: American educators should know what to expect at Goettingen. They should know that the tradition of learning is dead, temporarily at least. They should know that liberals will denounce this sordid business. Why then must they repeat a folly of one year's standing? Do they expect to learn anything?

Speculation on Supreme Court reform becomes simultaneously difficult and more exciting. With the coming of Spring the Court has been seeing legislation with new and brighter eyes. Roberts has Spring in his blood and maybe Butler, Van de Vanter, Mac-Reynolds and Sutherland will soon get a look at the cherry blossoms and realize that this is a jolly season—a season when old men feel young and young men feel younger, when even the constitution of the United States is spry and accessible to new ideas. But what will we do when winter comes? Surely the judges will return to par and constitutional rigidity. We cannot forget that an additional six will still help loosen things up.

Tomorrow's meeting will be addressed by Mr. Charles C. Griffin of Vassar's history department. Mr. Griffin qualifies admirably for the present task largely because he was in Spain in the first year of the Republic and is familiar with the workers, farmers and professional groups that make up the present Loyalist coalition and, presumably, with the Franco rebels. No more important background could be desired for understanding the war that is going on in relation to the general student desire for peace. The Spanish struggle cannot be too closely associated with any peace movement. With the exception of the 100% pacifist movement discussed last week the whole anti-war, anti-fascist movement stands and falls by the ultimate results of that conflict, assuming that the Spanish civil war is not a purely national affair and that the same conflicts exist elsewhere.

The last issue of *THE BARDIAN* headed this column with the name of Walter Waggoner. Mr. Waggoner was responsible neither for the opinions expressed nor for the unfortunate error by which two almost similar paragraphs were printed when only the first was intended. It so happened that when I decided to write concerning the new Social Science Club I had not heard of its most recent executive committee and thus stated a rather injudicious opinion concerning its function—injudicious, of course, in the light of the proceedings of the meeting. On learning of those proceedings I altered the paragraph to fit the facts, but did not correctly indicate the sign to omit the original.

Mayor LaGuardia please note: Suggest you add to Chamber of Horrors Borough President George U. Harvey and all Congressmen voting against anti-lynch legislation. Will send more nominations later.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### EDITORIAL COMMENT

A rumor has gotten around campus that because of *THE BARDIAN*'s political policies and more specifically, because of the political views of one of the paper's columns, the college has lost a large financial grant which it has been in the habit of receiving during the past three years from one of the leading philanthropic organizations in New York.

This rumor is absolutely without basis. It finds its nourishment not from any facts but from the regrettable tendency on the part of many members of the college community to gossip.

The organization in question is in the habit of granting an institution financial aid for a year or two at a time and no more. Bard College has been most fortunate in obtaining this aid for three consecutive years. The grant has now been stopped not because of any student political opinion on campus but because of the general policy of the organization established so many years ago.

JACOB T. CRAMER,  
Editor, *THE BARDIAN*.

### THE BBCWM

To the Editor of *THE BARDIAN*:

The Kappa Gamma Chi plan for athletic recreation on Saturday afternoons is a good one. But why should there be appointed "a conference of two members of each of the four groups," probably to be known as "The Buck-Buck Council on Weights and Measures."

Two of the thirty-three existing organizations on campus supposedly have such matters within their jurisdiction. First the Student Council and second the Athletic Council. Why another? *THE BARDIAN* recommendation for a change in the Constitution had one point concerning the unification of organizations. Just because the amendment was voted down seems no reason to organize the BBCWM.

HJZ.

### FACULTY NEWS

Mr. Clark is one of Bard's more extensive travelers—what with trips to Michigan, to Harvard, to New Jersey, and other far-away lands which are intimately affected by the work of the Carnegie Corporation. Now he's planning to attend a conference for artists at Antioch, from April thirtieth to May first; along with a long jaunt to Virginia, there to visit Sweet Briar and various other women's colleges in the State.

Mr. Frauenfelder has increased his musical repertoire of phonograph records through the acquisition of several selections from "Siegfried."

Mr. Fuller is again to be found occasionally hoeing in the back lots near South Hall. Sure sign of spring.

It is reliably reported that Dr. Sanford, with tact and foresight, dropped a pre-paid postal into the mail-box, addressed to a certain publishing house. As a result, a book was delivered C. O. D. to Mr. McClellan. He paid the \$2.18 due, and ripped open the wrapper—to discover a copy of Dale Carnegie's "How to Win Friends and Influence People." Now he's looking for some more legitimate place to throw the book, besides at Dr. Sanford.

Dr. Baker amazed his philosophy students by a sudden change from the traditional navy blue suit, to a light brown one.

Dr. Frauenfelder addressed the faculty wives last week on Wagner's "The Ring of the Nibelung." Dr. Summers is the latest bachelor to get tired of his own cooking.

A little note picked up at Bennington last weekend:

"Thank God we'll have no more of those darn Williams 'men' around these sacrosanct and virginal woods. Things are bad enough as it is."

Nothing was found concerning Bard except a red scarf and that is now on this campus.

## SPORTS

JIM MAGEE

At Bard, rainy April has always been an off month athletically. Again this year, with the basketball season concluded before the month of March and with the tennis and baseball teams not scheduled to enter competition until April twenty-fourth and May first, respectively, there was promise that another April would be added to the life of the tradition. We expected to see nothing more than the usual distribution of baseball uniforms, the overworking of a 'fungo' bat, and netmen, in sweat shirts, playing tennis with the gymnasium wall. But we were pleasantly mistaken and during the past fortnight the Athletic Department has done an excellent job in abrogating the "April tradition." How was reaction over-ruled? The following is a play by play description of a thorough housecleaning.

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In the first place, Ackie decided that his ball players needed a change of scenery. It was getting so the fielders were calling to the swamp frogs by name and sleepy base runners were circling the bags with their eyes shut. And thus, with the newly blasted field in need of only a few improvements, Zabriskie Field, long the parade ground of St. Stephen and Bard teams, was abandoned; Alumni Field has taken its place.

As soon as the change was decided upon, the Athletic Department mapped its plans for putting Alumni Field in condition for the coming season. A backstop was erected. Through the splendid cooperation of Mr. Knapp, his men, and a steamroller, a stretch of land running the length of the field, thirty feet wide, has been leveled off and added to the playing surface. With the exception of a short left field, the new stadium should provide a first rate diamond.

The A. D. has not stopped planning yet. It is a well known fact that the Administration has promised to blast out the remaining rock so that the new arena will ultimately border on the nearby road. Home plate will be transplanted to the northeast corner of the field giving fielders an unmolested opportunity to complete all outfield plays. Four tennis courts might easily be constructed on a foundation of the rock that has already been carried from the diamond. A small structure is to be erected for the storage of athletic equipment. With the possible exception of the court construction, we believe that the above changes will be completed in the very near future; when they are, Alumni Field will be the localized center for all our outdoor athletic activities.

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It was rumored earlier this month that the tennis courts would not be ready for use until the middle of May. Although, at the time, the courts were in a terrible condition and the rumor appeared likely to become a fact, no assumption could have been farther from the truth. Quite inconspicuously, the Athletic Department commenced to have the clay put to rights and at the present moment, No. 3 court is being used for tennis practice with the other two due to be lined by the end of this week.

It was also rumored that the tennis candidates would not receive the expert instruction necessary to overcome their weak points. At the time, the prospects for the squad did not look exceptionally bright and its morale was very low. To supercede this, Ackie obtained the services of Bob Husted, who captained the Hanover netmen in '35. In the three weeks that the temporary coach has worked with the tennis men, their morale has reached a new high, their strokes have been decidedly bettered, and the squad is now waging that its season will be more successful than that of the baseball team's.

Whether it will be or not we cannot predict. Everything possible has been done for both teams to launch them into a successful Spring athletic calendar and the rest will depend on the players themselves.

We suggest only one more thing—that Bob remain permanently with the tennis team throughout its entire season, as Coach, and that he (or someone of his calibre) continue the necessary service in the years to come.

### THROBBING DRUM BEATS . . .

**T**OMORROW many hundred thousand students the nation over will unite in a great strike against war. From churches and synagogues and other places of worship will come the protests against the savagery of war. On the streets and in meeting halls people will gather to struggle against the threats of war. In the homes, parents will wonder about war. Men and women, laborers and clerks, doctors, all together against slaughter on the battle fields and choking in the city streets.

Tomorrow, in Spain, students, workers, professionals, children will murder each other in a holy war for or against fascism. In Germany and Italy and Russia the might and glory of a military machine will be displayed before shouting crowds. In England and France and the United States armaments and soldiers will be the real symbols of a strong democratic civilization. All over the world we will find people arming themselves against some foreign evil.

We once fought against German Imperialism and for American Democracy. We are now ready to fight against fascism and for freedom. But we always fight and we always die.

What good is tomorrow's peace strike against the world's armies and navies and soldiering men? How can man's feeble sense of justice and humanity stand up against the throbbing of the tassled drums?

*Tomorrow we are not going to stop war, we will create no world state, we will establish no lasting peace. But what we will and can do is to beat our own drum, monotonous and throbbing—peace, peace, peace. And some day this drum of peace will be as natural to man's life as is the soldier drum natural to man's death today.*

### INSECURITY AND DICTATORS . . .

**D**ICTATORSHIPS are quite natural phenomena. They rise in countries whose economic and social structure are based upon insecurity and want. They are the weapons of nations who must fight for their food and their raw materials.

It is little use to rant against dictatorships or their representatives. If a person burns his fingers he doesn't get far by kicking the stove. When the German struggle for economic security annoys you, you are not relieving the situation by abusing Hitler. In clearing one's lawn of dandelions, one pulls the plants up by their roots, cutting off their blossoms doesn't do any good. If you help to destroy Mussolini, you don't kill Fascism.

The problem that the world really has to face is this. There are certain countries which do not have enough land and resources to support their populations. At the same time there are other countries which have too much land and enjoy an excess in natural resources, but will not loosen up their monopolies. Indeed, these "have" powers are today increasingly nationalizing their markets and limiting world trade to well organized economic units, observe the British Empire, the United States, and even the Dutch colonial empire. As a result, the "have not" nations—Germany, Italy, Japan, etc.—must fight for their living.

Unable because of the vivid recollections of their past histories to find security in anything but personal supremacy, and goaded on by the dog-in-the-manger attitude of the landed powers, these "have not" nations fasten their hopes to their most tangible asset—the dictator with his guns.

We, the "have" nations, who find our most tangible evil in dictators, place upon them the responsibility for war, intolerance, cruelty, misunderstanding, persecution. However, in the elation of our attack against regimentation we forget the just demands of the people who allow these dictatorships.

Until the inequality of economic status is done away with, we shall always be in conflict with powers which have less wealth than we. But in our condemnation of our competitors' morals and the force they use in fighting us, we must not forget that we contribute our share to the conflict by our superiority complex and by our selfish monopolization of land and natural resources.



## EIGHT LETTERMEN REPORT FOR BALL

### Pitching Staff Bolstered By Herrick and Holt

The return of eight lettermen from last year's squad, plus a liberal sprinkling of rookies, makes the prospects for Bard's baseball team appear brighter than in past years.

Led by Captain Russ Scott, the Red and White faces a six-game schedule which opens on May first against Upsala. The team will make its first home appearance against New Paltz Normal the following Saturday. Then comes contests with Drew, Hamilton, the Alumni, and Wagner. Thus Coach Ackerman's nine has a chance to gain revenge on all its collegiate opponents for last year's defeats. The one exception is Albany State which has been dropped from the schedule.

The Bard outfit will present practically the same line-up that finished the season last year. Captain Scott will probably alternate between the battery positions, however, instead of between the pitcher's box and third base as he did last season with Eolo Testi. Although the latter has not returned to the squad, the pitching situation will be definitely bolstered with the additions of Herb Herrick, captain of the Hoosac School team in 1936, and Herm Holt, a transfer from Dartmouth.

Jim Magee, the 1936 catcher, has not reported yet this season, but he has an able replacement in Walt Merscher, a newcomer this year. Bob Ficke, who hit .347 is back to take over his position at first base. The team will feel the loss of Scotty Bates, a heady fielder at second base, but Fred Sharp, a freshman and team mate of Herrick at Hoosac, may fill in ably. Ray Filsinger, a veteran from last year's team still holds the shortstop position. He boasted a .300 batting average in 1936.

In the outfield, Coach Ackerman has Winthrop Stearns, Bill Weissberger, and Dick Jacoby, all of whom saw plenty of action last year.

Last season's team went through a rather dismal schedule, losing to Albany State, 8-0; New Paltz, 16-5; Hamilton, 16-2; Upsala, 11-3; Wagner, 22-8; and Drew, 9-4. However, the prospects of avenging these defeats appear bright with the wealth of material on hand.

## HUSTED COACHES BARD'S NETMEN

### Team Prepared For Successful Season

With the addition of five men of varsity calibre and the quality of coaching available this year, the tennis team will open the 1937 season against Drew this Saturday in a very optimistic mood. The new men insure a more uniform calibre of tennis among the team members than was in evidence last year, while the fine coaching will probably decide many matches Bard's way through a better brand of doubles play.

Following the Drew engagement, Albany State, Wesleyan, Brooklyn Poly, Springfield, Hartwick and a return match with Albany State will complete the schedule. The results of these contests should form a good criterion of the squad's progress as all the teams mentioned were played last year.

The fortunate development of a well coached team is made possible by the services of Mr. Robert Husted of Poughkeepsie, erstwhile captain of the Dartmouth tennis team and one of the finest players in Dutchess County.

Another new feature of the season will be an unscheduled, informal engagement with Vassar College to be held on the Poughkeepsie courts, Friday, April twenty-third.

Of last year's squad, Smyth (present captain), Knowles, Ficker, Dennison and Chute have returned to the fold and will be supported by Bates, Burnett, Merriman, Testi, R. Merrill, Heins, Hull, and Rosenberg. The limitation of facilities and the desire to concentrate attention on a specialized number of men has necessarily led Coach Williams to the innovation of dropping two men from the original squad.

It is felt by the racqueteers that sacrificing quantity for quality will produce quite a problem in congestion when the sunny days of May roll around. While the lengthening of the courts undoubtedly provides more suitable conditions for match play, the tennis players of the college hope that the administration will soon see its way clear to meet the needs of an increasingly large number of tennis adherents by building a few more courts.

## R. EVANS OF M. I. T. TO DISCUSS WORK IN THE SCIENCES

On April twelfth, Mark Van Doren, professor of English at Columbia University, and renowned literary critic, poet, and author, visited Bard College and discussed "Contemporary Literature and the Classics."

Mr. Van Doren declared that the extent of the subject rather than any one thing that he could say about it was what interested him. Likewise, he also believed that as one grew older, he had fewer and fewer articulate ideas.

### The 'Classics'

The term "classic" does not refer only to those books written in ancient Greece, or Rome, Mr. Van Doren said, but to any old book which is still read and which is still in print. Literature has come to mean all the literature that there is, with no issue between the old and the new. However, it is still a common opinion and assumption that the old writers were expressive only one culture, with little to say pertinent to us moderns.

Deploing the laxity in the requirements for graduate degrees, Mr. Van Doren declared that one can get a Ph.D. in politics without having read Aristotle or Cicero, and a Ph.D. in English without Virgil, Dante, Homer, or any knowledge of Oriental literature. "We talk about everything as if it had never been talked about before," he said.

Concerning the distinction between art and science, Mr. Van Doren reminded his audience that science deals with abstractions in that it is watching for generalities rather than particulars, whereas art is concerned with particular things and individuals. He believes, however, that pure science, as such, is the art of accounting for the world.

### Timeless Genius

Again reverting to the issue of the classics versus contemporary literature, the speaker pointed out that great history, great poems, great drama — great literature of any kind — can be written at any time, just as there can be great doctors, artists, leaders, and individuals at any time.

In the controversy at Columbia University, there are those instructors who believe that the men who wrote the old literature stood too remotely from the real world to comment upon our world and those instructors who believe that contemporary literature is indicative of a degradation and a degeneration or at least a static situation. Mr. Van Doren thought that he could generalize upon these two schools of thought because he had observed that those instructors with a superior vitality, those who had contributed something to modern thought or literature, emphasized the significance of the classics, and those instructors with less literary

## Tennis Match Doubtful

April 21 — Coach Ackerman made public today the fact that the Bard-Drew tennis match, scheduled to be played this Saturday, may not take place. The Madison team, touring this part of the country, has booked a full weekend schedule which time may not permit them to complete. The Bard mentor said he wished to dispel the rumor that the match would be called off because the local courts were not in readiness. All three were available for use yesterday.

## Final Softball Standings

Team	W	L	R
K. G. X	4	0	87
S. A. E.	2	1	35
Eulexians	1	2	42
Non-Socs	1	2	31
Faculty	0	3	21
1st Half Winners—Eulexians			
2nd Half Winners—K. G. X.			
Play-off Winners—K. G. X.			

vitality and who had contributed little or nothing were the defenders of the contemporary literature against the classics.

Mr. Van Doren is convinced that contemporary literature, *en masse*, is not wise. Wisdom is to be abstracted from all generations of thought and human endeavor. Mr. Van Doren concluded, however, that he would be the last one to deny the existence of a few classics in our time.

In the afternoon a tea was given for Mr. Van Doren and the English Department at which Mr. Van Doren read and discussed some of his poetry.

## COLUMBIA-BARD DEBATE TONIGHT ON WAGES, HOURS

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### Seth Low Debate

Last Friday, April sixteenth, a Forum team composed of the Messrs. O. Kirschner, Dean; H. Baker and G. Raducan met Seth Low on the question of extension of the consumer cooperatives in this country. Messrs. Tansman, Von Diller and Weiner of Seth Low presented the affirmative case in the debate.

## Urge Week-End Dances For Campus Social Life

Twenty-seven couples danced to the rhythm of an orchestra from "The Dells" as Bard's renovated interfraternity association sponsored its first social activity of the current season in the gym last Saturday from nine to twelve o'clock.

It is hoped by the members of the fraternities that the recent dance will lead to a greater number of social affairs in the future.

The members of the dance committee were: Alfred Chute and Harold Hencken from Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Russell Scott and Joseph Pickard from Kappa Gamma Chi, and Dalton McBee and Winthrop Stearns from the Eulexian fraternity.

By cutting the shells of hens' eggs and glueing a small glass pane over the hole with petroleum jelly, experimenters, under the direction of Dr. Howard Kernkamp, of the University of Minnesota's farm, can watch the actual growth of baby chicks while in the shell.

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## Course 'War And Peace' For Hobart And Wm. Smith

Geneva, N. Y.—ACP)—To get behind the complexion of war and reveal its underlying causes is the purpose of the new course, "War and Peace" which will be added to the curriculum of Hobart and William Smith Colleges next year.

The course will offer a scientific scrutiny of the cultural factors, the economic conditions and nationalistic politics which frequently lead to armed strife, announced Dr. William Alfred Eddy, president.

"War and Peace" will be elective to juniors in completing their four-year study of citizenship required of students at both colleges who are working for their Bachelor's degree.

How provoking incidents cause war will be studied. Examples such as the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand at Sarajevo, the invasion of Manchuria and Ethiopia and foreign intervention in Spain will be considered.

The war-study will be divided into three parts, the first dealing with the 1913 pre-war period. Efforts will be made to determine the effects of isolation and alliances.

## GRIFFIN TO TALK AT CONVOCATION

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The strike nationally is being sponsored by such diverse groups

as the National Student Federation, the YM and YWCAs, the American Student Union, the American League Against War and Fascism and the Foreign Policy Association.

## Archeology Class Visits Metropolitan Art Museum

Sunday, April eleventh, the class in Mediterranean Archeology took a field trip to the Metropolitan Art Museum in New York. Most of the time was spent in viewing the Egyptian collection which is contained in 15 rooms on the main floor and three basement rooms. The group also studied the Cretan, Assyrian, and Grecian collections. The expedition was under the guidance of Dr. Davidson.

## CO-OP PROPOSALS TO BE PRESENTED TO CONVOCATION

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shall represent the only liability of the members.

5. Dividends shall be paid to each member in proportion to the value of his cash purchases. Upon the credit purchases he shall receive no rebate.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, Section B, Number 1.

The sum of ten dollars shall be paid at the time of the student's entrance from his tuition

to cover the cost of membership. This sum shall be collected from all matriculating students next year.

"Our higher education fails of its purpose if it does not produce individuals who are at home in a modern world. That it cannot do this by escape from that world into a realm of abstractions and fantasies has been abundantly demonstrated by the history of education itself." Dr. Harry W. Chase, chancellor of New York University, shows the futility of modern-monasticism.

## KAPS WIN DEAN'S CUP

Bill Weissberger's extra inning line drive sent Russ Scott across the plate with the winning score in the play-off softball game on April

ninth, to give Kappa Gamma Chi possession of the Tewksbury Trophy. The final score in the game between the Kaps and the Eulexians, respective winners of a split-League schedule, came after Bates had tied up the contest, 3-3, in the sixth frame, scoring on Bjornsgaard's sacrifice. Final score, 4-3.

## VASSAR ADOPTS READING PERIODS, DROP MID-YEARS

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There will be no break between the first and second semesters; the term will be continuous from Christmas vacation to spring vacation.

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