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## A. S. U. SPONSORS TALKS ON CRISIS AT CZECH BORDER

Drs. Hirsch, Qualey, Smith  
Lead Symposium  
Discussion

### THOMAS TO TALK HERE

Along with the traditional educational policy of having guest speakers address the students on leading issues of the day, the American Student Union of Bard is planning to sponsor regular symposiums led by members of the faculty and student body. The first of these discussions was held on Tuesday evening in the Theatre on the Czechoslovakian crisis. George Rosenberg conducted the meeting and Drs. Felix Hirsch, Carlton Qualey, and Abbot Smith spoke on various aspects of the situation.

#### Hirsch Discusses Minorities

After Rosenberg had stressed the fact that these symposiums are to be discussions and not lectures, Dr. Hirsch began the talks with his views on the "post-war backgrounds of the minority problem." He pointed out that there was not only a German minority in Czechoslovakia, but also Polish and Hungarian minorities, and that this problem would not be solved regardless of Czechoslovakia's decision.

Dr. Qualey then mentioned the alternatives facing Czechoslovakia and made some conjectures as to the possible outcome of each. He summed up his remarks, saying that the little democracy could choose between "capitulation with blood, or capitulation without blood."

#### Smith Talks About England

Finally Dr. Smith analyzed Great Britain's present foreign policy. He expressed the belief that England feels that she has got all that she wants in the past, and now seeks to keep peace and the status quo at any price. He said that Great Britain has suffered in this affair probably the worst blow to her prestige since the American Revolution.

After the speakers there were questions and discussion by the students and faculty members present.

#### Norman Thomas To Lecture

Previous to this gathering, the Student Union held its first meeting of the year on Monday night. At this time the program for the coming semester was outlined. The organization plans to continue and extend its work with various youth groups throughout the community. Among the speakers to visit the college and address the student body are Norman Thomas, leader of the Socialist Party, and Corliss and Margaret Lamont, well-known authors and lecturers.

## FRAT RUSHING PERIOD TO END OCTOBER 24

The Fraternity Rushing Period will end Monday, October 24, at which time bids will be distributed in the morning mail, the Pan-Hellenic Council decided last Monday. This year the Rushing Period will be one month shorter than last year, when it closed on November 22.

David Day, secretary of the Council, announced that the bids will last only twenty-four hours after the Council meets on Monday evening at 9:15 to receive formally those who are accepting the invitations. Hereafter bids were good for a month after issuance. Under the new ruling any bid that is not accepted before Tuesday night, October 25, becomes null and void. There will be absolute silence between new men and fraternity men during the time that the bids may be accepted.

The members of the Pan-Hellenic Council are: Walter Waggoner, George Lambert, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Harbert Carr, Stanley Merrill, of the Euxian Society; Day, and John Muller, of Kappa Gamma Chi.

So far the Rushing Period has seen a beer party given last week by the Sigs and a Faculty-Freshmen tea held last Sunday by the Kaps.

## Mrs. Roosevelt Conveys Thanks For Old Letter

A copy of the love letter of Peter Bard, which is part of the Bardiana collection in the college library, was sent to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at her request a few weeks ago. On September 14, the First Lady published the letter in her newspaper column, "My Day," and the story of old Peter's romance reached as far as Reno and Hollywood. Mrs. Roosevelt thanked Dean Harold Mestre for the copy of the letter in the following note from Washington:

The White House,  
Washington,  
September 14, 1938.

My dear Dean Mestre:

Many thanks for the copy of Peter Bard's letter. I think it is delightful and am so glad to have it.

I shall certainly remind the President of your invitation to visit the College and I do hope he will be able to go.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed)

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT.

## SET DATE FOR JR.-SOPH DANCE

October 28 Decided Upon  
By Two Classes  
For Prom

Friday night, October 28, is the date that has been set for the Junior-Sophomore Prom, the first class dance of the school year.

At the joint meeting of the two classes that sponsor the annual Fall dance, the date was agreed upon and committees were chosen to make arrangements for the affair.

#### Given Less Money

Because of the revival of the budget of convocation, the classes will have \$325 instead of the originally proposed \$350 with which to put on their hop. Last year \$375 was allotted to the Junior-Sophomore Prom.

The Orchestra Committee consists of Scott McKeown, Arnold Burrough, Frederick Sharp, and Peter Leavens. William Rueger, president of the Junior Class, will act as chairman of the committee. Leavens, who is president of the Sophomore Class, has been appointed chairman of the Decorations Committee, which is made up of William Henderson, Frank Bjornsgaard, Edward Friedland, and John Castelli. Warren Harris, Harold Hencken, and Leavens will manage the lighting; Harry Winterbottom, the refreshments; Andrew Storer, the assignment of rooms; and David Day, the programs. Harbert Carr, vice-president of the Junior Class, has been named general chairman of all committees and is responsible for their cooperation.

## Dr. Schwartz Explains Plans To Develop Music at Bard

Associate Professor In Music Intends To Form Ensembles  
For Strings, Recorders

"Before I go into my plans in detail, I want to say 'Hello' to the college. I am delighted to have been appointed teacher here. The smallness of the college permits me to carry on individual instruction, which will lead more easily to the fulfillment of my ideas."

In this way Dr. Erwin Paul Schwartz, who, seven weeks out of Austria, is the new Associate Professor in music at Bard, prefaced his remarks outlining his plans for the development of music in the college community.

Dr. Schwartz has set as his goal the cooperation between his field and the other branches of study, particularly the drama and the fine arts. This cooperation and that of the stu-

## Cross-Country Discontinued By Vote of College Council

Sports Committee Report Suggests Baseball, Too, Be  
Dropped From Intercollegiates

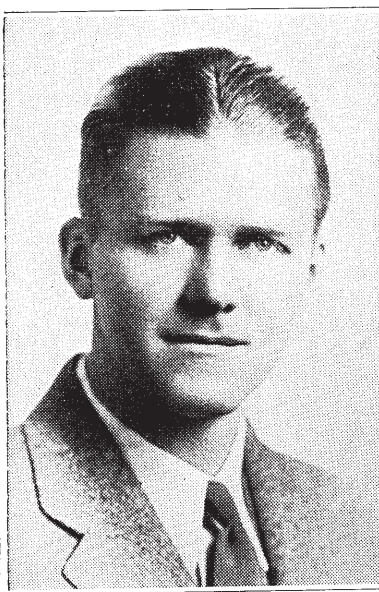
(For the results of the sports questionnaire, conducted by the Committee on Sports, see page three.)

Cross-Country will be dropped from the list of Bard intercollegiate and intra-mural activities, the Council of the college voted last Wednesday, following the recommendation of the Committee on Sports. The recommendation was one of many based on the results of the questionnaire of student opinion on Bard sports, distributed and tabulated by the Sports Committee last week.

Mr. John Parsons, new Athletic Director and Chairman of the Committee, submitted the recommendations to the Council, together with the results of the balloting. Only four students agreed to participate in any sort of cross-country meets, either intercollegiate or intramural.

The Council struck a snag in the recommendation on baseball, and it was shelved until another meeting. Baseball, too, is slated to be taken off the group of sports, according to the report of the Committee because there were only eight who said they would play baseball at all. The Committee, in its remarks on baseball, suggested the withdrawal of Bard from intercollegiate competition but added that the sport should be kept in the college on a club basis. Since only eight stated their intentions of participation and a two team system

### COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN



JOHN PARSONS

would be impossible, the Council was undecided whether it was advisable to allow a baseball club to be formed and play with teams outside of the college without the official college

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## SHOP PRODUCTION TO OPEN SEASON

Bard Theatre Is To Offer  
One-Act Plays  
At First

As a preview of things to come and as a warm-up for the strain of a new play in the throes of production, the drama department will offer a shop production of one or two one-act plays. What play or plays will be presented has not yet been decided, but this production is scheduled to come off in two weeks.

Returning to the theatre this year is an experienced and hardened crew, skilled in all manner of theatre. After having had quite a strenuous season last year, the men who frequent Orient Hall decided that they had not had enough, and consequently stuck their heads out during the summer. Peter Hobbs was snapped up by "The Surrey Theatre" of Surrey, Maine. Reports have it that he became a hero, but, as a result, nearly began the new academic year in an institution for

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## BUDGET PASSED BY CONVOCATION

Revision of Old Budget  
Caused By Money  
Shortage

Accompanied by considerable heckling from the rear of the Dining Commons, the Student Convocation passed a revised budget for this school year, as drawn up by the Student Council. Marshal John Honey presided at the meeting.

The original budget planned last year had to be revised because the sum of the convocation fees for the present semester was found to be over \$300 short. Under the new budget each student will be asked to pay approximately \$10.35 to the convocation fund next term, while the fee was only \$7.50 for this half of the year. The total in the fund will then amount to \$1,875.

#### Movie Sum Dropped

The items of the budget that were reduced were those providing for a literary publication other than THE BARDIAN, for miscellaneous expenses, for the Senior Ball, and for the Junior-Sophomore Prom. The item contributing \$75 toward the college movies was eliminated. The sums set aside for THE BARDIAN, clubs, and the Freshman Frolic were not touched.

The allotments to the two upper-class dances were lowered \$25 each. \$75 was taken from the literary publication total, and \$50, from the miscellaneous expenses.

#### Regular Fee Charged

The shortage in the Convocation fees this semester was due to the failure of the Student Council's plan to arrive at the correct fee to be charged to each student. The Council had intended that the original budget be divided equally among the students as soon as the number of men in college this year was known. Since that number was not known at the time the bills were sent out, the bursar was forced to charge the amount that has previously been regular. \$7.50 has always been the Convocation fee per term until last year when it was raised to \$8.75.

At this meeting of Convocation the Freshmen were given the right to vote, the Student Council having granted them the privilege.

## COLLEGE COUNCIL HEARS REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

First Meeting of Body  
Occasions Vote  
On Sports

### SUBCOMMITTEES NAMED

At the first meeting of the Council of Bard College last Wednesday, the four college committees, cut from the original eight proposed by the dean, were discussed and the faculty chairmen of three of these four presented their reports on the organization and work so far.

Dr. Carlton Qualey spoke for the Committee on Studies, which has been enlarged in its functions to include the proposed Committee on Admissions. Mr. Edward Fuller gave a report of the activity of the subcommittee on admissions.

#### Sub-Committees Chosen

The Committee on Calendar and Community Life, which now includes the old Entertainment, Housing, and Grounds Committees, was represented by Mr. William Frauenfelder. He announced the appointment of several sub-committees. Hermon Holt, William Jordy, Douglas Schultz, Alan Fraser, of the student body, and Messrs. Frauenfelder, Paul Morrison, G. Thayer Richards, and Dr. Erwin Schwartz, of the faculty, make up the group to manage the college calendar. Richard Elting is head of the student dormitory sub-committee and will appoint a member from each dormitory. Mr. Maurice Levy-Hawes has charge of the Dining Commons. Neither the faculty housing and garage nor the building and grounds sub-committees have been chosen yet.

#### Sports Most Active

The most active of the committees so far is the Committee on Sports. Chairman John Parsons brought up before the Council his committee's recommendations on the athletic situation, based on the recently circulated questionnaire of the students. The Council, after much discussion, passed on all of the suggestions favorably except the one concerning baseball. That issue was shelved until a later meeting.

The Committee on Publications and Publicity, the last of the four major committees, had no report to make since no definite action has yet been taken. Mr. George Genzmer is faculty chairman of that committee, and Walter Waggoner and William Rueger are the only student members picked to date.

#### Class May Increase

Dean Harold Mestre, in addressing the Council at the start of the meeting, said that the income this year would balance the operating deficit of the college. He also said that he expects the present Freshman Class, although small, to increase before it graduates from Bard in 1942. He de-

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## TOTAL REGISTRATION NOW SET AT 106 MEN

The registration of the college has been increased by the addition of five new students and the return of several old ones since classes began September 12. The total number of students in Bard this semester is now 106, of which 86 are upperclassmen and 20, Freshmen. There are three non-resident students, so that actually only 103 men are living on campus.

The newcomers since the opening of the term are Charles Wyman and William Beringer, Freshmen; Robert Emmet, a transfer from the University of Chicago; Daniel Buckley, from St. Peter's College in Jersey City, and Theodore Strongin, from Harvard University.



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### A PLEA FOR PEACE . . .

ANYONE who says the committees are of no value is foolish. The Committee on Sports has done an excellent job in its questionnaire and in its recommendations. It tackled a very ticklish problem and has come up with the best solution possible. All of us should sing paeans of praise to Mr. John Parsons, its chairman, and to each of its members. The Committee on Studies has proved its worth in the years past and can be one of the vital factors in the educational progress of Bard. The Council of the college has a noble ideal and its theory of joint student and faculty operation of the college, tried successfully elsewhere, deserves a trial here.

It is true, of course, as the dean says, there is much fuss and bother necessary for the beginning of this committee system. However, to so upset the normal order of things that students are too busy attending committee meetings to devote proper time to their books seems unwarranted if not unwise. And to allocate to a large, scattered committee duties which were previously performed painlessly, easily, and successfully by a compact body expressly created for such duties, merely for the sake of adding to the committee's functions, is beyond the point of ridicule—it is damaging to the conduct of the college. And incidentally, it means the end of that compact body, the Student Council.

So we ask, not that the committees be removed—for there is too much in them that is worthwhile—, but that the disturbing of the student's regular course of activity be appreciably lessened and that he be allowed to pursue his studies and frolics without too much concern over what color the doorhandle of the lavatory on the second floor of Hopson be painted or who will occupy the Hegeman Observatory at 8:00 P. M. on Friday the thirteenth of January.

### THE A. S. U. AND CENTRAL EUROPE . . .

WE owe compliments to the American Student Union for its symposium on the Czechoslovakian crisis conducted the other evening. None of us solved the problems, nothing spectacular was said; and yet there was a satisfaction one always receives after the presentation of viewpoints and exchange of thoughts. It is the sort of thing we can afford to have more often and is quite as good for us and much more intelligent than a bull session on the same subject.

The discussion seemed to lead to the conclusion that Germany would soon have complete control of the entire Danube valley. There are two divisions of opinion as to the point at which the Western democracies ought to stop Hitler's *Drang*. The one says the point is long past, and ever since the re-militarization of the Rhineland, the Nazis have been goose-stepping beyond it. The other says the point is after Central Europe and the green valley of the Danube are in German possession. The difficulty arises when Hitler does own Central Europe and completes a Turkish-German axis. Then will it be possible for the democracies to stop the little madman? The defenders of the second argument, which is the argument France and England seem to be following, must pray the little madman is not mad enough to look for the answer.

## Looking Around

WILLIAM H. JORDY

The Big Shot Athletes wear a supercilious smile these days. "You ought to see what Parsons bought in Poughkeepsie—ping pong balls, badminton racquets, a dart game where you break balloons. He looked like Macy's Santa Claus . . . They're going to send a questionnaire around to decide whether we should wear long skirts or short ones. I hear we're all getting satin brassieres to match." No wonder they're supercilious. You'd be too—if you were a Big Shot.

Last year the Big Shots lost practically everything they shot at—but the Little Punks were there to cheer. They were there with bag-pipes, drums, and cymbals; they piled up boxes and college furniture for bonfires; they put articles in *THE BARDIAN* telling how hard the Big Shots fought, how close the game was; they sent those white-washed reports down to the Poughkeepsie papers. Sure the Big Shots were beaten. But they were all swell guys. The Little Punks liked them—even called them Big Shots. Now it's the Little Punk's turn. He voted for ping pong, billiards, touch football—yes, he may even want to throw darts at balloons. The Big Shots laugh. Only a Big Shot should play athletics. And all athletics should be the burly type that Big Shots like to play.

No, you're not going to have all inter-collegiates taken away from you, Big Shots. The Little Punks have seen to that. They voted for a program which included inter-collegiates. They'll be down to cheer for you again. So, why the supercilious smile? Why don't you cheer for intra-murals a little too? Sure, any intra-mural program needs your support. You're the ones who can best interest boys who've never come out before, because you're the ones who know what a thrill it is to "play the game." Have a minute? Why not join in a little touch football? All right then, why are you all so eager to *PROVE* that it won't work? Why the supercilious smile? After all, who wants to be called a "Big Shot" anyway? If you're really a Big Shot, you're a good sport—and that's all.

After voluminous research we have finally determined that only two others and ourselves heard the latest Bard publicity—over a nationwide N.B.C. hook-up at that! It was 1:10 A. M. last Wednesday. We three decided, since Mrs. Briggs had closed shop, that the only hamburgers in the neighborhood would be sizzling on the "Greek's" grill in Red Hook. We were riding along listening to Will Osbourne's "A-Tisket-A-Tasket" from W.E.A.F. We'd no sooner learned that it wasn't a red, blue, or orange basket (oh no, no, no), when the whole tempo changed, and we found ourselves standing up as best we could under the turret-top, listening to the patriotic strains of *Roar, Lion, Roar*. "Tonight's program is dedicated to Columbia University," said the announcer. He went on to tell about its history, its buildings, and what a really great place it was. Then—this illuminating bit! "A few years ago Columbia acquired Camp Columbia in Connecticut and rustic Bard, which thousands of Columbia students attend every summer." With that Will Osbourne sank into *Beating Around the Mulberry Bush*, we all sat down again, and over hamburgers discussed who would be Woodcraft Councillor in charge of Friendly Indians next summer.

Aha! A complaint testifying to the dreadful mismanagement which is everywhere about one in the world! Instinctive Muckraker that we are, nothing gives us more pleasure. This time it concerns the Library. More specifically it concerns those strips of lumber which are daily attached to the left-hand side of the *New York Times* and the *Herald-Tribune*. To say that it's impossible to read the first editorials on the Sudeten situation is putting it mildly. The beginning of each line drops from consciousness in the manner that fifteenth century septs prophesied Columbus would. Bend over to look down the crevasse, and the stick, which by now has somehow become wedged between the brass lamp and your stomach, sharply pierces the gastric region. If yesterday's and Sunday's papers withstand the rough handling of the curious in complete *déshabillé*, why should today's weekday copies become instruments of inquisition?

As we go to press the Sudeten situation has apparently become, as some campus *bon-motist* put it: peace at any price—with Czechoslovakia paying. If England and France back out (maybe they have by the time you read this), it looks as though Czechoslovakia can do either of two things: it can gradually give in to German fascism, or it can fight for a few short months to maintain, if not its eventual independence from Fascism, at least its ideal of democracy. In either case though—submitting to Fascism or "making Czechoslovakia safe for democracy"—Masaryk's fervent hopes are annihilated. And if England, France—the world—goes to war . . . then there is no democracy for them either. Perhaps democracy is, after all, not the philosophy for the masses as we supposed, but rather the philosophy best adapted to the creative minds of a few geniuses. A philosophy which calls for climbing some lonely mountain peak, far, far away from the insensate rabble's demands for nationalism.

## Alms for Oblivion

TRUMPETS AT DAWN, by Cyril Harris . . . Charles Scribner's Sons, New York . . . 1938.

"Trumpets at Dawn" is meticulously correct in historical detail, stirring in the dramatic impact of events, and highly successful in its portrayal of the subtle undercurrent of Colonial thought and action.

The American Revolution was more than a war between England and her colonies; it was a war between social forces in America, the loyalists and the new, restless "Americans." An understanding of the Colonial mind of that period is as important as a knowledge of the battles and their results. "The whole family is a divided family now, broken up and down the middle," is Cyril Harris' expression of the situation. The separation of families through strong political convictions, the sense of duty to one's country severing old friendships—these were the disrupting forces which made for rioting and turmoil. "Trumpets at Dawn" catches the feelings and the attitudes of the people, hurls them at us violently and effectively, leaving us gasping in amazement that such things could exist, that such atrocities be true.

The hard reality of the war in its embryonic stages slowly emerges as we walk down the streets of New York one evening with Sam Wyatt and Hannah Honeyman, Sam a "rebel" in spite of his Loyalist family, and Hannah, the devoted daughter of Will Honeyman, an ordinary, uneducated man, who believes that the "only difference between them (Loyalists) and a lot of hogs is want of bristles." Men on the "King's side" are being pulled from their houses by an incensed emotional mob; Hannah and Sam are wedged between masses of curious onlookers, Hannah watching only Sam's face, afraid to look at the cruel scene before her. Then horrible reality strikes as they perceive Sam's own father as the next victim to be forced into recognizing the ordinances of the Committee of One Hundred. "In the darkness they could just make out a knot of men with a lantern who stood about the steps of the fifth house down, and one of them had his hand raised to the knocker. The rapid, incessant knocking filled the street with its outcry." This was the virtual beginning of the "War of Independence," the long struggle to be rid of the English yoke, the struggle of a disunited people vaguely hoping that some day they might call this land

## CHAPEL

It has often been said that the Church turns a deaf ear to social action. Many regard the Church as a conservative body disinterested in labor and labor's fight for recognition both remuneratively and socially. In other words, the plumber who repairs your leaky water tap is a good citizen if and when he goes to church on Sunday morning, but should he lay his tools down when his union calls him out on strike, he is shunned and pointed out as a Red if his union happens to be affiliated with the C. I. O.

### Suggests Review of Magnificat

Conservative churchmen feel that the Church should not interfere with labor and politics. Have they ever stopped to realize that Christ was a simple carpenter—a laboring man? It is doubtful. Yet, each Sunday afternoon finds these same people repeating the Magnificat. It might be well for all of us to review that revolutionary hymn (which can be found on page 26 of the Prayer Book).

My mail the other day brought three newspapers—all Roman Catholic. The first known as the "Social Forum" is published in Toronto, and the second, called "The Catholic Worker" printed in New York City depicts Our Lord standing between a white man, obviously a mechanic since he holds a large stillson wrench, and a negro with an ax on its masthead. The last is the "Gallery," a publication of Catholic student thought. In reading through their pages, one is astounded at their gospel—mostly on the left. This is a healthy sign, since it shows that the largest Church in Christendom is awake to social action.

### Use Christianity In Industry

In the Episcopal Church, supposedly the "smuggest" of all, the Church League For Industrial Democracy the "smuggest" of all the cants, have pledged themselves to seek to understand the teachings of Christ and to apply them in their own vocation and activities to the present problems of industrial society. It is not a Communistic organization, such as Chairman Dies seems to think, but far more radical—it is Christian.

The youth in America are seeking something they can cling to. Some have found Communism, others Fascism, etc. For those who are still groping might I, as one of them, suggest Christianity. It has worked—and will work again.

—GORDON MACALLISTER

their own.

The Wyatts and the Townsends are two typical Revolutionary families, Tories and Whigs respectively (Continued on page 3)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### ON BARD'S IDEAL

To the Editor of *THE BARDIAN*:

Coming into a new intellectual milieu somewhat different from the collegiate atmosphere I left obligates me to comment on the new.

It is a belief of mine that achievement comes with the striving toward an ideal. With an individual this goal need not always be consciously worked out, but in the case of a group, purpose must necessarily be well defined. There should be deliberate formulation, particularly in an educational institution, of the aim toward which the individuals within that group are striving. To the leaders and others interested in the effectiveness of an institution, awareness of purpose is a definite aid. It serves as a means of orientation for those who are new or those uninitiated in college life. I have observed in other schools a number of students who failed to benefit by the program because they didn't have definitely in mind the ideal for which that program was designed.

### Idea Is Lost

I came to this college with fairly definite ideas of what I wanted; but as I try to fit my idea into the larger plan of the group purpose, I find that it is lost. I suppose that, in the early stages of the St. Stephens-Bard reorganization, there was a certain feeling of worthiness and awareness of purpose. There is often displayed, within a group setting out for something new or adventurous, a mutual respect for their com-

mon goal. As a practical need, there should be some object, intangible or in person, to raise our thoughts above the detail and confusion of day to day events—an aim which will give our individual efforts both unity and inspiration. By striving toward a common aim there would develop a feeling of validity for the community as a whole—for Bard. Bard would mean more than the sum of one's own experiences. For the individual can achieve most for himself only when he makes use of his proper relation to the larger group.

### Questions Bard Program

To be sure, there is a Bard program—a program arranged and executed, but for what? Why did each one of us in this community come here? What is it that this program is planned to achieve? I feel that, were this clearly before us, literally, spiritually, or personally, we would be the better for it. Perhaps I haven't been here long enough, but as yet I haven't discovered any clear-cut formulation or any elaborations of the Bard ideal. I can't say that I have observed any convincing evidence of an intangible but operative Bard spirit of the kind I speak. There are some signs of a common feeling or understanding, but I think they take more the shape of mere conformity rather than an earnest enthusiasm for the philosophy behind the Bard program.

—DAVID L. DUNHAM



## With the Squad

WILLIAM RUEGER

It's all because a couple of tonsils had to come out that we're forced to do some last minute pinch-hitting in this space.

"What's a guy like Rueger doing on the sports page?" you'll say.

Well, the Lord only knows. Sometimes the funniest blokes write sports articles. Even a gent who never got farther in athletics than to read about the mail-fisted wrestlers in ancient Athens or the lion-feeding Christians in Nero-ridden Rome.

### Different Views

But, however that may be, we've got some of our own slants on the athletic situation here on campus. And they are a little different from those of the fellow who owns this column. The vote on intercollegiate and intra-mural activities went fairly definitely to the lads who want to keep sports within the fences of John Bard's domain. That's quite natural. And if a poll were taken on how many could participate in intercollegiate and intra-mural games, it would be overwhelmingly for intra-murals. That, too, is natural. In any college in the country, from Harvard and Columbia to Bard and Black Mountain, there are many, many more students who have no interest in, or cannot participate in intercollegiate games than there are varsity men. Intra-murals are, of course, more in their line. If they have no interest in sports whatsoever, they would still favor intra-murals because that system takes the edge off skilled competition and provides a wider variety of activities in which they may find an interest.

### Intercollegiates Independent

However, intercollegiates are not carried on because the majority of a college is behind them. They are carried on because there are, in a college, men talented enough to make a complete team, who want to play their sport with another team which can afford them competition. They don't want to divide their number and add some inferior players to make two teams within their own school. If they wanted that, they wouldn't object to intra-murals. They want to play other colleges and have the ability to do so. Thus, intercollegiates.

So as long as a college has these varsity boys, a minority everywhere, to be sure, the college has a reason for intercollegiate competition. Maybe that's selfish. But if a college doesn't want games with other institutions, it simply has to make sure it gets no more men who want such games and wait until the present ones have left. A progressive school, perhaps, should not bother with intercollegiates and therefore should act accordingly.

### No Cross-Country

Now to bring these windy statements to the college at hand, let's see what Bard has. In cross-country, there are talented men, but not enough to make a complete team. Heraus mit! In baseball, there are enough to make a team but, aha, and this is the danger point—are they talented enough to have an excuse for intercollegiates? Last year's score book has a rather definite answer. But there are new men. Probably before we give baseball the bum's rush, we ought to look into the new material. If there could be found a less tough schedule for the bat and ball men, that, too, might give them their right to exist. It's too delicate a spot for us to linger around. Let's leave it to the Committee and the Council.

### Committee Agrees

Basketball, soccer, and tennis, at present, do pass our tests for intercollegiate sports. We might express some doubts about tennis, because last year's results weren't much better than those of the baseball team, if our memory is correct. But, regardless, look how closely the Committee followed our rules! They, too, were stumped by the baseball argument. They, too, although the poll gave them every right to eliminate almost all intercollegiates, realized that the strong showing of the intra-mural boys wasn't enough to throw out varsity soccer if the twenty-odd booters who are going to participate want some intercollegiates. Gosh, we don't know whether we should throw rosebuds at the

## INTRAMURALS WIN IN BALLOT TAKEN BY SPORTS GROUP

Soccer, Basketball, Tennis Popular As Varsity Activities

### PING-PONG LEADS LIST

Out of eighty-three questionnaires answered, thirty-two votes went to a program of intra-murals only, thirty votes, to a program "combining intercollegiate and intra-mural activities with emphasis on intra-mural features," and twenty-one votes, to a program combining both systems with emphasis on intercollegiate features, according to the tabulations given to THE BARDIAN by Mr. John Parsons, chairman of the Committee on Sports, which issued the questionnaire. Mr. MacEldin Trawick and Mr. Maurice Levy-Hawes helped Mr. Parsons conduct the questionnaire.

Of the five intercollegiate, competitive sports in which Bard has had teams, soccer was the most popular. The second question asked in the questionnaire was: "If the college continues participation in intercollegiate, which of the sports would you favor continuing?" Soccer received sixty-three votes, basketball was second with fifty, tennis, third with forty-seven, baseball, fourth with twenty-two, and cross-country, last with five.

### Participation Another Thing

Participation, however, was another story. Only twenty-seven said they would participate in any type of soccer at all, whether intercollegiate or intra-mural. There were twenty-four basketball volunteers. Baseball fared badly when willingness to participate was requested. A total of eight agreed to play, five of whom would play only under an intra-mural system. Tennis leaped to the fore among the major Bard sports as far as partaking in the games was concerned. Thirty-eight indicated their intention of handling the racquet in either system. Cross-country was lowest in this category also, only four being willing to run for any team. The poor showing of the cross country and baseball teams on this poll led to the recommendation of the Committee that they be dropped from intercollegiate competition, and, in the case of cross-country, the additional suggestion that it be discontinued as a sport at Bard.

### Ping-Pong Popular

There were other activities in which the students signified they would engage. By far the most popular game as far as playing goes seemed to be ping-pong, which received fifty pledges of participation. Other activities which would have large numbers of participants were touch football, 33; bowling, 38; horseback riding, 35; boating, 37; and hiking, 30. There were several write-in activities.

The final question asked for an expression of preference between the present system of intramurals and the proposed three-sport club system. Here the college was almost evenly divided. Forty-one voted for the sport clubs and thirty-eight, for the present system of interfraternity and interclass competition. Because of this virtual deadlock, the Committee did not touch this problem and apparently has left it up to the students to work out for themselves. When the figures are broken down, it is seen that almost all of the intra-murals—only vote went to the sport clubs, while a majority of the votes of the two other sections, the emphasis-on-intra-murals and the emphasis-on-intercollegiates, was garnered by the present system of intramurals.

Committee or the Committee should throw rosebuds at us. Anyway, we agree.

### Intra-murals Successful?

By now, undoubtedly, every intra-muralist is laughing scornfully at us. So we might as well present our thoughts about this majority group. We have said—or practically said—that the intra-murals side, although the larger side, should not have the final say about intercollegiates. We go farther—it should not have the final say about any of the athletics in school. We have had intra-murals before. It did bring out more than the varsity men. But

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## Holt Lists Fifteen Men Who Will Play Baseball

Hermion Holt, elected captain last year of the baseball team that was to be this year, released the following list of fifteen men who have stated their willingness to participate in intercollegiate baseball games next Spring:

Lincoln Armstrong, Scott McKeown, James Nash, Charles Wyman, Robert Haberman, Wayne Horvitz, William Rueger, Karl Schleicher, Frederick Bowlan, Leo Franklin, Frederick Sharp, Joel McNair, William White, Daniel Buckley, and Holt himself.

The questionnaire issued by the Sports Committee showed only eight willing to take part in any sort of baseball.

## SOCCER MEN GET INSIDE WORKOUT

Practice Stopped By Rain As Opening Game Draws Near

Jupiter Pluvius and his watering can flooded out all soccer practice for the past week and the only thing that could be done was to hold an indoor blackboard session. Mr. Maurice Levy-Hawes was specially drafted into service from the economics department to lend assistance to Sports Director Johnny Parsons and the former took charge of the blackboard meeting.

During the few times before the deluge that the team did get down on the field to kick the ball around a bit, Levy-Hawes joined the boys and had them stepping to keep up to his pace. The men will have to knuckle down to some really hard practice if they are to be in condition for those hard-running Trojans from Rensselaer. The games with R. P. I. and East Stroudsburg, the first two on the schedule, are the hardest matches the Bardiens are expected to have. The first one with the Techmen is in Troy and takes place on October 8. A week later the booters from Annandale will travel to Pennsylvania to meet the teachers. These two teams are the only ones that defeated Bard last year.

### Nine Veterans Return

Now that the varsity issue is settled, the roster of men who are coming out for the first intercollegiate sport of the year can be noted. There are nine veterans from last year's aggregation. Besides Dave Burnett, captain and forward of the squad, Frank Bjornsgaard, Herm Holt, and Lee Denison, fullbacks, Bob Stewart, "Iron" Joe Pickard, and Bud Burrough, halfbacks, Freddy Sharp, wing, and Bill White, goal, have got their suits again. Among the new men, Charley Wyman, Scotty Bowen, Leo Franklin, Dave Dunham, and Phil Upton have had some sort of experience before, while Big Jim Nash and "Cotton" Troy seem to make up in weight and build what they lack in playing technique. George Lambert, Linc Armstrong, Jack Dalton, Scott McKeown, and Brad Peters, old men who were not on the team last year, have also reported for practice. The last four mentioned were all cross-country runners last season and have turned to soccer since the elimination of the harriers' sport.

### Miss Old Men

"Addie" Cubberley, manager of the Scarlet and White, has been lamenting the loss of some of the old letter men, such as Walt Merscher, Bill Weissberger, Winnie Stearns, Bill Pettit, Scotty Bates, and Don Wor-

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## Non-Socs Propose Athletic Plan on Intra-mural Basis

Non-Fraternity Men Probably To Form Sports Clubs; One Fraternity Hints Support

A sports program with the intra-mural plan as its objective was discussed and tentatively proposed at a meeting of the Non-Society Group and the Freshmen on Monday evening, when it was decided that that organization would take the initial steps toward a sports program incorporating a feasible intra-mural system.

### Freshmen May Join

The tentative plan suggested by the Non-Society men entails the division of their group into two athletic squads of equal strength, according to Rosenberg. Freshmen are invited to participate as members of the two teams until October 24, when the fraternities extend their bids to the new men, he stated, pointing out that, after that date, Freshmen who are not pledged by the fraternities are still eligible.

A spokesman for one of the fraternities who attended the meeting indicated that he believed his fraternity would be willing to support this scheme by entering into the athletic events and enlarging the two teams.

## Cross-Country Dropped From Bard's Athletics

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support. Several students have told Mr. Parsons they could get a team together and wanted the college equipment to play their games.

Intercollegiate basketball, soccer, and tennis will be retained, the Council voted. Agreeing with the Committee report, the Council adopted an eight game maximum for basketball, a five game maximum for soccer, and a four game maximum for tennis. The varsity basketball season will begin after the Reading Period, however, and the time between the end of the soccer season and the Christmas vacation will be devoted to intramural basketball. The recommendations concluded with the suggestion that the intra-mural system as carried on in the past be strengthened.

Dean Harold Mestre called the recommendations a good but conservative compromise. He said, "Changes proceed gradually until public opinion accepts them."

Concerning the combination of both intercollegiate and intramural activities, which will result from the Council's adoption of the Committee's report, the dean added, "The whole sports program will suffer if both intercollegiate and intramural systems are continued. The plan is untenable and unrealizable."

The latter two have not left school but cannot come out this year because of the pressure of other work. To add to Cub's worries, he can't find anyone to become assistant manager, besides Charlie Bevers. He's looking for an assistant from both the Sophomore and Freshman classes.

"We do not want to conflict with the competition of the fraternities; we will merely withdraw from the inter-fraternity meets if we go ahead with the plan," Rosenberg pointed out. "And we certainly are in no way trying to affect the stand of the college on intra-murals," he emphasized. He stated, however, that he, personally, would be only too glad to have the fraternity members join the two sports clubs as individuals.

### May Have Three Clubs

"If its size warrants, it may be well to have three clubs," he said.

Thus this Non-Soc plan is very similar to the three-club intra-mural system proposed by Sports Director John Parsons and the administration. In the recent questionnaire of the college's opinion of this type of intra-murals and the old interfraternity type, it was found that the student body was almost evenly divided.

Sports and events in which there would probably be competition are touch football, ping-pong, softball, bowling, tennis, volleyball, and basketball, according to the Non-Soc program.

## Alms For Oblivion

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—friends before the war and finally enemies through political necessity. Kitty Wyatt and her brother Sam are of the "other party," a massive wall dividing them from their parents and old friends. Mrs. Wyatt is a real figure, torn between her love for her children and her sincere desire to remain loyal to England. Her grim outward hardness, her patriotic veneer, hides a warm heart. However, will power and sense of duty overpowers her natural bloodties, forcing her to stand up for what she thinks is right and disassociate herself with sentiment and love.

General Washington, Captain Hamilton, and Major Andre are presented as real men; they are convincing — on the scene just long enough for us to know and like them, yet not saying enough to ruin their performance. Occasionally the main, fictionalized characters are obscured by the dominance of history and war confusion, buried for a time under important events and historical description; but on the whole we feel that we are living with them, fighting with them, and sharing their love.

"Expresses rode towards the north on swift horses, signal fires leaped high on the tops of hills, spreading the word, telling the people up and down the land that the great day had come at last." The end of the long tedious years of fighting. We have been a part of that war, and we feel as though we too have fought it.

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## Mud-spattered Sophs Swamped By Frosh in Dark of the Night

### Lights Out, Grounds Wet As Two Classes Battle

It all happened when the lights went out. The lights, it seemed, were out all the way from Poughkeepsie to Annandale, due to that terrible storm that wreaked such costly havoc throughout New England and Long Island during this past week. The rain still doesn't seem to be through and perhaps the creek that skirts Billy McMichael's office will swell again to the bridge-top.

But we started to tell what happened that night when all was dark. The freshman meeting broke up as soon as the mazdas began to flicker out. The next thing anyone knew there was a band of the first year men hidden down in the basement of Warden's. Now the freshmen say they were "laying for" some other freshmen. By a strange coincidence, they all jumped on Vail Church, a Sophomore.

That was enough to ignite the fuse and start the first explosion of the year between the two lower classes. We picked up the story again in South Hall. The Frosh retreated but it was a strategic retreat. Fierce, vengeful '41-ers like Scott McKeown, Bud Burrough, Linc Armstrong were decoyed into the Freshmen's ambush. The angry Sophs stormed South. They chased fleeing Frosh into the foot-deep swamp on the other side of the dormitory. But that was the end. Their chase ended with their faces dunking in the mud. The overwhelmed Sophs shouted for help. Only one loyal classmate answered their distress signal of "41!" And his Hungarian countenance was quickly sat upon by gentle Jim Nash. That was all there was to it. The handful of fighting Sophs suffered ignominious defeat at the hands of the furious Freshman class in their first encounter of the season. But there's more to come!

### Bard Theatre Plans One-Act Production

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the overstrained. Mr. Paul Morrison, director of the Bard Theatre, Frank Overton and Wally Suter represented Bard at Southampton, L. I., as scene designer and crew. English Walling left college after commencement day to join "The Barnstormers" of Tamworth, N. H., as publicity head, and later Robert Haberman worked with the same group.

With this aggregation in mind, Mr. Morrison said he believed that the Bard Theatre is entering its biggest production year, and incidentally, its best.

### CLASS OF '42 ELECTS BURNHAM AS CHAIRMAN

George Burnham was elected temporary chairman of the Freshman Class last week at the first meeting of the Class of '42. Burnham will preside over the Freshmen activities until a permanent set of officers is chosen later in the term.

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### Storm Leaves Evidence Everywhere On Campus

The distress caused by the recent storm was felt as much at Bard as anywhere. Besides the swelling of the nearby streams, the water made the campus a veritable lake in spots. South, Albee and Hegeman were only a few of the halls to show signs of the deluge.

The most trying of the inconveniences was the complete breakdown of electric power. The librarians waited for customers in the dark. The switchboard operated by candlelight. But the worst part of the difficulty came when the lack of water was realized. The only running water on campus seemed to be the streams in the basement of Hegeman.

### College Council Hears Committees' Reports

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explored the habit of previous classes of losing so many of their members between their first and fourth years.

The Council was formerly supposed to be composed of the Student Council and the faculty chairmen of the eight original committees. Due to the elimination of four of those committees, some way had to be found to provide the Council of the college with the four lost faculty chairmen. To solve the problem, the faculty elected the necessary four members. The elected men were Mr. Artine Artinian and Mr. Richards, Drs. C. Theodore Sottery and Abbot Smith. They, with Dr. Qualey, Mr. Frauenfelder, Mr. Genzmer, and Mr. Parsons, form the faculty of the Council. The dean presides over the meetings, which will be held every two weeks at first, and Mr. Fuller is secretary. As soon as the Freshman member of the Student Council is chosen, another faculty member will be added to the college Council to keep a balance.

The Student Council now has been stripped of many of its duties. Henceforth the student-elected body, besides sitting jointly with the faculty on the college Council, will appoint committee members and act as the court of appeals for the Freshman Rules. Nearly all of the rest of its functions have been removed by this new system. In the past the four Marshals of Convocation conferred with the Administration in matters relating to the Student body, according to the Constitution of the Undergraduates, adopted when Bard was created in 1933. However, no objection to this new system of college government, which is contrary to the students' Constitution, has been raised.

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### SCIENCE CLUB PLANS SEMESTER'S LECTURES

A schedule of four visiting lecturers has been tentatively drafted for this semester by the Science Club. Alan Fraser, president, revealed this week. The speakers will be two physicists, a cancer authority, and a former member of the Bard faculty, Dr. Francis M. Summers, who taught biology here two years ago. Dr. Summers will discuss protozoology.

At the first meeting of the club, Fraser welcomed the new members and briefly outlined the program for the coming season. After the business of the meeting was over, Robert Ficker read a paper entitled, "Science and Society," written by Harold G. Moulton.

### FACULTY HOLDS PARTY IN BARD HALL TONITE

Mr. William Frauenfelder, professor of German at Bard, is in charge of a faculty party to take place in Bard Hall tonight, where the new members of the faculty will have a chance to become acquainted with the old. Entertainment has been planned and probably Dr. Erwin Schwartz, new Associate Professor of music, will perform at the piano. Mr. Frauenfelder refused to go into many details concerning the affair but promised that something "might" happen which is not expected.

### Dr. Schwartz Outlines Music Plans At Bard

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arrangements to the college community. These ensembles will be probably for strings and recorders. With the professor's help, they will adapt pieces just for campus presentation and will, after a while, compose for themselves. Like the Choral Society, the ensembles may include those neighbors of the college who are interested and talented.

#### Learning To Play Recorder

Several of the students in Dr. Schwartz's classes are studying the recorder (Bach flute), which is only now becoming fashionable in the United States. It is an old type of flute which has been brought back and popularized in Europe during the last ten years.

Dr. Schwartz wants to devote some of his time to the building of a glee club in the school. Attempts have been made in the past to organize this sort of a group but none have materialized. A notice posted by Dr. Schwartz on the bulletin board at Dining Commons has asked for the signatures of those interested in joining a glee club, and the number of students and faculty who have responded is respectable. This glee club, when it is started, will be an example of the cooperation the new instructor is aiming for between faculty and students and music.

### With The Squad

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not too many more. In fact in every intra-mural event that we can recall it was the hardest job imaginable to get enough men out on the field to complete two teams for a contest. Is a strictly intra-mural system going to be any more successful? Maybe so, with the help of the letter men. Certainly the present plan of half intra-murals, half inter-collegiate, which seems to be the fairest compromise, is not going to draw Doug Schultz from his calculus or Pete Leavens from his radio. That long list of participation promises looks good. How many will be kept?

#### Other Views

Here's the only time we get a chance to blossom out in the sports department and we've wasted the entire column on a rehash of the Committee's turkey. And it'll probably be until another tonsillectomy before we get an opportunity again to tell about how we think the National League pennant winners oughtn't to be sold short, and how we'd like to see the Army gray—or is it blue?—undefeated for the first time in a long, long while, and how Greenberg won't (fingers crossed) break the record but is in line for "most valuable" along with Lombardi of the other circuit. . . . Oh well, and so to Greek.

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