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Freshman Laws Snuffed Out

Convocation At Lunch Today Answers Theft Of Caps And Badges

PETITION SIGNED

BULLETIN

All Freshman rules were abolished by action of the student convocation this afternoon by the majority of those undergraduates eligible to vote. The action, coming for the first time in the history of the college, supported a motion by Harry Winterbottom that because the existence of Freshman rules was "inconsistent with the Bard idea of progressive education, the convocation should instruct the Student Council to cease ordering any Freshman regalia and should record the opinion of the convocation as being against establishment of such rules in the future."

Since over forty members were not qualified to vote because of limited residence on campus, only a portion of the undergraduates participated. No statement was made by those supporting the further continuance of Freshman rules during the time the chairman, Peter Hobbs, called for any further discussion.

After Mr. Winterbottom had presented reasons for discontinuance of the rules, the motion was made and adopted by a vote of 23 to 16.

Opinion against the rules crystallized when the Student Council met in emergency session this week and announced it would carry out its obligations to the Sophomores and order more caps and badges to replace those mysteriously taken from Albee the day of distribution. Men called before the council assured it that the paraphernalia would be returned for use in the coming Freshman play.

First Music Recital To Be October 15

The new college music season will open with a formal recital in Bard Hall on the evening of October 15th, according to Dr. Paul E. Schwartz. Details of the program and participating artists will be announced in the near future.

Besides the soloists and instrumentalists prominent in Bard musicals last year, the presentations will be augmented with performances by members of the Freshman class who have shown marked talent and ability. As announced earlier this month, artists will also be drawn from New York City.

Dr. Schwartz said he had contacted Mr. Ernst Krenek, new professor of composition at Vassar who has been prominent in his field abroad. As a result, plans are under way to bring the music departments of Bard and Vassar into closer working cooperation.

Science Club Has Movies Tonight

Bert Leefmans, president of the Bard Science Club, announces that the group's activities will commence with an open meeting tonight in Albee. Surgical motion pictures of a cataract removal, an appendectomy, and a plastic surgery, showing full thickness skin graft, are to be shown.

All students interested in science desiring to join the club are invited this evening. The program of coming guest lecturers is to be announced shortly, Leefmans said.

EDWARDS IN CHAPEL

The Rev. Dr. Lyford P. Edwards, professor of Sociology, is continuing his duties as Chaplain of Bard College, pending definite announcement from the administration of the appointment of a permanent one to succeed the Rev. Miles Yates, who is now a member of the staff of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City.

Dispute Brewing On Fraternities

Increasing dissension over the existence of fraternities at Bard was evident on campus this week. With Freshman rules and intercollegiate sports having been swept away in a "progressive" tide, speculation on the future of the three existing social groups was widespread. Members of the fraternities, for the most part, strongly defend their institutions, citing many past years of great value.

Intercollegiate Sports Ended

College Finally Takes Step After Months Of Debate And Split Sports Program

TOWARD BARD GOAL

At a meeting of the Executive Committee for Campus Athletics last Monday night, Mr. John Parsons announced that Acting Dean Leigh has decided to discontinue intercollegiate sports at Bard College. The announcement really came as a surprise to no one, for it had been expected since the beginning of the semester. Nevertheless, it does settle for the immediate future a question that has been hanging fire ever since last year.

Dr. Leigh discussed the action freely. It is his aim to work for a more common-sense approach to collegiate sports, and the abolition of intercollegiate sports is only the first step in that direction. It does not mean that intercollegiate athletics are to be banned for all time, but only that they are to be laid low until such a time as they arise spontaneously and naturally through campus sports. Even if intercollegiate sports are re-born, they must be so controlled that they remain secondary to the campus sports. The natural desire of many for sports for fun must be considered the primary aim of the athletic program of an educational institution.

The fact that any return of intercollegiate sports must be accomplished through the great interest and proficiency of a sufficient number of the students in any one of the campus sports, so as to make that sport eligible for intercollegiate competition, will probably be control enough. Also, any such competition must be with a natural rival: some institution which approaches our own in enrollment, and, if possible, athletic program.

These ideas of Dr. Leigh's arise from growing criticism for the usual athletic program of a college. That is, bluntly, to schedule a number of games in a certain sport, and then to try to gather enough students to make up a squad, and then to drill them until they have sufficient proficiency to carry through a more

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ROBERT LEIGH CHOSEN ACTING COLLEGE DEAN

College Dinner Saturday Night

Reception Tea At K.G.X. House This Afternoon

This afternoon a reception tea in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Robert D. Leigh will be given at the Kappa Gamma Chi Fraternity House by the four social groups on the campus: the Non-Society men, the Eulexians, Kappa Gamma Chi, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Thus will be inaugurated a week-end program of festivities designed to celebrate the formal opening of the college year.

Tomorrow evening the Eulexians will have a cocktail party at their house before the formal college dinner at 6:30, postponed from September 9th. It has been announced that Mr. James L. Freeborn, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Leigh will speak at the banquet. In all probability a member of the senior class will welcome the Freshmen on behalf of the undergraduates. Likewise, it is expected that a representative of the Class of 1943 will address the gathering in reply.

'43 Class Show On October 13

"Leave It to Us" Promises Talent "All Over Stage"

The Freshman class will present a play entitled, "Leave It To Us" on Friday evening, October 13th, as the 1939 version of song night. Because of the outlawing theatre disorder and a Freshman-Sophomore brawl such as has taken place in past years, the new men intend to put on a really good performance. The entire student body is invited to the occasion, which, according to advance hawking, will "have talent all over the stage!"

Rehearsals have been held regularly, and among the treats to be offered when the curtain rises is a so-called "strip tease." Sponsors of the undertaking refuse to divulge further regarding their plans, only reiterating, "Leave It To Us."

Announcement

The Editors of THE BARDIAN have accepted the resignation of David Day, Business Manager, and have chosen Andrew F. Storer to take his place.

DR. LEIGH

Juniors, Sophs Set Prom Date

New Rushing Season Plans Shift Dance Week-end To Third Of November

VASSAR CONFLICTED

At a joint meeting of the Sophomore and Junior classes last Tuesday evening in South Hall Reception Room, it was first decided to have the annual Sophomore-Junior Prom on Friday, November 10th. Scott McKeown, president of the class of 1941, explained that early termination of the fraternity rushing period and its accompanying functions necessitated choosing a prom week-end slightly later than is usually the custom. However, drama conflicts at Vassar College required a second meeting of the classes yesterday noon, and the prom date was advanced to November 3rd.

Committees were chosen to carry out preparations for the event. Peter Leavens will contract the orchestra, assisted by Arnold Burroughs. John Castelli is in charge of decorations, and he will be aided by Edgar A. Anderson, Robert Haberman, Lincoln Armstrong, and Wayne Horvitz. The design motif will be determined shortly.

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Freeborn Picks Noted Educator

Bennington President On Sabbatical Leave

INTERESTED IN BARD

On Thursday evening, September 21st, Dr. Lyford P. Edwards announced in the dining Commons that Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of the University, had informed the press that Dr. Robert Devore Leigh, President of Bennington College, had been chosen Acting Dean of Bard College.

In an interview yesterday with THE BARDIAN, Dr. Leigh stated that on Wednesday he informed the members of the Faculty he had chosen to take this "busman's holiday" sabbatical from Bennington because he respected and liked the Bard program, the faculty and the undergraduates, and wished to join with them in doing all he can in establishing the College on as firm a foundation and on as intelligently progressive a plan as possible. In so doing, Dr. Leigh continued, "we must not wish to make of Bard a 'Bennington for men,' but rather to work with what we have here." He further remarked that he did not contemplate the stressing of any one department or division and particularly wished to avoid the narrowing within itself of the Fine Arts Division. In that lies the complete destruction of the objective of such a division.

He also remarked to the faculty that he was not here to raise funds for Bard nor to make any faculty appointments. The major reason for his being here is to analyze the program as it is in theory and practice, to suggest changes in the academic life and in the social program that will, in his opinion, further the early and lasting realization of the progressive educational system. These observations and recommendations will be placed before the Board of Trustees and the new permanent Dean after he is appointed at the end of the semester.

Dr. Leigh, who succeeds the late Dean Mestre, was born in Nelson, Nebraska, in 1890. He graduated Summa cum laude from Bowdoin in 1914, received his Master of Arts degree from Columbia the following year, and then became instructor in Government at Reed College. After the United States entered the World War, Dr. Leigh, on leave from Reed, was assistant educational director of the United States Health Service.

After the Armistice, Dr. Leigh lectured at Columbia, and in 1922 was named A. Barton Hepburn Professor of Government at Williams. There he received his Doctorate in Philosophy from Columbia and the invitation from Bennington's Board of Trustees to be its first President, which he accepted. He is married and is the father of two daughters, one being an undergraduate at Bennington. He holds a degree of Doctor of Laws from Colgate University, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the Progressive Educational Association, the Town Hall Club of New York, and the University Club of Boston.

Gun Club Arranges Season's Activity

This year the Bard Gun Club promises some really good rifle work here on campus. At a first meeting this week, T. Pearce Reynolds was elected president. Discussion was held on the question of joining the National Rifle Association, and whether it was better to enter as a Class A or class B organization.

The club members hope that anyone who is interested in shooting will attend their next gathering and become acquainted with activities.

Night Watchman Submits to Boiler Room Quiz; Jim DuBois Explains His Nocturnal Activity

The man who graces the front stoop of South Hoffman on pleasant nights is a watchman. That is, in case all on campus were unaware that Bard had one, what with buildings all over left wide open through the dawn! It is high time James DuBois, for that is his name, received credit due. Perhaps the boys know him as just "Sarge." Anyway, it was rainy the night we quizzed him for print, and the interview took place among the tanks, pipes, flames, and shadows of the college boiler room. His first answer to our query, "well, what have you to say for your public?" was "Nothin."

But then he did say plenty. Sarge is on duty from 10:00 p. m. to 6:00 a. m. Every hour he "makes the rounds" of ten clock stations situated all over the grounds. First, for example, is the gymnasium, followed by the library, and so on.

He says each trip is over a third of a mile, and that with stops and such he consumes twenty minutes covering the route. The college provides him with a midnight lunch.

Discussing his off duty habits further, Sarge told us that he goes to work at home in the morning, and then sleeps after lunch, from half past twelve to five. He lies down again after supper until about 9:00 o'clock. Sarge has been married for thirty-five years and boasts a married daughter with three children. So our nocturnal sentinel is also a grandfather.

Sarge says he "likes the boys for the most part," and that Bard is much more "peaceable" now than it was in past years. Four years ago, he added, "there was a tough bunch here; they used to throw water and flour on my head."

Every once in a while nowadays,

the fellows treat the Sarge to a "quickle," or some form of hooch. Often he gets a can of cooling (or warming) beer. Other than rounds, his only obligations are checking on strange cars or persons seen prowling the campus at inappropriate hours. Of course girls in the dorms after ten are taboo, and he must train a good eye on such frowned on social functions.

Before he came to Bard, Jim DuBois worked on the Hammersley estate for fourteen years. This is now known as Ward Manor. Sarge is in his fifth year of service at Bard.

Thus closed our little furnace question bee, designed to acquaint the boys with another of our community's human cogs. Furthermore, heating plants are heating plants, and the cool rainstorm outside became a major attraction.

P. L.

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BARD: 1939 . . .

WE wish first to welcome Dr. Leigh to Bard and wish him the best of good fortune in the task that confronts us all, the revitalization of the progressive ideal here at Annandale and the firm establishment of the financial security of the college.

We purposely put the creation of a living, vigorous interest and faith in progressive education as Bard's first objective because we have seen in the past few years an emphasis not on the building of a truly liberal college but upon the furtherance of a program designed to attract men to Bard who would have been more at home at Amherst, Williams, or Yale, and worse, men who failed to get there. We do not maintain that all students refused admittance to the conservative colleges and who have become undergraduates here at Bard are not the type of men who have made the most of the progressive system. There have been some distinguished exceptions, but what we do maintain is that if the college does not, by its program, personnel, and spirit gather a group of new students each year who are convinced the system is one of which they wish to take full advantage, is one in which they have an all-invigorating faith, supported by earnest labor, then this college can never expect to have proper financial support and a firm foundation for the future.

Without progressive, liberal-minded students of all income groups, of all political faiths, the progressive idea will, for lack of nourishment, wither, and die. And Bard College, lacking this, will not be, in our considered opinion, worth \$1500 a year, because for this sum an academic career at Cambridge or New Haven will be far more pleasant and in a conservative sense, far more enriching than an isolated traditional equivalent four miles from Red Hook.

THE RECORD . . .

BEFORE the Reichstag and in public speeches, Adolf Hitler, surrounded by bristling cohorts in a mightily armed nation, repeatedly has declared, "I want peace."

January 30, 1934: "After the Saar, the German Government is determined to accept the pact of Locarno."

March 7, 1936: Remilitarization of the Rhineland.

May 21, 1935: "Germany has neither wish nor intention to annex Austria."

March 12, 1938: Austria gobbled.

January 30, 1937: "With this declaration I wish to announce that the era of so-called surprises has been concluded."

Ever since: Chronology unnecessary.

September 26, 1938: "I repeat here that there will be no further territorial problems in Europe for Germany."

March 14, 1939: Czecho-Slovakia absorbed, followed by Memel.

Also Sept 26, 1938: "We succeeded in an agreement which for ten years removes the danger of any clash. We are two peoples. They shall live."

September 27, 1939: Warsaw crumbles, finishing Poland.

. . . A few of the many demonstrations.

Looking Around

By WAYNE HORVITZ
Guest Columnist

In the light of past experience and the history of international politics, I think it would be well to turn away from Europe for a while and take a look at a rather gloomy domestic situation.

As a member of the Sophomore class my short stay here on campus has been an exciting one. In the space of a year and these past weeks I have been fortunate enough to watch this campus function along lines of varied merit in the realm of college politics. Throughout this period I have become increasingly impressed with one thing. There is no longer any need for the fraternity on this campus. Having read this statement I expect most of the readers will quietly place this part of THE BARDIAN in their back pocket and proceed to dinner. Because of this fear, I beg your indulgence—no, I dare you to go on.

Not so many years ago, there appeared the announcement in all the best papers that a new, PROGRESSIVE COLLEGE for men was being established by Columbia University. I doubt if the fraternity system, which in itself is social snobbery of the worst order, was considered an aspect of the program for this progressive institution. I doubt, too, that a majority of the men who enrolled in this "progressive college" thought fraternities existed. Then why do they continue? For one thing, the Alumni force some of the houses to continue, but after all the Alumni have no use whatsoever for Bard or they too would be against the continuance of any institutions which are so diametrically opposed to all that Bard stands for.

Social snobbery in itself is a bad enough fault, but if you have a fraternity it is automatically snobbish by its very existence. On the other hand the fraternities need not be guilty of meddling in campus politics. This, I say, is only another good reason for their immediate removal from the Bard program. When we are faced with the situation that the present Senior class was faced with in its Spring elections, that the Commons is faced with at every Convocation, and that every one is faced with every time they want to suggest something to the student body, then it's high time something was done about it.

But after all, it is really during rushing season that one grasps the full significance of all that fraternities exemplify on this campus. The shining countenance of one Ferguson has now become a landmark for all those wishing to locate the college. If we must fill the Freshmen full of Gin and Bu, I must we import people to do it? Perhaps they do it better during the previous summer. It all adds up to one thing. There's an awful smell that comes on campus every year at this time, and it's not the sewerage system! Rushing season is a lot of fun for the Freshmen, if they happen to forget that they are presumably attending classes at the same time. Now I'm not talking nonsense either, for I made the same mistake that all you Freshmen are probably making right this minute—I went to all the parties. I even had a chat with Mr. Ferguson one day.

Of course this article is principally directed at the Freshmen. The upperclassmen are either set in their ways or they don't give a tinker's damn. I suppose I'm poor competition for a high pressure rusher, but I only ask you to think twice before jumping into an organization that you will find out sooner or later has no place on this campus. The Freshman class could make or break the fraternities right this minute. Don't kid yourselves—they're much more worried about you than you are about them. You'll find out some day the nip and tuck speculation games that go on about which Freshman is going to join what house.

It's really quite an intriguing game. In your hand, Freshmen, is the rod that could beat the fraternities down. Are you going to use that rod, or are you going to let Ferguson and the rest of the boys use it on you?

Now of course, a fraternity man will tell you that there really isn't any social or intellectual life outside of the fraternity houses, especially the social life. Everyone knows that only by romping off to the house once a week can he possibly be in the right social swing. For my part, however, I think an exchange of ideas between members of all the groups of the college would be much healthier (for we all realize that those with whom we frequent the fraternity house are those whose room and dining table we frequent). It is disappointing to see a man go through college year after year never looking to see if there is someone on this campus who doesn't happen to belong to his fraternity. Look around sometime, fellows; you might notice something.

When I mention the existence of fraternities in this college to friends they usually laugh. "My God," they say, "what do they use them for with only one hundred students." Well—I usually start to defend them, but I can't do it honestly, so I let the whole

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It must be conceded the Hitler technique is astounding. He now contrives with Stalin to pin war on the Allies. Admittedly, Germany could not exist under Versailles. But what of Nazi methods?—Lies, prejudice, a disgusting press . . . Russia has grabbed. Italy may cash in. Outlaw tactics are becoming rampant.

Can you blame the British?

Sigmund Freud

by Scott Bowen

A little man with hornrimmed glasses and a deeply lined face died quietly in London last Saturday, Sept. 21. His death was shrouded in the tragedy of this new war, but his work will live, continuing to save people's minds from darkness and disaster. His name was Sigmund Freud, one who lived as great a life of intellectual adventure as any of our times. His work mapped the hidden continent of the insane mind so that now the men of medicine may follow in his path and fulfill the promise to mankind that his work foreshadowed . . . proper treatment for the mentally ill.

All that the medical profession says about him is true. His little group of brilliant disciples left him to bring forth ideas of their own: Jung . . . Adler . . . Brill . . . great names in mental medicine for original contributions. But, although they received their impetus and start from Sigmund Freud, they argued that his work was too much speculation, not enough scientific procedure; no experiments and too much art. Sir William Osler once said that all that saved medicine from being a trade like carpentry was art . . . he ought to know. Any critic with even a slight knowledge of scientific method can point to countless loopholes in Freud's work. That is fine, but only a few have improved, to some extent, what he has said. Now and for a long while to come, countless technicians will

continue to work on the problem of the insane mind. They will eventually add enough experimental data so that psychiatric procedure will be definite and as certain of fortunate results as surgery is now. But the charts that guide their scientific footsteps are the artistic works of Freud, such as "On Dreams," "Psychopathology," "The I and the It" and his last work, "Moses and Monotheism." His works are much more interesting reading than a textbook of anatomy. But they have begun work that will continue on long after the third Reich is ashes. Perhaps this work will solve war, for after all war is the result of the clash of ideas in the minds of men. In an individual, Freud would have called them neurotic.

Born in the little town of Freiberg in Moravia, Freud moved to Vienna and grew up just in time to hear Charcot expound in the Polytechnique in Paris . . . just in time to catch the fever of original thinking from him and hurry back to Vienna to startle his colleagues with the creations of his own mind. He arrived to start exploration that did not even stop when the Germans burned his books and sent him sick to London. But as he said, his books were in good company in the fire, for Einstein burned beside him. And perhaps he is in good company now . . . perhaps Hippocrates or Galen is talking to him . . . somewhere beside a quiet sea.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

FOR FRATERNITIES

To the Editors of THE BARDIAN:

Understanding that a reaction is developing against fraternities, we wish to present the other side of the case.

Fraternities are charged with being centers of snobbery. No fraternity is as snobbish as the clique which runs the Mermaid Tavern. The Mermaid is only an other example of several exclusive clans, or "groups" operating outside the fraternity system. Asked whether a certain person could join, the head of the Mermaid said the other day that "they'd" rather not have him. Different from a fraternity? Yes. They meet every night and their ritual is that of the banded elbow.

The "group thinking" of such unofficial societies is more firmly molded and tightly knit than that of any fraternity. In fact they have only one opinion—theirs. Only recently, the group which is opposed to Freshman rules has formed a strong political bloc for action in Friday's convocation.

Why don't the fraternities do more for social life? What other groups do anything for social life? The college informal dances of last spring originated in a fraternity house. There are the interfraternity dances, rushing dances, prom weekend dances, beer parties, cocktail parties, movies, and even a stray lecturer. Indeed, if the college wishes, the fraternities would probably throw a dance every night and a tea every afternoon.

With the abandonment of inter-

collegiate, organized athletics at Bard depend on intramurals. Intramurals depend on organized group participation. From last year's experience, the "choose-up" clubs fail miserably. The only successful intramurals were the two interfraternity leagues, bowling and softball. The fraternity is the only means of supplying the spirit for unified participation.

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THE NON-SOCS

To the Editor:

During this so-called "rushing" season, I sometimes wonder if the new men have any idea of what the alternative for joining a fraternity is. The Non-Socs, although they have never assembled together enough to write down a policy, roughly stand for two things:

(1) That in a college community of this size there is absolutely no need for segregated clubs.

(2) That if the whole college were to devote itself in one effort to the furtherance of a social program, it would benefit everybody much more than splitting such action into three opposing factions.

I think, in closing, I should add that this policy was not evolved through any feeling of sour grapes on our part, but is merely our sincere belief that while fraternities might once have had their place in the early days of this college, there is now no need for them if we really wish to make this an intelligent, progressive community.

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"Without the Squad"

by Frank Bjornsgaard

We are very happy to receive the news that intercollegiate sports have at last been abolished here at Bard. Even those who wished for their continuance must be glad that something definite has been decided upon and that we can, at last, go ahead with our program, knowing exactly where we stand and towards what we have to work. We do not pretend that we are not glad about the actual content of the decision. Following the footsteps of our worthy predecessor, we have worked steadily towards the abandoning of intercollegiate sports here, and, although the decision was made without our influence having reached the man who actually made it, we cannot help feeling a glow at seeing the triumph of the side that we have championed. Congratulations to Acting Dean Leigh, then, both for having reached a decision so quickly, and for the actual content of that decision.

The abolition of intercollegiate sports is being accompanied by an increase in the possibilities for sports here on campus. With the expansion of the athletic program, it is to be hoped that the students will make correspondingly increased use of the facilities for both organized and unorganized sports. There is no reason why there should not be at least one sport that each student will enjoy, whether individual or team.

We were sorry to notice that neither the Faculty nor the Sigs felt able to put a touch-football team on the field unaided, and so have combined. Not that either group is to blame for this state of affairs; it is out of anyone's control, but it may put a sticker in the way of the awarding of a trophy for the sport this season. This also applies to the participation of the Freshmen with a team of their own. It would seem that if either of these teams were to win the league, the trophy, if any, must be held back because there is every chance that the same teams will not be competing next year, and they would, therefore, be unable to defend the title. Also, it will be impossible to count the final standings in this league in any yearly total, since these groups probably will not be competing in all of the sports.

We wish to make a point of the fact that this column is not the private property of the present author. If anyone has any idea differing from those generally presented here, and would like to present them, he may have part of this space in which to do so. Just tell the Sports Editor about it, and the column will be yours. Opinions to be presented must be confined to the sports field, but otherwise no limitations will be put upon what you write, except the physical one of length, and the legal one of the libel law!

While no accidents have occurred in connection with firearms, the Student Council last year ruled that no guns are to be fired on campus, except under the rules and auspices of the Gun Club. Since the only rules this organization enforces are those of common sense, we hope that everyone will cooperate with them for public safety. We recommend, more especially, that all students, new and old, who are interested in guns attend a meeting of the Gun Club and investigate the means of joining. Membership is not expensive or complicated and brings many benefits in unlimited use of the range, plus ideas from other members in and about shooting. The range is, however, open to non-members under the supervision of a member.

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COLLEGE ABANDONS INTERCOLLEGIATES

Dean Supports New Decision

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or less successful season. It is very obvious from the records how badly this system has failed here at Bard in the last few years. Dr. Leigh believes that any such plan lacks common sense, and is unnatural inasmuch as it does not arise from the natural desire of the students for fun and sport, and is, therefore, largely artificial. He further believes that the action he has taken has been along the lines which our late Dean, and the faculty, intended to move. Outside of, and reinforcing these educational motives is the hard practical fact that the college cannot afford to support an intercollegiate program.

Dr. Leigh wishes to have the details worked out by a committee which will be chosen by the student council and himself. This committee will be a representative one, but the members, instead of representing organizations, will represent points of view in regard to athletics.

Freshmen Leading In Touch Football

The freshmen have jumped into an early lead in the touch-football league. Paced by Underwood and Potter, who have scored twelve and eight points respectively, they have passed through three games without a defeat, and hold a substantial edge over the Kaps, who are in second place by virtue of a win over the Non-Socs and a tie with the Eulexians.

	W	L	T
Freshmen	3	0	0
Kaps	1	0	2
Faculty-Sigs	1	1	1
Eulexians	0	2	1
Non-Socs	1	3	0

CHESS CLUB MEETS

The Bard Chess Club had its first meeting last week, and Theodore Strongin was elected secretary. Tournaments are being held to form a match team.

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Sports Council

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At the meeting of the Executive Committee for campus athletics last Monday night, it was decided that Seniors and all Juniors who have fulfilled the requirements for varsity sweaters will receive them this year. Sophomores who earned varsity letters last year will also have them.

Varsity sweaters will go to: Lincoln Armstrong, Frank Bjornsgaard, William Rueger, and Frederick Sharp.

Varsity "B's" will go to: Harold Altshuler, Scott Bowen, Wayne Horvitz, and Charles Wyman.

LOOKING AROUND

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thing ride. After all, in a college of one hundred and sixty capacity, they are nothing more than the parasitical remains of an era of the horse and buggy when it was a week-end trip to Vassar and back. If the fraternity men believe so heartily in their organizations as they pretend to, then I offer them a challenge. Contribute something to the college besides a dance on Prom week-end. Why not have regular dances for the college community, or movies, or lecture, music, entertainment of any sort. Stay on campus a few week-ends if the social aspect of your fraternity life means so much to you. Why, if one of the houses called a meeting for Friday night, there would be a mass rebellion. Naturally, you don't want to have your week-ends eaten up by fraternity life, and I don't blame you. I also might add—there you are!

(Mr. Horvitz has informed the editors of THE BARDIAN that he submitted his resignation from the Eulexian Society to its president, Scott McKeown.)

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Interviews of Freshmen Indicate Strong Unity of Class Opinion

The Class of 1943 is a more unified group in thought and opinion than has probably been observed on this campus since the old St. Stephen's days. When a cross section of the class was interviewed by a BARDIAN reporter, their answers to questions rang with metallic regularity.

The average freshman is a Republican. Out of the fifteen members of the class (approximately one-third) who were quizzed, only one stated that he would support President Roosevelt on a third term drive, and then only on condition that war was still being waged in Europe. One other freshman hesitated over the third term question, and finally said he was not certain how his political

views would shape in 1940. Six of the fifteen might safely be classed as Democrats, as they are Roosevelt supporters (through two terms), but two of these dropped their backing after the President's first term.

Most of the Class of '43 appear to read the newspapers, for the general consensus of opinion was that Hitler is the most famous man today. Chamberlain and Roosevelt each received one vote. Keeping out of war is an idea popular among the first-year class, though one man is desirous of aiding the Allies if they get in trouble or if our neutrality is menaced. Another freshman said we should steer clear until "our national honor was at stake."

Following one's own course of study was the general conception of what is meant by calling Bard a liberal college. A number of freshmen defined "liberal" by the rather loose term "progressive," while others maintained that liberal means freedom or doing anything you please, when you please. An ambi-

tious member of the Class of '43 described a liberal education as being able to study "what one pleased, when and how one pleased, and each person's work being his own private affair." Still another said that the Bard liberal program was an attempt to get the student used to self-study and away from the conventional last-minute cramming. "When you enter Bard, the Dean doesn't threaten you by saying that 50% of your class won't graduate."

What should Bard do if it received a gift of \$2000? That was the final question thrown at a small portion of the class, and the conventional answers were: expand the library or enlarge the theatre. A few hints were suggested toward better food, with one student going so far as to recommend that the college "fire the cook and buy decent meat and vegetables." Another idea was to build a couple of squash courts.

E. A.

EMMET ENGAGED

Robert Emmet, '40, has announced his engagement to Miss Ellen T. Hunter, of Salisbury, Connecticut, now a student at Vassar College.

FRESHMAN RULES DISPUTE



(Bardian Photo)

Wayne Horvitz at special Student Council meeting Wednesday night. L. to R., Hobbs, chairman, Wright, secretary, Storer, Lehman, Berringer, Wells, and Horvitz.

SWING BAND PRACTICE

The possibility of organizing a college orchestra has been discussed at some length this fall by swing band enthusiasts, but so far no concrete results are in evidence. A meeting of musicians called on September 21st resulted in a gathering of seven who were able to create a little noise among themselves.

Since that date the orchestra has tried vainly to organize a practice, but failing in that, the future of the swingers is now something of a question. The group at the first meeting and their respective instruments are as follows: Gile, piano; Theodore Cook, and William Zuh-

rung, trumpets; William Nichols, violin; Edgar A. Anderson, drums; Fraser Richards, bass viol; and Robert Potter, saxophone.

JUNIOR-SOPH PROM

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Bert Leefmans and Norman Ream are in charge of refreshments, and Scott Bowen and Gifford Marshall will take care of room accommodations and chaperon arrangements. Harry Winterbottom is attending to the printing of dance programs.

Social groups on campus have started plans for the week-end, details of which are to be announced soon.

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