## AN EDITORIAL

**House Presidents on Council Challenged**

By DAVID H. SPIDICK

A sensationally unorthodox situation presents itself in the composition of the Community Council as presently set up. Members of the Trivial Council and voting Community highlight with nothing like real Community backing for their presence on the Council. These members, the House Presidents, hold votes with a low of 24 votes and a high of 20 votes for their positions. They vote equally with Community representatives who have a low of 61 and a high of 190 votes to back them. Is this not a flagrant anomaly if we consider ourselves democratic? The following table graphically the situation. (Letters are substituted for names.)

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**AVERAGE VOTE PER MEMBER:** 79 votes.

### Facts to be deduced from these statistics?

**FACT 1.** The average vote of house Presidents is only one-fifth that of Community-elected Council members.

**FACT 2.** The total vote of all six House Presidents combined, does not equal that of the top Community representative and is only 3 above the second highest.

**FACT 3.** Theoretically, at least, 6 House Presidents with a total of 99 votes could override 5 Community representatives with a total of 396 votes.

### What facts may be read into these statistics?

**FACT 4.** House Presidents by members of Council are distinctly out of place, since their electoral backing does not—can not—come from anything like a large enough section of the Community to be truly representative.

### What is the solution to the problem?

It lies in a revision of procedures for electing House representatives to the Council. Let each house make 3 majority nominations and then allow the whole council to contest them with entrance to the Council, as it was set up in the past practice. In conclusion, he states that the proposed solution and not the present committee of the Citizens from disease, *Bard Medicine* represent the wishes of the people and the future of this institution.

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### RENOVATION PLANNED FOR SUMMER

Interesting plans are afoot for the coming summer in the B. and O. Hall. The committee in charge of the works, under the direction of Mr. Alwyn Director. Although no definite end is planned for the near future, a number of improvements in the hall have already been started. The kitchen and main entrance will be expanded to accommodate extra guests.

**Council of administrators will be interested to know that the Chemistry Laboratory will be remodeled.** That work will begin as soon as possible, so that new experiments will be ready for the beginning of the fall semester. In the meantime, the Science Division will be happy to report that bids for the necessary labor have already been submitted.

**On interest to wartiers and those who look forward to planning their rooms in the Hall, it is hoped for the arrangement of the living room and the study rooms on the upper floor, which will be available for the next session, and the new arrangement of the assembly room.**

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EAST TERK, by order of the Convocation, the Community Council set up a public relations committee. After a term of inactivity, this committee has at last begun to function.

Such an organization can be very valuable to the college. It could advise on all matters of publicity and promote any idea or project of the college before the public. It could assist in one especially important aspect; relations between the Board and the surrounding community. The committee has already sent representatives to one inter-collegiate activity and plans to attend more. In numerous ways the committee can make the public more aware of the college.

This type of committee depends for its success on public support. All of its work must be based on the cooperation of the public, acceptance of its advice. If we wish to benefit from the good work that can be done now by the public relations committee, we must give it our fullest cooperation and support.

P.O.

Letters To The Editor:

COLLEGE TRADITION

The varied experiences of our college alumni who lived at Bard under different conditions, when considered over a period of years, cannot help but add to our present understanding of the college. We have maintained a high level of morale on the Bard campus because of college tradition. Tradition has always been a part of our daily life, and it is not always appreciated. Many people, however, do not take the time to learn about it. There is no doubt that there is a great deal of knowledge about it, but we must realize that it has been passed on to us. We do as a group despite all our diversity and varying ideas. We don’t develop compulsory chapel, fraternities, or libraries. There is no set path that we follow. We are a group of people who have come together in a common belief in the educational goals of the institution.

We need some spirit, fire, and life in this group so long as we are conscious together and in a whole. In this line we feel the very fact of our physical tradition contributes to a self-sufficient attitude. We are living in a community that is largely composed of women from other communities. We realize the importance of our own actions more clearly when we see them in relation to another society. We become more interested in the relation to the society outside which is adjacent but removed.

Therefore it should be corrected that there is no special consideration or discrimination to color or race at Bard. College traditions are international and remain a part of our experience. But this is a matter of our own action more clearly when we see them in relation to another society. We become more interested in the relation to the society outside which is adjacent but removed.

We’ve got to know about these things.

Frances Schaeffer

DISCRIMINATION?

It seems that some people will always insist on creating new problems as there were room for more. The last issue of the “Bardian” carried an article on racial discrimination in a beautifully engraved and illustrated vocabulary. Frankly, this is an embarrassing subject to bring up at Bard because this situation has never existed, except in the minds of individuals with collective anxiety over the issue.

Let us ask the confused author of that article what he means by the term “racial fractionalism.” Sectional and colored students at Bard? If this “fraction” is so influential, how can it be that there is not more of it at Bard? If the author insists that the “fraction” is at Bard and has no colored students, he is discriminating against them. It is unbelievable that he can believe the article will seem to be important for his college community and will test for colored students. That would be due in part to the lack of interest in community.

Elie A. Shnorr

STUDENT WORK IN STORE?

Many members of the community have been dissatisfied with the availability of student work in the store. It seems that such an arrangement would be extremely beneficial to the students. Many of the students at Bard College have part-time jobs off campus. Several of the students at Mrs. Lunt’s, the Bard College Store, would be clerks and employees who could use the possible reduction of prices on certain foods, the students would be able to assist the store in the best possible manner.

Elie A. Shnorr

The New Bardian

THE BARDIAN, like any other newspaper, has an important job to perform. It acts as a force through which any member of the community may register opinion, complaint, or information with the rest of the college. It should never be journal of the opinion of one small group. In order to give the widest range to its ideas the editors invite any and all members of the community to contribute letters and signed articles on any subject they wish.

In the past, the Bardian has had a hard job merely keeping alive on a limited budget and with a too-small staff. Now it has, at last, obtained enough money to run a really first-rate paper. The interest in the paper has increased. The number of students and faculty members is important.

The paper attempts to act as a service to the college by printing schedules of coming events, reviews of past work, and other items of interest. Both to provide a wider range of news and to improve the standards of the paper a larger staff is desirable. The College of Bardian now has a greater number of permanent members, and a larger staff whose members are not able to give full time to the work of the newspaper but who, from time to time, help out.

The editors would like to build up both of these departments. We hope we can interest the community in helping us improve a valuable part of the Bardian.

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By VINCENT J. BUENO

THE STUDENT FEDERALISTS

The Student Federalist is an intercollegiate organization whose purpose is to introduce the world to society. During the first few months it has rapidly grown in size as a significant intercollegiate organization.

With headquarters at 29 Madison Avenue, New York City, the Student Federalist is a national organization of colleges, universities, and high schools from coast to coast. Activities now under way, adopted in the Student Federalist Convenal Charter, include the creation of a study program for students of the world to meet with students from other universities and to discuss the problems of international relations;

Publicity for this organization is made up of all college and high school students throughout the nation. Announcements of the meetings are broadcast on national radio programs.

The last annual meeting was held on February 10. Students belonging to the organization came from 35 colleges and 25 high schools to Concord, Massachusetts, where discussions were held for a period of four days. The meeting was held at Whitney Tavern and the first floor, an old eighteenth century building. The discussions were held in the spirit of a strictly intellectual charter. Its main points are summed up in the following statement:

"We must make world citizenship a political fact. Existing governments have demonstrated that they are incapable of preserving peace and protecting human rights in an interdependent world... only a new world government can lead the principles of federalism against the irresponsibility of nationalism while preserving national identity. The Student Federalist, therefore, is not a revolutionary organization, for it is a new federal government." It states that the UNO has no responsibility to any individual; it can only make recommendations to, or negotiate treaties with member nations; and it cannot prevent the secession of any nation... it will be a weak and useless one unless it can be made a reality.

In order to awaken the United States to the need for a strong international union, the Student Federalist will hold monthly meetings to the students of our nation. The Student Federalist will educate our generation in the principles of federalism; educate the organization to take the necessary steps, support the necessary measures, and support all steps which will lead to a federal world government.

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Sports Slants
By FRED BAGGAL

The intramurals started off with a flourish. Tournaments in badminton, ping-pong, bowling, pool and darts finally played marked the beginning of a complete program.

Sawath, blue-jerseyed Bob Gagnon looks like the favorite in the men's ping-pong. As a member of the Air Force, he had much time to practice and his thundering backhand should put him in the finals. His only rival as far, seems to be hurl-like Norm Oberfer, but Gagnon's superior physical shape will probably make the difference.

Lithe, slender Bill De Bon looks like the logical choice in the badminton tourney, and Dee Aramson should take the girls' tourney.

Chick Stockton, who spent most of his youth in pool halls, should prove to be tough in this section of the intramurals. The favorite in the bowling contest is, at this writing, unknown; but your reporter has learned that Junior's friend, Denn O'Meara, has a ghost of a chance.

What with the advent of age, the local all-stars can be seen daily exerting about the campus with ball and glove. There seems to be a lot of talent in the world of sports and the diamond should see many new pairs of athletic feet.

The Bard handballers suffered their third defeat last Friday at the hands of a completely outmatched New Paltz College team. The Bards played superb ball throughout the game but the constant failure to capitalize on good shots cost them the important victory. The score was 56 to 49; if the Bard squad had made two-thirds of their shots, they would have trounced the New Paltz squad.

The Annandale put on a much fiercer exhibition in this game than they did against Hartwick and should polish their fine victory when the New Paltz team plays here this Friday.

Captains Ted Yerden and Doug Mathers were high scores for the Bard five and Cowan and Stokette also played fine ball.

Credit should go to Mathers for completely stopping the six-foot-six New Paltz center from scoring. Mathers stopped this giant every time he pivoted for a one-handed basket shot. Chamberlain also played a strong defensive game.

Of Special Note:
One small furry animal was recently reprimanded for his actions, namely, treeing a cat. His master, Richard Whipple, describes the incident as follows:

"This, Teddy Snurfheart, . . . who shares conferences with his papa's garden, and whose quest for mice has turned several lives in the annexe of glittering chandeliers.

And while Spanager who hunts the rats and tries to rub it off, too . . ."

Tipple Morrison is quite an independent thinker . . . he minds his own business and rather bashfully ignores his uncle's would-be friends. Knowing Teddy's affectionate nature, we can't say we blame him.

In the English department, the tentative grades were all A's and B's.

In the Biology department, please note:
Nothing like the hawthorns of a month on a screen to frighten one into Don Cornman torture . . .

How does the boy with the beard . . .

Who scores the devil out of me . . .

And flies and graces and crawling ants

That creep into one's . . . shoes.

(Doesn't rhyme now, but it will if you sit on the lawn.)

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