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First Win Since 1963  

Oct. 20—Bard College students will be held in the Bard campus on Friday night for the first soccer game in two years by a score of 6 to 4.  

A crowd of several hundred attended the game, held at the empty softball field.  

The game was a hard-fought battle with several goals being scored in the first half.  

The game began with a strong goal by the Bard College team, and was followed by several goals by the opposing team.  

The second half was more one-sided, with Bard College scoring several more goals.  

The final score was 6 to 4 in favor of Bard College.  

Alumni Assembly  

The Annual Alumni Fall Assembly will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30.  

Planned for the day will be the meeting of the Alumni Executive Committee, beginning at 10:30 a.m.
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**Letters To The Editor**

**Poet-Kingliness**

I was distressed at Mr. Aruni Saroyan’s article (October 15, 1965) where he did not do literary justice to a fine poet. It was a tasteless piece of gossip that not only restricted itself to the discussion of a single poem, but was also not in line with a sense that I have already addressed the “Quarterly,” to its satisfaction at least, elsewhere. That I descend to Mr. Saroyan’s level is, of course, a matter of my own judgment, but in playing with Diane Wakoski as defined in the Poet-Ring, I believe that my self-control has been much more interesting in publishing my own poetry, since I also have something in common with Diane Wakoski as defined by the Poet-Ring. He is much more at ease with himself, and so may be in playing with Diane Wakoski.

—Elizabeth Stambler

**Proud of Quarterly Review**

The Bard Observer hereby serves notice that it will not serve as a publicist for the English Department. We do not agree with Mr. Saroyan’s position. Personally we feel that Mr. Theodore W. Weiss’ twenty-year history of publication has added much to the Bard Community and we are proud and honored to have a professor of this stature on campus.

—The Editor

**A Civilized College Community?**

Regarding your poetry and the Bard style and tone prompts this response to the review in your page 3 (the 20th Anniversary Poetry Issue of the Quarterly Review of Literature). It was a vicious little essay and a real shot in the foot to Samuel Johnson. It said nothing significant about anything. It listed a recited list of names of people as if on inattention; with the word “unqualified” an adolescent girl in author in search of an adjective found “vain,” “dull,” “dull” a real and in search of an adverb, I do not know what they were doing for better critical performances than this one. The crudity of the review is matched by the editorial policy and taste which allowed it to be published. A civilized college community usually deserved an издание, childish and felt, simply that the collection of poems in the perspective of a twenty-year history of publication in a more vivid literature in a literary journal than in a college situation. A still more liberated edition of the Bard Observer’s interest in the excellence of this college would have been some note of celebration.

—Elisabeth Stambler

**Science Club Elects Officers**

The steering committee of the Bard College science club has elected from their members the following officers: Chairman—Jeffrey Levy; Secretary—Linda King; Treasurer—Jonathan Wexler.

The program this year will consist of a series of lectures on the same of this year. It will be a lecture on the budding student and his professors, otherwise education is not being in school at a particular time, a light, off-campus, work, involving research. The budding student’s mediocre grade might be quite irrelevant in this world. The only impressionistic evaluation is to how and where a student is. It is an interesting subject in another world. The conclusion is that

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merits of the Vietnam war as policy—in my opinion, it is both unjust and impolitic—but an academic I must say this, the pressuring and interference of the draft policy in academic matters are intolerable and poison the atmosphere of the community of scholars. It is the duty of faculty concern to protest against them and refuse them, and it is the duty of students to urge the faculty to do so. The protest ‘just policy’ on the student is a failure. Either the war is just and nobody should be deferred except for absolute social or personal necessity, or all must be in it. Or the war is unjust and we should not be deferred and the hell out of it. And abstractly I agree with this forbidding reasoning, but—

Since the President does not seem to be about to give up the war the logic means abolishing the deferment. The students would of course be wildly against it, for various good and bad reasons. Also, University administrators would be against it, since it would diminish the size of the student body, even if many students only in avoid the draft. I think the government itself must shut away such a step, for it cannot be easier to cope with the unknown, but certainly very large, number of students who oppose war and would strenuously object to being drafted, but who now settle quietly for deferment. At present the government is obviously disposed to get most of its troops from the National Guard and the Reserves, rather than asking for an Emergency and drafting debate. Yet this draft toward a big professional army is hazardous to democracy, and we may rue it.

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logical tenets inflicted upon him by his comrades were he to make himself known in standing up for his ideals? I sympathize with those who will act on what they believe even though they will not tolerate the abuse and thoughtless slander of less honorable citizens of the community.

But I do not sympathize with the victim’s informer! Those who do sympathize on the basis of “how they got caught” are as bad as those who refuse to “inform” at all. When you break the law, you take a chance of getting caught, no matter how. It isn’t luck or “others” but your own weakness that get you into trouble. You are playing a very silly game and you needn’t be playing fairly is almost as ridiculous as the game itself.

—Roy Levin

Aram Saroyan’s mistitled Literary Review review which appeared in the Oct. 12 issue of the Bard Observer is well written. Some English majors have tried to find subtle meanings behind such simple sentences such as “whitman’s great.” This blatant over simplification is in one re-reading note. Critics seldom come to everyday language. More often their point is lost in long awkward analytic. They don’t commit themselves. Saroyan very much that mistake.

Until the 1910’s the established procedure in Literary Criticism was to criticize the author instead of the work. Brooks Atkinson among others reviving his creed. Modern criticism discusses the work instead of the author. Saroyan’s article is a throwback in 1919, century criticism in spite of the fact that he claims to represent new and “informed” poetry.

There are two schools of thought in poetry today, the Academic and the non-academic. There is much bitterness in the conflict, but this is no excuse to single out one magazine and condemn it. If Saroyan was condemning the whole Aca- demic School, (I think he was) he should have focused his attack against the whole movement instead of one internet blog. In not doing this he destroyed the point he was trying to make.

—Francis Fleetwood

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