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OCTOBER 26, 1965

Soccer Team Wins First!!

First Win Since 1963

Oct. 20- Bard College students who are more reknowned for protest marches on Fifth Ave. than for marches on the athletic field won their first soccer game in two years by a score of 6 to 4.

The lead changed several times during the hard fought, exciting contest with New Paltz Frosh, but Chevy Chase led on by cheers from a sympathetic home crowd finally put the game out of reach with a goal in the last two minutes of play.

Peter Irwin was high scorer with three goals; Chevy Chase was second with two.

Captain Jeff Patton lead a strong defense in keeping New Paltz away from the Bard nets for most of the afternoon.

On Saturday, October 23, the team lost to Danbury State Teachers College by a score of 6-3.

According to Coach Patrik "the team has developed tremendously this season. We ought to do well this Saturday.'

The next home game is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, October 30, against Hartwick Frosh.

Alumni Assembly

The Annual Alumni Fall Assembly will be held on the Bard campus on Saturday, Oct. 30. Scheduled for the day will be a meeting of the Alumni Executive Committee, beginning at 10:30 a.m.



Letters To The Editor

I find Mr. Irwin's cynicism a the years. great deficit and dishonor to the Bard Community. On the other Community. On the other tion in not making public the real secret behind the "Bomber Squad".

At the risk of admonishment for revealing the truth, I would like o remove the disgrace so willingly lavished on the team by one of its members.

Paul Newman is strictly an amateur in the art of "hustling" when compared with a whole crew of eleven men, practiced professionals, the Bard Soccer Team.

We have been excellently and arduously trained in the art, and have proven the consistency and quality of our work throughout

The plays exhibited last Saturday were a product of the "Bombhand, I admire the author's discre- er's" motto, "rigorous rote ruins rivals"

> shown an example of the famed "Heel" kick, which consists in passing the ball back to our own goalie, who in turn exercises coordination and timing in the wellknown (to Hustlers) "tunnel catch." This term can be described as the difficult process of standing on all fours and thus assuming with the limbs and trunk a tunnel-like position, allowing the ball to roll under the tunnel and into the nets. Variations on this play were successfully executed no less than four times during Saturday's game.

Clearly, the most complex and successful play that the front line uses, comes with the opening kickoff. As a result of hard work and overwhelming grace, these five men were able to successfully give the ball to the opposing front line Hodgkinson approved a plan as I've been here, three years, approximately thirty-five times on Chairman Bill Bernstein which Now I finally got a chance to do is commonly known to soccer hustwould end fines for parking and something about it. I went down lers as the "walk-away" play. At to Buildings and Grounds Depart- the kickoff the center-forward The plan will be presented to ment and found out that as far lightly passes to the right inside, the full Safety Committee on Wednesday for a vote, but immediate stem is more trouble than it's expected who cleverly performs three successive pirouettes around the ball, approval is expected. worth. They only collect about \$70 confusing the opposition. The left nside pretends to be angry at the right inside for dribbling instead of passing and executes, with a grave visage, two umbrella steps and one baby step into the ribs of the right inside, knocking him over and faking the "shoe lace stumble," and passes the ball to and to work as their directing sophomores. The actors for "Hello the opposition's center forward. The complexity and timing of this play is self-evident, and if it is achieved, enables the opposition to score.

Lastly, Saturday's "hustle" would not have been complete without the scoring of one goal for the 'Bombers," to convince Nyack of our aggressive intentions. The play was made possible with the help of Nyack's goalie, who had fallen asleep by the third quarter.

We hope Peter Irwin stands re buked.

Chevy Chase

I quite agree that the "cdious Informer" should be able to openly attach his name to his accusa-(Continued on Pages 2 and 3)

Bardians Attend Meeting On Ethics And Morality

by Peter Municello

Bard," said Craig Livingston.

"The world does care about us and cares very much," retorted Matthew Perlstein. "We're part of society and have a commitment

In smoke-filled Albee Social, other people argued. Mr. Hecht and Mr. Koblitz both said a school's social reputation endangers its academic standing.

One student referred to Walter Winchell's derogatory comment about Bard. "I don't want to see Winchell running my school," answered Harvey Fleetwood.

The scene of all these comments was a Forum held last Thursday evening entitled "College Policy-Private Ethics." Organized by several students, it was a discussion of the relationship between official College policies and student ethics. A panel of Jack Faylor, Nyack's future missionaries were Bill Lowe, Harvey Fleetwood, Matthew Perlstein and Craig Livingston answered the many questions from the audience.

> Narcotics, intervisitation, "misfits", and informing were all issues that were touched upon. Even the role of the college in society was mentioned as Mr. Olanoff ex- relations with others, the strength pressed his concern with this ques-

> "Should we of the college stand aloof and serve as slightly deta- the moderator, ended the discusched critics?" He was answered by sion. "The evening has produced Matthew Perlstein, who stated his a clarification of views he said view that "We can't afford to re-and the Greeks would have been

"The world doesn't care about | and commitment to society."

"The Odious Informer" editorial of the October 12 OBSERVER was mentioned in a question and Harvey Fleetwood asked to further clarify his statement. He stated that his objection was to the Administration's means of achieving their ends, which he agreed with; he did not believe this to be the way to enforce College rules.

Carol-Jean Smit posed a question for the panel concerning the place of "students here at Bard for non-academic reasons." She was answered by Mr. Perlstein, who said that those who appear to be "loafing" might have more immediate personal problems that they must first face." As an example of such a problem, he cited the transition to Bard from another school, a transition "which can often be a violent one." He intimated that they are probably not here for "the wrong reasons" after all.

One of the last to speak was Mr. Sourian. He stated his feelings concerning a "lack of depth in convictions" expressed by many present. He felt that these feelings too often related only to the speakers themselves; when it came to of these convictions was often noticeably lessened.

At 11 o'clock, Andrew Krieger, main aloof; the college has a role proud of us."

Dean Approves Plan To Abolish Traffic Fines

drawn up by Safety Committee and I always thought it was wrong. traffic offenses.

approval is expected

submitted to the Dean said "Just | and trying to collect all the fines as there is no monetary penalty for violations of the social regulations" neither should there be for traffic violations.

"But similarly to the social regulations, a point value will be assigned to each specific infraction, and when a certain number of points is accumulated impoundment of the vehicle will be automatic, just as recourse to social probation or suspension is taken when there are persisting violations of the social regulations."

Mr. Bernstein said that he had long been concerned about the financial handicap which the system of monetary fines was imposing on the "students on scholarship or on a tight budget. Wealthy students can afford the fines anyway, and fines don't stop them from breaking the rules. It's the poorer students who suffer."

Mr. Bernstein approached the Dean previously and had received It does not imply more or less leassurances that such a plan might niency than the old system with tions. But why should anyone have be approved.

Mr. Bernstein said, "Students a preventative one."

Monday, October 25th, Dean | have been getting fined for as long The plan which Mr. Bernstein a semester and the bookkeeping costs them almost as much."

A suggested system of points for various violations:

1) parking—one point

2) speeding—two points

3) reckless or drunken drivingthree points

4) failure to register vehicle with B & G within 24 hours after receiving notice to do so-two

5) traveling wrong way in area designated as one way-one point 6) failure to muffle motorcycletwo points

FOUR POINTS would be equivalent to impoundment of vehicle.

The length of impoundment would be at the discretion of Safety Committee. It might be from one to two weeks or more depending on the seriousness of the violations.

"The purpose of this system is solely to eliminate monetary fines. respect to enforcement. Its aim is to face the pressure and psycho-

Directing Project '65: Tennessee Williams

by Gail Grisetti

carded cigarette butts and unfin-style. ished cups of black coffee sits the director wondering if there really easy plays to direct. The smallness is any hope after all. Yet, it seems of the casts for each play puts a unlikely that there could be a great burden on the director for successful production of a play unity and clarity of presentation without an eager hardworking and in addition to the fact that the often apprehensive director push- plays are very short so that the ing from behind, working for performance perfection. For three di- The easts, chosen by the directors recting majors from the drama department this a time to worry majors, are largely freshmen and projects enter the final stages of From Bertha" are Roberta Rosenpreparaiotn. Two of the plays are | field, Alex Shenk, and Margery directed by Pamela Dendy and Wood, "Moony's Kid" Donald Gold-Spencer Mosse, both juniors, in berg, Marlyn Salkin, and "This Directing, a course taught by Mr. Kevin Fitzpatrick. Driver. The third play directed by David Crabbs is for his moderation this semester.

Three one-act plays by Tennessee Williams will comprise the Post Office Now in program, "This Property Is Condemned" directed by Pam Dendy. 'Moony's Kid Don't Cry' directed by David Crabbs, and "Hello From Bertha" directed by Spencer Mosse, who is also doing the lighting for all the shows. It will be interesting to see these plays presented on the same program when approached by the individual directors because although they repre- dividual box and all the locks sent a wide range of subjects, they

are written by the same man in In among the thousands of dis- the same strangely fascinating

The directors have not chosen development must come quickly. from an audtiion of the drama conjunction with their Studio in Property" Maxine Lieberman and

Performances will be given Saturday, October 30 through Tuesday, November 2.

Ludlow Basement

Yesterday the College opened the New Post Office for the first time to mixed student reaction.

"It's just as narrow as the old $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right)$ one," said one girl, "but the new boxes are nice."

"Each student will have an in-(Continued On Page Four)

Bard Observer

THE BARD OBSERVER, the official publication of the Bard College Community, is issued every two weeks during the Fall and Spring Semesters.

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Editorial

Last Saturday night a seventeen year old freshman was awakened at 4:30 a.m. Two flashlights trained directly on his face blinded his eyes while two men searched his room.

"What's going on" he asked, holding his hand up to cover his eyes.

"Go back to sleep," they said. After satisfying themselves they clicked off their flashlights and left.

Not once during this whole time did they have the courtesy to turn on the lights, or even tell the boy what they wanted.

The proctors told the house president that they had stood outside for five minutes and that they were sure there was a girl inside.

An informal check by two of the house presidents satisfied them that there was no girl in violation of the social regulations anywhere near the room which the proctors singled out.

Were this simply an isolated incident no mention of it would be made, but it is one of a series of infringements of the social regulations by the proctors involved. Just last week after many formal complaints by House Presidents Commtitee, the Administration arranged a meeting between the proctors and Don Baier, Chairman of House Presidents, to further clarify the situation. It doesn't seem to have worked.

— Bill Bernstein deserves to be congratulated for the initiative he has taken in his attempt to do away with the traffic fine system at Bard. Clearly this is an anachronism that should have been abolished long ago.

The old system which fined everyone at the same rate obviously did not impose the same penalty on everyone. For wealthier students a three dollar fine is no penalty at all; for poorer students three dollars may be their only spending money for a week or longer

Since the profit the school makes from the fines is negligible in any case, dealing with traffic violators in the same way as House Presidents deal with social violators is a reasonable and laudable goal to aim for.

Letters To The Editor

Poet-Kingmanship

I was distressed at Mr. Aram Saroyan's article (October 15, 1965) which was not a literary review: it was a tasteless piece of gossip which not once restricted itself to the discussion of a single poem.

It is with a sense that I have already discussed the "Quarterly," to my satisfaction at least, else where, that I'll descend to Mr Saroyan's level. He is only interested, as most of my generation seems to be, in playing what Diane Wakoski has defined as the Poet-King. The Poet-King is basically much more interested in publishing than in poetry. He likes Having Written. He was beautifully defined by Dylan Thomas, no mean Poet-King in his own right, in an essay called "How To Be a Poet: Or, the Ascent of Parnassus Made Easy." I recommend it unhesitatingly to Mr. Saroyan.

But why discuss the quality of anyone's poems? Denise Levertov, whose new book—her sixth—is her finest yet, and whose "Olga Poems," which she read here last semester and which also appeared in "Poetry" (slipping, Mr. Rago?), is thrown rather blithely out the window: Saroyan considers her "a bore." Instead, we have the glorious example of Michael McClure: Rago, we are informed, "published McClure's very first poem. That's more like it, baby. That's Poet-Kingmanship, coupled with supreme editorial responsibility. Definitely, here we have something D-I-F-F-E-R-E-N-T.

God, let's hope we can keep it that way.

—Richard Deutch Richard Deutch has published in "Poetry Northwest," "The Minnesota Review," "The Nation," "Poetry Review," "Things," "Voices," and many other magazines; he edits "Scant." His first book, "Poets at the Gate," appeared in 1962.

A Civilized College Community?

Regard for poetry and for Bard style and tone prompts this response to the review in your pages t the 20th Anniversary Poetry Issue of the Quarterly Review of Literature. It was a vicious little piece, in the sense of that word Samuel Johnson used. It said nothing intelligible about poetry; it recited a list of names of poets as if in incantation; with the wordhoard of an adolescent girl its author in search of an adjective found 'nice,' 'new,' 'different,' and 'real' and in search of an adverb 'really.' Bard freshmen are asked 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 deserved an invitation, thoughtful and felt, simply to read the collection of poems in the perspectives of a twenty-year history of publication (a longer, more vigorous life in a literary journal than in a college student). A still worthier indication of the Bard Observer's interest in the excellences of this college would have been some note of celebration.

Elizabeth Stambler Miss Stambler is an Associate Professor of English at Bard.

Proud of Quarterly Review

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

But by the same token, we feel there is a dicotomy in the field of poetry today and hold that the Bard freshman are entitled to hear a contradictory view. Originally we intended to have a second article on the Quarterly Review along with Mr. Saroyan's; it never materialized. To suppress articles which do not agree with us would be censorship of the worst kind; we would hope never to be guilty of such an act.

Because of the ensuing controversy we hope the Bard Freshman have thought and learned a little more about the problems of poetry than might have been the case had we published little more than a publicity release.

—The Editor

Science Club Elects Officers

The steering committee of the Bard College science club has elected from their members the following officials; Chairman, Jeffrey Levy; Secretary, Linda King; Treasurer, Jonathan Wyner.

The program this year will consist of a film on "The Embryology of the Japanese Chick" to be shown during October. A series of classical experiments in Chemistry and Physics will also be conducted. Guest speakers are being contacted.

The Observer welcomes contributions from both the faculty and students in the form of letters to the editor and reviews of all kinds. Contact the editor for more information

Paul Goodman

Many students tell me they are in school this year, or in school altogether, to avoid going to the rice paddies. They say it angrily, not slyly. Their moral problem is an unsual one. It is not that they are shirking the army for their personal comfort or their careers—a dodge that occurs at all times and in all countries; rather, they feel they ought to be resisting the present war more honestly, burning draft-cards, going to jail, etc. According to the opinion polls, the President has a solid popular majority for his policy, but I doubt that he has anything like a majority in the colleges, especially among the younger instructors and the students. Thus, I expect the teach-ins and anti-war demonstrations to be stronger and to involve civil disobedience, if only because of these students' self-disgust for their privileged exempt status.

On the other hand, for the students who are not protesters, the draft-policy does not have much patriotic significance. I doubt that there are many students who feel enthusiastic that their college training is an indispensable function of the Great Society and its war effort, so that their student-deferment is valued as a positive good, rather than a lucky break.

Best Students Are Dissenters

Even more serious, however, the most intellectually earnest students are the strongest dissenters, on Civil Rights, University reform, pacifism, oppoition to the Vietnam war. This was evident at Berkeley, where the Free Speech Movement leaders had grades far superior to the average; and the same has just been demonstrated across the country in a report for the Carnegie Corporation: dissent is strongest in schools with the highest aca-demic standing and, in those schools, among the best students. Think of the unfortunate, and dangerous, polarization among young people that this mplies. The armed forces tend to be filled with he poor and unschooled. They are drafted, and hey also tend to enlist since they are likely to be drafted anyway and they might as well have it over with; besides, in peace-time conditions, the armed services provide education for the ambitious that is better than most high schools and some col-leges. In war-time conditions, the selected group at the front understandably resents the protesters at home who are a different breed. A reporter from Danang (Warren Rogers in the N. Y. Journal-American) says, 'The 18-and 19-year-olds, fashionably referred to as high school dropouts, have steel in their backbones and maybe too much of what prize-fighters call killer instinct." But the protesters are most often better informed, more reasonable, and even more earnest. Naturally the men at the front think of them as slackers, careerists, beatniks, or nuts.

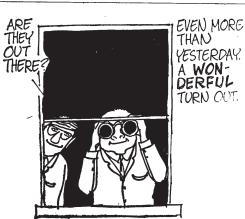
On the streets, the ever louder crowds that curse the young pacifist demonstrators are in fact likely to be cursing the young people of whom they would ordinarily be most proud and whom they would like their own children to emulate. If the American casualty lists mount, we are bound to see a Know Nothing spirit worse than McCarthyism, for the dissent is more widespread, stubborn, and intellectually critical than it was in McCarthy's time. This is certainly a grim relationship between the community of scholars and society

of scholars and society.

Policy Academically Outrageous

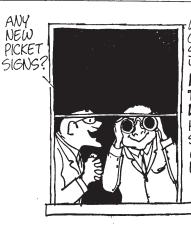
Consider another bad aspect of this relationship. Precisely to diminish shirking and to guarantee social utility (according to its lights), as well as to increase recruitment, the government wll now exempt only students who get good grades, carry a full course-load, and even are in the sciences rather han the humanities. But this kind of extra-mural pressuring is academically outrageous. The curriquium and level of performance that warrant a student's being in college must be entirely the affair of the student and his professors, otherwise educational process is impossible. For a particular student at a particular time, a light load, off-campus work, a moratorium might be just the right thing. A student's mediocre grades might be quite irrelevant to the question of how much he is profiting. The right curriculum depends on where and how a student is.

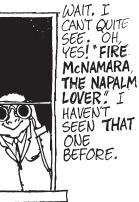
I am unwilling in this column to discuss the (Continued on Page Three)





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GOING TO
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WILL SOME-BODY GET, SECRETARY MCNAMARA? HE GETS SUCH A KICK WHEN HIS NAME IS ON A SIGN!



Paul Goodman: The Vietnam War

merrits of the Vietnam war as policy—in mypoin-ion, it is both unjust and impolitic—but as an aca-demic I must say this: the pressuring and interference of the draft policy in academic matters are intolerable and poison the atmosphere of the com-munity of scholars. It is the duty of faculty concertedly to protest against them and refuse them, and it is the duty of students to urge the faculty

In abstract logic, the 'just policy' on the student deferment is clear: Either the war is just and then nobody should be deferred (except for absolute social or personal necessity); all must be in it together. Or the war is unjust and we should get the hell out of it. And abstractly I agree with this forthright reasoning, but-

Since the President does not seem to be about to give up the war th,e 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 their population and grandeur, even if many are students only to avoid the draft. But finally, I think the government itself must shy away from such a step, for it cannot be eager 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 gov-ernment is obviously disposed to get most of its troops from the National Guard and the Reserves, rather than asking for an Emergency and risking debate. Yet this drift toward a big professional army is hazardous to democracy, and we may rue it.

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Letters To The Editor (Continued from Page One)

by his comrades were he to make community. himself known in standing up for

even though they will not tolerate the abuse and thoughtless slander logical traumas inflicted upon him of less honorable citizens of the

But I do not sympathize with his ideals? I sympathize with those the informer's victims! Those who

who will act on what they believe 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 weaknesses that get you into trouble. You are playing a very silly game and to say that it isn't being played fairly is almost as ridiculous as the game itself.

—Roy Levin

Aram Saroyan's mistitled Literary 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 its one redeeming note. Critics seldom come down to everyday language. More often their point is lost in long awkward analysis. They don't commit themselves; Saroyan does not make that mistake.

Until the 1920's the established procedure in Literary Criticism was to criticize the author instead of the work. Brooks Atkinson among others reversed this trend. Modern criticism discusses the work instead of the author. Saroyan's article is a throwback to 19th century criticism, in spite of the fact that he claims to represent new and "different" 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 Academic School, (and I think he was) he should have focused his attack against the whole movement instead of one man. In not doing this he destroyed the point he was trying to make.

-Francis Fleetwood

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will be working in a short time" according to Dick Griffiths, Director of Building and Groups Department.

The new post office has four hundred and eighty six new boxes in addition to the two hundred and eighteen already owned by the school.

The old post office will be turned over to the Physics Department for a new classroom.

In the past students have had to share the post boxes with three or four other students and no attempt was made at locking the boxes.

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RED HOOK, N. Y.

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Sandwiches

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Laundry & Dry Cleaning Village

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9 DRESSES (approx.)			1.50
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3 LIGHTWEIGHT or				
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WASH — 8 lbs. DRY	WEIGHT 2	5	25 lbs.	.50