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Previous 3 - Step Curfew Removal

Last night's Council was prewhat to do with a motion concerning women's curfews passed ready presented to the administration and Board of Trustees. Dean Hodgkinson said that last semester's Council presented grams. the Board of Trustees with a three step proposition, each step to be carried out independently over a period of time. The steps involved: 1. Moving curfew up one hour for seniors; 2. Abolishing curfews for all Upper College women; 3. Abolish- Purchasing Coordinator he being curfew for all women.

Referring to the recent motion made by the present Council to abolish senior curfews completely, the Dean said, "You cannot at the same time extend curfew for senior girls and abolish it altogether." He asked the Council to make clear which of the two proposals it wanted the Board of Trustees to consider.

Grady Proposal Debated Dan Grady's motion to ask the Board to consider the two proposals "as alternative suggestions" met with some debate.

"I don't think that they exaccordance with the first step of last year's.'

After Mr. Grady's motion failed to pass a vote, Bob Edmunds moved to ask the Trus-

CouncilOverrides Boynton Is Raised To Vice-Pres.; Leads Drive

Glen W. Boynton of the Bard administration has been appointed vice-president of the College. Mr. Boynton's former sented with a peculiar problem; position was Director of Development, which he has held since July of 1965. As vice-president by last year's Council and al- he will now have greater administrative authority on the Joint Long Range Planning Committee and over fund raising pro-

> hTe new vice-president is a native of Lake Placid, N.Y., and a graduate of Wesleyan University with distinction in economics. Previously Mr. Boynton was with the Humble Oil & Refining Co. for nine years. As Chemicals came responsible for administering the annual purchase of chemicals valued at \$100 million. Mr. Boynton lives with his wife, the former Rose Anna Wilkins, and three sons in a College residence on Annandale Road adjoining the campus.

tees to consider this year's House Presidents Committee proposal as the one that "has been more widely discussed and

implement this new change," clude each other, said Linda the overall plan for gradual Boldt. "This year's motion is in abolishment of curfews completely. His motion was passed

> Request Made for Journal Also at last night's meeting, (Continued on Page Three)

Election Returns

Returns of the elections will be watched and analyzed tonight in Procter lecture hall starting at 7:30 p.m.

when word got around that Mrs.

Losee, the College's head nurse.

was going to retire in Novem-

ber. Several students were in-

head nurse filled by someone

they liked, and who they were

Dean Was Petitioned

senior Economics major, ap-

proached Dean Hodgkinson and

asked him if he would accept

a petition favoring the promo-

tion of Mrs. Rattray to the post.

Dean told me that he would be

quite willing to accept the docu-

ment. He explained that there

would be a review board consisting of Mrs. Sugatt, Assistant to the Dean; Mr. Asip, the Col-

lege's Business Manager; and the Dean himself to determine who was to become the new

Miss Beal collected 104 signatures on her petition and presented it to the administration. She returned the following week to learn what had occurred, but she was told that a decision would not be reached until the middle of the next week. Subsequently, it was announced that a Mrs. Fraser was to become the new head nurse. Mrs. Rattray would remain with

Miss Beal explained, "The

familiar with.

head nurse."

December.

Several

Stone Row Men Petition **B&G** For Private Partitions

The men of Stone Row at Bard College have joined forces to fight the "tenement" like arrangement of their dormitories. The freshmen living in the outside rooms of McVickar, Potter, North

and South Hoffman Halls are petitioning the college administration to build room dividers which would allow the students greater privacy.

Co-ed Fights Quiet Battle To Keep Nurse Rattray

The petition reads as follows: "We the undersigned protest the living conditions new evident throughout 'Stone Row.' We particularly protest the lack of privacy in the outside rooms and the adverse atmosphere this creates for serious study. We also object to the necessity of creating impromptu dividers which appear to be definite fire hazards.

We therefore propose that Buildings and Grounds in conjunction with the administration plan to erect room dividers over the field period for next semester."

Another grievance of the Stone Row residents was brought before House Presidents Committee recently. Since not all Bard dormitories have public rooms, one house presi-(Continued on Page 4)

be removed from the hospital staff. Popular interest in the matter | Rattray had been dismissed. was first aroused on campus Mrs. Rattray left a few weeks

By Molly Kigler

The employment situation at the Bard Infirmary has been a subject of speculation and rumor during the past few weeks.

Rattray, a nurse employed by the college for several years, was

fired recently, because she was dispensing information on birth control. Another story attributed her dismissal to the fact that

the new head nurse, Mrs. Fraser, requested that Mrs. Rattray

There have been unconfirmed stories circulating that Mrs.

Many Disliked Fraser

Miss Beal is disappointed with terested in seeing the place of the administration's decision. She told this reporter that many students had been dissatisfied with the attitude Mrs. Fraser had demonstrated toward them. Consequently, Margaret Beal, She was able to name two instances where this had been so.

Members of the New Union String Band performing at Red Balloon opening last Tuesday night. Barbara Crane, one of the managers of the Balloon, reported that the opening was a success, with more than 100 people present. The coffee house is open on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 8:30 to 11:30, and on cident. Miss Beal said that she heard, soon after that, that Mrs. Sunday mornings from 11:30 until 2. The Balloon will be open specifically this Saturday night, with Chevy Chase and his jazz group. Above are Chris Guest, Phil Terry, and John Kornhauser.

worked out to the more practicable method." He called it "the best way to

Bard College Schedule

	Activity	Place	Time
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8			
	House Presidents Committee	Albee	6:45
	Dance Club presents—Master Class in Modern Dance Technique; with Mr. Bruce King	Gym	7:30
	Social Studies Division presents— "Elections—An Empirical Inquiry" with Stuart Levine on "Opinion and Statistical Analysis;" Thurley Randolph on "Computer Impact;" and Robert Kobblitz on "Votes as Data." Also student comment, dis- cussion, and questions.	Proctor	8:00
	WEDNESDAY, NOVEM		= 00
	Educational Policies Committee	Aspinwall C	7:00
	THURSDAY, NOVEMB		
	Psychology Club presents—Dr. Sam- uel Sutton, of Biometrics Research, speaking on "Cortical Evoked Po- tentials"	Proctor	8:30
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11			
	Movie: "A Night at the Opera" and "All About Eve"		8:00
	The Chapel Committee invites the community to a Smorgasbord at Ward Manor. Jacket and tie requested	Ward Manor	9:00
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12			
	Make-up classes for November 27		
	Movies: An experimental film presented by Mark Muray, Steven Post, and Marc Weiss, also "A Night at the Opera" and "All about Eve"	Sottery	7:00
	Drama Department presents "The Alchemist." Directed by William Driver with Harold Stessel, Spenser Mosse, Jeffrey Rochlis, Blainie Deutschendorf, Jim Rosenbaum, and John Boylan	Theatre	8:30
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13			
	College Service	Chapel	11:00
	Drama Department presents "the Alchemist"	Theatre	8:30
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14			
	Community Council	Albee	7:15
	Music Club presents Claude Monteux, flutist, and Tuguett Von Ackere, pianist	Bard Hall	8:45
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15			
	House Presidents Committee	Albee	6:45
	Catholia Students Discussion Group	A lhoo	8.30

Catholic Students Discussion Group, Albee

all invited

Wither Are The Books?

the Infirmary until the end of

nouncement was made, Mrs. Rattray's husband died in an ac-

The Vanishing Library

of the week, the Library is tedly not hard to find under darkened, the doors locked, and the relaxed security conditions the building deserted. How is which prevail, and, judging Library is not a new condition, it, then, that on several recent by the number of books, re- but it isn't getting any better occasions, the doors have been cordings, cash, and other ar- either. An inventory of the found open by B & G staff pa- ticles which have vanished, book collection taken in 1964 trolling the campus after mid- there must be quite a few who revealed almost one thousand night? who is skulking around are tempted. Newly arrived missing books. Since then, apin the dark? Who is so desirous books disappear from the shelof the premises that he feels ves regularly and without a are known to have vanished, and it necessary to steal in during trace. An expensive recording there are in all probability the wee hours below or beyond of Weiss' "Marat/Sade" was tacommon sight? What does he ken from the office even before want there? Why can't he wait it could be catalogued. Bound either the next inventory or ununtil the doors are officially volumes of journals as well as til soneone asks for them. Many reopened the next morning?

the normal hours, nevertheless put on display, such as pictures, cognized works produced by for-

At 11:30 p.m. on most nights ty? The opportunities are admit- where they should be. loose issues which are restrict- of these books are out of print And what of those others, ed to use within the Library and cannot be replaced. Most of while restricting themselves to are nevertheless missing. Items them are good, substantial, refind or create the opportunities bookplates, etc. are unaccount- mer faculty members such as to escape with Library proper- ably and suddenly no longer

Over 1000 Books Missing This steady seepage from the proximately three hundred more not know and won't know until (Continued on Page 3)

Bard Observer

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Editorial **ROACHES AND THIEVES**

The conditions in dormitory kitchens on campus are deplorable. The main problem exists on weekends when maid service is suspended. The women residents in several dorms are under the misconception that the maids are hired to clean up after them. Thus dishes and cooking utensils, counters and facilities are left sometimes for an entire weekend with rotting leftovers and filth. The stench from garbage sometimes lasts for days after a group holds a dinner in Blithewood and conveniently neglects to clean up. It would seem more probable that the maids are hired to keep the room itself clean and not to pick up after "pigs."

The second problem can be considered more humiliating to a supposedly mature student body. Anything from a pat of butter to someone's lunch is fair game in the refrigerator of a Bard College dormitory. Some students have resorted to purchasing their own ice boxes and keeping them in their rooms. Last year one student placed a "Thou Shalt Not Steal" sign on the refrigerator of a Tewksbury kitchen.

At first this situation may seem comical. But students pay a high tuition at Bard. Why should one be compelled to spend money on facilities which are already available but which can not be used because others abuse them? Some students have lost large amounts of money on stolen food purchases.

Not all dormitories on campus have kitchens. The use of the kitchen is therefore a privilege. If that privilege is taken for granted then it should be suspended. One house president has already suggested that a kitchen be temporarily closed until conditions improved.

The innocent will suffer with the guilty if this occurs, but is that not what is happening right now? Would students put up with thievery and potential roaches in their kitchens at home?

Dance Review

The Girl In The Black Raincoat

By Ann McLeod

It all started as a "game" when George Garrett, professor of English at the University of Virginia, asked his students to write on the peculiar and intriguin theme of "The Girl in the Black R a i n c o a t." The 'game", however, soon became the serious artistic effort of many well-known authors, the results of which are now collected in a volume entitled—what else—THE GIRL IN THE BLACK RAINCOAT. But Mr. Garrett's "game," and the theme behind it, has grown beyond even his expectations, becoming, through the sensitive imagination of Miss Ana Itelman, the inspiration for an unique experiment in art and visual communication.

To co-ordinate so much-recorded and live dialogue, poetry, music, slides, cartoons, danceand produce little more than chaos is a feat in itself: to create a meaningful, aesthetically pleasing, and complete artistic experience through all these media is a fantastic accomplishment, for which Miss Itelman. the dancers, photographers, and technical crew deserve unconditional praise.

'Too Much of a Good Thing'

duction of Michel de Ghelde-

rode's THE WOMEN AT THE

TOMB," the cast was assembled

for another rehearsal. I asked

David Rieff Crabbs, who direc-

ted and designed the produc-

tion, if there were any major

changes in later performances,

and he said that there were

none, but that it just was bet-

ter in the final three shows.

What I am reviewing, then, is

admittedly, on "off" night. (I

think New York theatregoers

realize that actors are rarely at

their best on opening nights.) But my major objection to

this production—and it is an

objection that I don't think ad-

ditional rehearsal can alleviate

of focus, a lack of a single, uni-

fied definition of "what the play

was about." This lack of focus

caused most of the actresses to

stage, speaking their lines—oft-

There were times, it is true, when there was just too much going on, especially in the first Variation, "The Girl in Front of the Bank." The combination of a really good poem, the most beautiful slides in the show, and the exquisitely lyrical performance of Marva Lebensohn, was, unfortunately, a proof of the old cliché that one can indeed have too much of a good thing or I should say, good things. I found myself tenselv frustrated trying to give each part of the Variation the undivided attention it deserved, and trying. at the same time, to appreciate the piece as a whole. Then too, the action of the slides was not directly related to that on the stage, which, though not necessarily a fault, was another element preventing a satisfying ex-

In "Wilhelmina Bing," however the co-ordination of the various media was better and not at all frustrating; for the filmed and live sections were either alternated or, when presented together, were directly related to each other. It was, in fact, exciting to see how the slides and dialogue could handle the narrative of the story,

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Letters To The Editor

Opposed To Lindbloom

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the absurd editorial entitled "Lindbloom for Congress" in the Oct. 25 issue of the OBSERVER.

The person who wrote this editorial is obviously out of contact with political reality, both generally and especially in regard to the candidates and the issues in the 28th District.

In the first place, no one who has even the vaquest notion about the function of a Congressman, and especially a freshman Congressman, could possibly make the statement that a Conressman can "play an active role in determining foreign policy.

The function of a congressman is to represent the interests of his district to the federal government, and like it or not, this primarily involves "sending home plums of federal patronage and appropriations.

Secondly, the completely baseless statement that "Mr. Resnick has become even more beligerent (sic) about Vietnam than the Republican candidate Hamilton Fish Jr." reflects an abysmal ignorance of Mr. Resnick's position.

One Issue Candidate

A further weakness is that Mr. Lindbloom is a one-isse candidate. I have seen no statements from him concerning agriculture, urban renewal or water pollution and other problems of vital concern to this district. We have not been told where he stands on any issue but Vietnam. Perhaps he is the candidate of the Panacea Patry, whose slogan might be, "End the war and everyone will live happily ever after.'

I might point out that, according to the ratings published by the New Republic (Oct. 22), Mr. Resnick is one of the most liberal congress-men in Washington. With the sole exception of the bill for appropriations for the Vietnam war, ie took the position favored by the New Repubir on every key issue, including voting against the House Un-American Activities Committee. into consideration a candidate's position on all into consideration a candidate's position on all the issues, not just one, as well as weighing into the balance the candidate's personal qualifica-tions. As nearly as I can ascertain, Mr. Lindsole qualification is that he thoughtful young man from Poughkeepsie." He has no political, governmental or administraive experience. About all that distinguishes him from other thoughtful young men who oppose the war is that he has the chutzpah to run for Congress.

Can Only Siphon Votes

Finally, a word should be said about the practical effects of voting for Lindbloom. Even his most wild-eyed supporters should admit that he has absolutely no chance of being elected. 5,000 signatures on a petition is hardly evidence of overwhelming support in a district with hundreds of thousands of registered voters. The most he can do is siphon off a few thousand votes from one candidate or the other, and it is a lead-pipe cinch that the candidate from whom he will take the overwhelming majority of his votes is Mr. Resnick. In an election as close as this one, the net effect could be to throw the election to Mr. Fish, and return this district to the kind of non-representation it "enjoyed" for half a century. In other words, a vote for Lindbloom is a vote for Fish.

This is something all my friends of the New Lef should keep in mind as they sell their paintings, hand out their leaflets, and (if they are residents of this district), vote.

> Jeffrey T. Mortimer **Uctober 31, 1966**

_Drama Review _

The Women at the Tomb

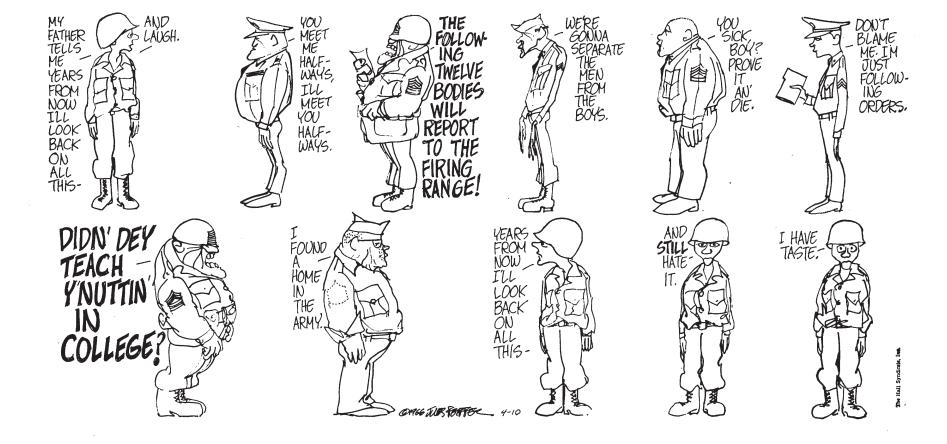
Marion F. Towbin After the opening night of | en quite well—but not interact-

ing with one another. the Drama Department's pro-

Confusion of Purpose If this was the interpretation the director desired; if he conceived of it as a theatre of the absurd piece, this should have been made explicit. As it stood, only three actresses seemed to understand that they were performing an allegory, a miracle play for the contemporary thea-

Glenn Bristow gave a strong interpretation of the old Layer-Out of the Dead. She looked like something from "Marat/ Sade" (if all the characters had this grotesqueness, the play could have easily been "ab surd"). Fortunately, she never fell into the cliches which must be so tempting when playing a -was what seemed to be a lack witch-like old woman. Her ability to avoid the cliché however, was not true of most of the others in the cast.

Esther Indenbaum, the Wommove autonomously around the an Cursed of an Issue of Blood, (Continued on Page Three)



The Girl In The Black Raincoat

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allowing it to present itself nat- discordance of "Lonely New urally without the necessity of the poignant whimthe old program plot-summary, sy of "Wilhelmina Bing." Not and leaving the dancer free to once did Miss Itelman ignore express herself through acting the inherent differences among and pure dancing without the the Variations, and thus not use of stilted and dull mimedevices so often employed in

Credit to Miss Barry

A great deal of the credit for this Variation's success, its But the brilliance of the choretechnical accomplishments notwithstanding, must be given to had it not been matched by the Collette Barry, who was the cohesive force within the piece. Indeed, Miss Barry more than just held the Variation together; for she not only executed her role with exciting technical skill, but also captured precisely the now wistful, now playful, now hysterical, now ecstatic gone far beyond that no, as moods of a young girl in love

with her English professor. Of all the Variations, only "Lonely New York" was not taken from THE GIRL IN THE BLACK RAINCOAT, but was Miss Itelman's own response to Mr. Garrett's "assignment" and an admirable response indeed, heightened by the excellent performances of Marion Tarr, Judy Lipgar, and Gail Grisetti. Here it was not Miss Itelman's co-ordination of the various media that was noteworthy, but her dexterous use of three dancers, equal in ability and yet so different in quality that they appeared discordant even when moving as a unit. All of which achieved the desired effect of individuality amidst similarity, identity amidst anonymity, aloneness amidst multitudes-the effect of lonely New York.

Finally, Miss Itemlan is to be congratulated for her choreography, which captured perfectly, and thus heightened, the very different moods underlying the three dance Variations: the lyrical other-worldliness of "The Girl in Front of the Bank." the discordant unity and united

Dorothy Greenough

Dresses

and

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once were the movements and style of one piece repeated in another-a difficult accomplishment, as anyone knows who has tried his hand at choreography. ography would have been lost

performed it, and the sensitivity of Miss Rady, whose photographs supported it.

brilliance of the dancers who

No More A 'Game' THE GIRL IN THE BLACK RAINCOAT may have begun as a "game," but it has certainly last week's "Audio-Visual Entertainment" clearly shows.

Council

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Steve Tremper moved that the Literature Journal be granted \$400 before the end of the semester. The Journal is to come out next semester under the direction of Mr. Coover and the college administration plete a paper, study for an exhas promised to pay for half of am, assign readings, etc., bethe cost if Council provides the remainder.

Allison Raphael asked Couna commitment because BRAC (Bard Racial Action Committee) through innumerable holes may need some money for a Field Project in Kingston. She over Council's additional funds.

'Red Balloon' in Need

mittee's money be handed over to the Red Balloon. "All their money just goes to beer dances," to reinforce the student restaument to prevent it from "peter-

the Entertainment Committee shelves, under all tables, everywhat to do with funds we've already given them," said Miss

The proposal was withdrawn group the Red Balloon is planning to have an how much they would cost.

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The Vanishing Library

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the late Dr. Werner Wolff. All of them are difficult to part with and most expensive to replace, were it possible to do so.

It is shocking to discover that considering the average price of books which is \$7.65 this year, it would cost the Library almost ten thousand dollars to repair this damage, or more than has been allotted for books in the current annual budget. At this rate it is clear that many of these stolen or carelessly lost books will be permanently lost. The situation with respect to missing volumes of journals is equally desperate, and much more difficult to correct.

Like a Huge Collander But money is only a partial

consideration, perhaps even a minor one, troublesome as it may be. The impact these losses have on Bard's educational program is vastly more important. It is difficult to think of any one factor which more subtely and insidiously undermines and frustrates our academic life than many students and how many been sidetracked or even defeated in their attempts to comcause the necessary materials the Library building seems like cil to wait before making such a huge collander with its substance leaking remorselessly

Nor is this all. Anyone who has had to wait while the Liwanted the two organiations to brary staff attempts to borrow be given a chance to "fight it some of this lost material from other libraries can testify to another measure of frustration and expense. It is neither easy Mr. Tremper also moved that nor cheap to call on other inone of the Entertainment Com- stitutions for help in such mat-

An Appeal

This, therefore, is in the nahe said. The money would serve ture of an appeal. We ask the Bard community both individurant with big name entertain- ally and collectively to do what it can to cease and desist in its ing out before the end of the encroachment on Library property. We ask it further to look "I don't see how we can tell around in all corners, on all where, in an effort to locat some of the missing items. We ask that everyone pay more than lip service to the very simple until Mr. Tremper offers Coun- rules which govern the movecil more specifics as to what ment of books, records and magazines. We ask for a deeper appreciation for the honor system which is in effect in the Library,

Some changes in our circulation rules are under serious consideration. The lengthening of the loan period is one such propsal. We would be very grateful for suggestions and re commendations from students and faculty with respect to this or any other Library problem.

Preserve the "Climate of Ease" But failing anyones cooperation, measures will have to be PL 8-9851 taken to tighten controls-measures which have not been applied at Bard although they are common to libraries everywhere. What specific forms these may take has not been decided. Whatever they be, they may destroy, if only partially, the climate of ease, intimacy and informality which pervades the Library and which we all hold precious. It would be a great loss, yet we hope that everyone will agree that something should be done.

Marx Bros. Head Movies At Bard

On Friday and Saturday nights, the Film Committee will present two American movies, A NIGHT AT THE OPERA and ALL ABOUT EVE.

The first film as a comedy starring the Marx Brothers.

The Women at the Tomb

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reminded me of that fat bratty | kid in my third garde class who whomever was responsible for I always wanted to belt in the make-up, especially Miss Gavmouth. If this was a theatre of aris'. The other noteworthy perthe absurd piece-if this was formance by Ekena Kehoe, was the agreed upon interpretation so strong and her stage prestion would have been valid, and she made up for the indecisivewould have added to the parody. ness of the other actresses. Her The cast, however, seemed to be divided on this very essential otonous. Clarity, but without a point: is this a theatre of the fully realized "voice range" absurd piece?

Sandra Tyner and Wendy Whitall, as the sisters Martha and Mary, moved and spoke with sobriety worthy of the most unimaginative nuns. They were graceful, and they looked lovely, but their voices were monotonous, and when they were supposedly given to passion, their voices were unnatural and stilted. This seemed all the more evident and disconcerting when they were speaking to the "natural" garbles of Miss Indenbaum.

Redeeming Performances

There were, however, two actresses who (no pun intended) the inability to rely on the ac- redeemed the production—Elizcustomed tools of learning. How abeth Gavaris as the old mother of Christ, and Elena Kehoe members of the faculty have as the passionate, writhing Magdalene. Unfortunately, Gavaris' final words, the essence of the play, were lost on opening night. Assuming that they were delivered more effecwere lacking? More and more tively on succeeding nights, her performance was sensitive and

I would like to give credit to -Miss Indenbaum's interpreta- ence was so professional that voice was clear but never monseems to cause the monotony which hinders so many young actors and actresses.

Some Weak Point

For Miss Kehoe, Magdalene was a real human being, not a mere symbol. Her voice and grace did her interpretation justice. Margaret Sastlemen, the Women Taken in Adultery, also acted with a kind of natural passion which was effective. Her voice tended to be weak, but otherwise she was quite good. Ricki Ane Faber, the Midwife, was good in the beginning, but somewhere in midstream she seemed to stop acting and her voice and movements became everyday and uninteresting.

George Janto played John, a friend of Christ. He looked good, but his voice, his man-Miss ner, and his movements were more in tune with the locker room before a soccer game than anything else. The set by David Crabbs and the costumes of Stephanie Turner were imaginative, and gave a focus to an otherwise unclear production.

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Club Visits Dance Therapy Ward To Help Mentally III

By Anita Schnee

Club sponsored a lecture by tally disturbed, ranging in age Mrs. Pei-Fen Chin, dance therapist at the Hudson River State ty-five percent of the hospital is Hospital in Poughkeepsie. On "open ward," an innovation in Wednesday, November 2, the mental institutions initiated ap-Dance Club reciprocated by vis-proximately seven years ago. iting her at the hospital, and actually participating in a therapy session with the patients.

The hospital is a unique state Several weeks ago, the Dance institution, housing 4,300 menfrom eight to eighty-two. Nineproximately seven years ago.

The dancers visited the institution with several motives. First and most important, they were all interested in the use of dance in the rehabilitation and treatment of the mentally disturbed. Seeing dance actually being applied to help the mentally ill gave them much greater perspective on dance and its uses, even though some were not directly interested in therapy as a career.

For many this is only the first of many trips,—they are therapy and, out of the desire their services to Mrs. Chin as assistants and prospective employees for field period.

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of the recreational therapy de- of the more comfortable acpartment at the hospital, out- comodations on campus at their lined the main functions of the own discretion. The discussion department. Originally, this branch of the institution's program served as a time-consuming device to occupy the patients' time, and to generally help them adjust to the environment of the hospital.

In time, this function evolved into genuine treatment of the patients' illness. Working in close co-operation with the psychiatrist and doctor, the dance therapist strove to cure or help the mentally ill through the use of dance as a working remedy.

The dancers were offered the unique opportunity to actually join the patients for Mrs. Chin's session. The ward visited was the Admission Ward, a transient one where the patients are housed for initial observation and diagnosis before being placed in the ward best suited seriously interested in dance for their problems. For me this was a tremendous moving exto help people, have volunteered perience. The patience, gentleness, sympathy, and sparkle that Mr. Chin exuded deeply touched me. I have never had any contact with the mentally ill, and was really horrified at the plight of these pathetic people who have lost their ability to reason and communicate. Mrs. Chin's marvelous treatment was a joy to see.

For most, the experience at the Hudson River State Hospital was at once fascinating, traumatic, informative, frightening -in short, a slice of life.

Stone Row Men Petition

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dent said that those students who were unfortunate enough to live in the "tenement of Stone



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Mr. S. Thompson, supervisor Row" should be able to make use centered around students holding parties in the main hall of Blithewood without the consent of the residents

> The 'Appalachia of Bard' Robert Moir of North Hoffman agreed with the characterization of Stone Row as a tenement when he spoke about the

proposal for room dividers

'Stone Row is the Appalachia of Bard. If someone in South Hoffman breathes too loud, we can hear it over here. We want room dividers so that if you are in an outside room, no matter how fond you are of communal living, you will have some element of privacy. There is something psychologically good about having your own door; you can say these walls are mine. The noise problem will still exist, but this will make it so that if you are 'trapped' at Stone Row, you will have your own four

Usually, the outside rooms are used for freshmen who are not able to request better quarters. But this is not one example of a non-freshman who requested a different dorm but was placed in an outside room in North Hoffman because he lacked credits.

"In North Hoffman there are only three people in each suite, but South Hoffman, McVickar and Potter have four My roommate is a freshman and still goes to bed at a sane hour; I sleep after breakfast

Sugatt Is Sympathetic

Mr. Moir went on to explain the difficulties arising from this situation.

When asked about the chances for room dividers, Mrs. Sugatt, Assistant to the Dean, expressed her sympathies with the students.

"Room dividers will be more conducive for study and will make outside rooms into rooms instead of passage ways." She added that the issue will be raised at the administrative meeting this Tuesday, November 8.

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