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Senate Censored by Kabat for cut In Hearn's Pay

By Sarah van Leer

The docking of \$10 of Ilene Hearn's salary as Secretary of the Senate to pay Sherrie Rubin who sat in for her; the problems with the new budget system and its faculty operation; and Mr. Dunkelbarger's request that all student salaries be abolished created long discussions at the Senate session.

The Senate meeting ended when Doug Kabat, who had just returned from Washington after having been arrested, along with Senate Secretary Ilene Hearn and several other Bard students, severely censured the Senate for its action of paying acting Secretary Sherrie Rubin \$10 from Miss Hearn's pay. He told the assembly that they were a really "cheap" and "mindless" group in that they would take Miss Hearn's salary away when, through her devotion to a worthy cause she was not there because she was in jail, while the week before she had been present at a meeting where the Senate members exhibited so much interest in their jobs that they could not even raise a quorum.

Earlier in the evening the Senate had voted 2-2-2 with Mr. Edmonds voting in favor of the motion proposed by Mr. Lieberman to pay Miss Rubin from Miss Hearn's salary.

Only 3 Requests

A roll call vote was taken on the budget situation after Mr. Dunkelbarger had stated that he had received only the three requests for allocation of funds (continued on page three)



PARENTS WEEKEND: Between 250 and 275 parents and visitors came to Bard this past weekend for the annual fall parents weekend. Above is Jane Forman with her brother, and dog, Flannagan.

photo by Howard Dratch

"Decline at Bard"

The Junior Seminar

By Allen Batteau

Bard has always prided itself on the individual quality of its education. In what some faculty members have characterized as "the glorious old days of the college," every student after moderation worked individually with his advisor on a subject of the student's choosing, and spent the greater part of his class time in small seminars.

Ideally, the student worked independently on a subject of great interest to him and met weekly with his advisor to discuss the subject. For the student with strong self-directed intellectual interests, this was an invaluable educational experience.

A Weekly Game

For some though, it was a weekly game played with their advisor, where either the student tried to convince the advisor that he had learned something, or where the advisor tried to convince the student he was helping him in a field beyond the range of his competence. For these, the Junior Conference was a joke.

This was advertised as an integral part of the Bard program until the phrase "an honors program for every student" was invented. But it was designed for a lower student/faculty ratio than Bard now has. With the doubling of the student body in the past few years, this became an insufferable load on the faculty. Let it be understood: The consolidation of some of the Junior Conferences was necessary to relieve the overworked faculty.

As the faculty were becoming overloaded, the small seminars that had previously been a hallmark of the Bard education were rapidly disappearing. Finally, some bright professor had the brilliant idea of giving the students, instead of the conference, "a valuable new educational experience"—a seminar. In the Division of Languages and Literature, students were told three semesters ago that the seminars were a complete necessity. And then this semester at re-

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Joe Pool Wants to Cut U.S. Funds to Schools with SDS

WASHINGTON (CPS) One United States Congressman thinks the Federal Government should deny funds to any college or university which permits Students for a Democratic Society to have an organized chapter on its campus.

"SDS has been influenced by the Communists, and therefore I think all colleges throughout the United States should ban SDS from their campuses," says Rep. Joe Pool, (D-Tex.).

Pool, a member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC), said he is currently investigating SDS, but he has not decided if he will introduce legislation in Congress concerning the student organization.

Pool said any college which has such activity on its campus should not receive "the taxpayers' money. We should not use tax funds to pay for draft resistance."

"I believe in freedom of speech and freedom of the press and all the other principals in the First Amendment," Pool said. "But you have to draw a line when an organized group actually tries to destroy the very strength of our armed might, the draft."

60 From Bard Join Protest Amid Tear Gas And Arrests

By Mark Favus

Led by a tattered bed sheet banner, more than 60 Bard students and faculty marched the two mile hike toward the Pentagon to "confront the warmakers." Faced with temporary barbed wire fences, sand barriers and 2,500 M.P.'s, the first group of approximately 50,00 demonstrators broke through the lines and surged toward the main entrance, up the grassy knoll and onto the raised parking platform.

It was then that 60 Bardians split into several groups—the largest being those committed to civil disobedience. This group, led by Ilene Hearn and Mark Rosenberg, proceeded to the main staircase and were among the first to approach the building entrance.

A group of army personnel watching from atop the platform fled behind the lines as thousands of demonstrators outflanked the mass of army troops. It was this "cardinal military error" which opened the grassy mall and caused the disintegration of the initial holding action.

Tear Gas Used

Beyond the main entrance a row of U.S. Marshalls were holding back several thousand people who were trying to climb the knoll and make their way to the area of conflict. At this point tear gas was used to disperse the crowd—a dozen Bard students were in the immediate area whose reactions were typified by Sharon Barcan, who stated that total confusion reigned, tear gas victims reeled back as soldiers marched forward with rifle butts raised.

Several other Bardians managed to outflank the line of (Continued on Page Two)

40 on Faculty Unite Against Vietnam War

by Bruce Arnold

Bard faculty members opposed to the war in Vietnam have organized an official faculty committee to coordinate and mobilize their efforts against the war.

The committee, known as The Bard Faculty Committee Against the War in Vietnam, resulted from a meeting last Wednesday night of approximately 40 faculty members and their wives.

At this meeting an executive council, composed of Dr. Robert Koblitz, Theodore Weiss, Thomas Green, Bernard Tieger, Robert Kelly, and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Oxley, was elected to function as the policy-making body of the committee.

No Policy Yet

Although the committee has not yet been able to draft a definite policy statement that all members could accept, it is believed that all members of the committee basically stand in opposition to the war and only disagree on particular terms used to describe that opposition. The executive council will meet this week to take up this problem.

According to Assistant Prof. Tieger, the committee represents the feelings of more than half of the faculty on the issue of Vietnam. Until the executive council meets, Mr. Tieger continued, the exact outline of what the committee will attempt to do here on campus and in the surrounding communities will not be known.

Next Week

Next week the Observer will publish personal accounts of the Washington protest by Linda Boldt, Phil Draper, and Mark Rosenberg.

Prof. Shafer Takes Spring Leave In Rome & England



Prof. Frederick Shafer

by Allen Carpenter

"It was a lifetime in four months," commented Professor Frederick Q. Shafer on his sabbatical of last semester.

One can easily understand his

feelings, because Mr. Shafer, Professor of Religion and Bard's Chaplain, spent his four month's leave in Rome. He lived, with his wife and two youngest children, who accompanied him, in a small house on the Tiber, near the Vatican. They spent the summer months in a small village in Provence and in England, with additional side trips as far as Sweden.

The main part of his sabbatical was spent in Italy where he investigated and discussed, archeological findings with students, faculty and experts from the Institute of Pontifical Studies. "I focussed on the art and architecture pertinent to the pre-Nicene liturgy. The architecture, of course, was actually house architecture, because the Christians in that period didn't build any churches. Some of the present churches are built on the sites of earlier Roman private homes where Christians met in those days." He spent many hours at the excavations in progress beneath San Cle-

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A GUILTY SILENCE

Because she was still in Washington and "in prison" too, Ilene Hearn was not able to attend Senate last night and perform her duties as Secretary. When the motion arose to pay the substitute secretary (Sherrie Rubin) for her work last night, an amendment was added to deduct this from Miss Hearn's salary. The sum was ten dollars.

Never before has any student's salary been touched in this way. The punitive nature of this cut is undeniable. This is the kind of presumptuousness we spoke of three weeks ago.

While reprimanding Miss Hearn, Senate ignored the fact that they themselves did not meet last week because not enough members showed up. At that time, Miss Hearn was there and ready to work.

We wonder how her presence in Washington affected this docking of salary: if she had been sick or simply had not shown up, would she then have been penalized? Or would the "excuse" of sickness or too much reading have been sufficient.

It was the appearance at the meeting's end of Doug Kabat who, in accusing the Senate of "cheapness," pointed out the pettiness and moral pretentiousness of their action. He chastised them for being uncaring of far more important matters. A guilty silence ensued and the meeting was adjourned.

THE MARCH AND THE MEDIA

On October 21 and 22, between 35,000 and 150,000 Americans assembled in front of the largest of their government's office buildings in an attempt to demonstrate that a great many other Americans like them are strongly opposed to their government's conduct in an undeclared war in Vietnam.

This simple, and possibly naive statement, was probably the least mentioned and least emphasized by all the news media. The broadcast and print media took two approaches to the weekend demonstration: Minute descriptions of what happened moment by moment (or blow by blow) between the Lincoln Memorial and the steps of the Pentagon; and interpretive commentary of how the misguided youngsters by acting in so irresponsible a manner negated the value of their protest. A variation of the latter is to show that most of the people were just "hippies."

In either case, the object of the news media—all of which are to varying degrees supporters of the established order—was to show that nothing good can come of misbehavior, i.e., spitting on a military policeman pointing an M-1 at you; cursing a U.S. Marshall with a poised tear-gas canister. The newspapers, radio and television, as usual, carried endless descriptions of the lawlessness of the demonstrators. But the irony of the situation is that had the protest been as "responsible" as the New York Times would have preferred, it would never have been accorded as much attention—and ultimately as much seriousness.

Had the Mobilization Committee really wanted to stop the workings of the Pentagon, it would have been far simpler, for example, to abandon say fifty automobiles in front of all the parking lot entrances some weekday morning at 8:45. That would keep the military machine call to "Confront the Warmakers" was just a rallying cry to get as many people there as possible to show the extent of dissent on the Vietnam war.

Naturally, the Johnson Administration would never admit that the protest had effect on its policy. Nevertheless, the anti-Vietnam war people have realized that the "peace march" is impressive but ineffectual. Frequent and active civil-disobedience incidents will now be the principal means of protest. And no matter how much the news media complain of irresponsibility, unnecessary violence, Washington will have to contend with increasingly determined, and perhaps militant, protestors of the Vietnam war. They'll also have to issue more frequent denials of the use of tear gas and night sticks against this handful of hippies.

Letters To The Editor

Murray Should Mingle

To The Editor:

It is indeed remarkable to what depths a fellow man can fall when referring to his brothers. In defending himself against his attackers, Mr. Murray is only lowering his own tainted stature to the level from which he now claims they are unjustly piling insults and misunderstanding upon his already

burdened brow.

Perhaps it is too much to ask in this unreconcilable situation, but I cannot help but feel that if Mr. Murray would take the practical advice of his supposed God, instead of his worn-out Institution, and mingle with the common folk he might better get a fuller understanding of the social and political forces now active in this country.

Robert Melnick
Oct. 18, 1967

The Protest...

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Marshalls and worked their way to the bottom of the entrance platform where they were faced with gas-masked M.P.'s—from this point they could see several thousand demonstrators forcing their way up the entrance ramp, being held back with clubs and later tear gas.

Protestors Hold Steps

The main staircase was already controlled by the protestors and the platform in front was ringed with college banners and wildly cheering students. About 15 Bardians forced their way up the platform facing rows of helmeted soldiers.

The "seige" continued into the evening as bon fires and hundreds of burning draft cards illuminated the sky. The whole scene took on a macabre aspect as students climbed ropes up the 15 foot embankment to the platform—reminding several witnesses of the storming of the Bastille.

Bardians Taken By Police

At 10:30 p.m. a wedge of guards charged the platform and forced one group back to the edge of the parking lot. The maneuvering went on through the evening until the majority of demonstrators were either arrested or had decided to leave.

In all, approximately 15 Bard students were either arrested or detained. Several stayed on until Sunday afternoon when the last group of demonstrators

Senior Class Picks Marshall, Advisor and Party In Dec.

The Senior Class elected Peter Minichiello as class Marshall by a wide margin at its October 18 meeting. About 35 of the 80 seniors were present when Mrs. Agnes Domandi was chosen as class adviser. Mrs. Domandi announced her acceptance of the position on Monday.

The Class Marshall is an honorary function given to a junior who leads the graduating procession during the June commencement. When told of the decision, Mr. Minichiello was not noticeably pleased.

Out of 25 votes cast, 10 went to the two other contenders, Joe Helfer and Bill Johannes.

Instead of the usual Boar's Head Dinner, the class decided to hold a cocktail party "with hors d'oeuvres and a string quartet." The idea was suggested by Robert May. It was also decided to hold the December function at Schuyler House in Rhinebeck, rather than the gymnasium, and under no circumstances to use food from the Slater System.

A committee of five signed up to decide upon a Baccalaureate speaker. In the absence of the class president Dick Ransohoff, the meeting was chaired by the treasurer, Richard Naylor.

were gradually being cleared away.

"Decline at Bard"

The Junior Seminar

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gistration, many juniors in Social Studies were told that their conferences had been "consolidated"—an euphemism for eliminated.

Seminars Can Be Worthwhile

Let it be understood: These seminars are a valuable learning experience—undoubtedly as valuable as the seminars that constituted the bulk of the curriculum ten years ago. For some students, they are more valuable than a conference. They are also an efficient utilization of faculty time—for some instructors, even more efficient than a conference. The seminars can be extremely worthwhile; I know of a few that I would consider preferable to any conference.

But this is a system that can be and is easily abused. This semester at registration a half-dozen students were told, "you will have a seminar with Professor 'X' on a subject of his choosing." This imposition of faculty interests on students reappears in several departments, often phrased in terms of what the student "needs" to learn, as opposed to what he wants to learn.

With this attitude on the part of some faculty, it is inevitable that often students' interest will be stifled, and the seminar will be considered just another class, rather than the focus of his disciplinary effort. Some professors even regard the seminar as just another class, or even a formalized bull session. Some seminar sessions have been spent watching TV, some baking birthday cakes. For these, the seminar, too, is a joke.

No Basis For Comparison

Unfazed, the faculty states that from their polls of students they have found that the major seminar is a "most valuable educational experience" for the Juniors as a whole. I'm sure it is. But there are two faults to this: First, some of the students polled had no basis for comparative evaluation, having never experienced an individual conference or a different seminar; second, the summaries of the polls said little about the individual student. In other words, although a seminar might be preferable for most students, it certainly would not be so for all students.

The greatest criticism of the old conference system was that it was too inflexible. The faculty now has a great new system that is flexible to the wrong demands. The allocation of conferences and seminars is not primarily based on student ability and interests, faculty capability, or the advantages of the one or the other for a given subject; instead, it is based largely on an abstract conception of "teaching credits" which has little demonstrable relation to the advancement of learning.

Conferences or Seminars

The idea of giving seminars in lieu of conferences has its advantages. But there should be a new criteria for determining which a student gets. Foremost should be the method of instruction most conducive to what the student wants and needs to learn: for historical criticism, this would be a conference, for anthropological theory, a seminar.

Second should be the ability of the student to do the independent work required by the conference or the cooperative work of the seminar. Also relevant would be any duplication of instruction between conferences and courses. Irrelevant should be faculty loads: A teacher should drop a course rather than place juniors with divergent interests into the same seminar.

These criteria could also apply to teaching effort. The teacher that is best in seminars could lead several seminars, the teacher that lectures best would have few conferences, unless he was good in that, too. Everybody would do his own thing: Much present waste of faculty effort would be eliminated. With a small amount of imagination, the faculty could create a system that would mean a definite improvement of education at Bard.

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Senate - - -

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for the second-third of the first semester.

Mr. Dunkelbarger and Miss Lovaglio were in agreement that

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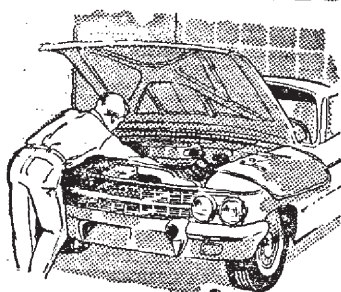
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there should be no funds allotted to those clubs and organizations which had not turned in requests for money on time. Miss Haussamen questioned the advisability of such a move since this is still only the first semester and Mr. Lieberman brought up the possibility that this system might not be the best procedure for the Senate.

Linda Boldt, speaking from the floor, said that no notice was sent out by the Treasurer at a reasonable advance date, and that Senate had never looked at any point of view but their own on the situation. However, the motion was passed unanimously.

End To All Salaries

The request for a \$50 raise in Mr. Dunkelbarger's salary as Treasurer was not granted. Later in the evening Dunkelbarger brought up a motion to amend the bylaws. The gist of this motion was that the Senate would not allocate any money from any student funds for student salaries having to do with the community, such as the secretaries of the Senate, EPC and the Observer, and projectionists for the Film Committee.

The debate on this subject was long and at times bordered on the violent. Mr. Lieberman suggested that no student should expect financial recompense from the Senate, especially since the student body seemed to be turning over all its responsibilities to the few elected leaders. He said, "The system is not only absurd, but destructive . . .", and he later reiterated that the system "as it is, is ridiculous."

Peter Minichiello and Linda Boldt spoke from the floor to the effect that if the salaries were removed a large number of community services would

This couple is:

- A. Studying a Greek restaurant menu
B. Rehearsing lines for a play

- C. Attending a college History course
D. None of these



C is correct. The couple in the picture are students on a field trip in Athens during the Fall 1966 semester with World Campus Afloat-Chapman College.


Ruth Ann Speelman, from Oakland in northern California, a sophomore from Foothill College, studying liberal arts, has transferred credits earned aboard the floating campus to her home campus and has resumed regular classes. Stan Smith lives in Glendora, California, attended the floating campus while he was a senior Philosophy major at Chapman's main campus. Now he is engaged in graduate studies in Chapman.

As you read this, more than 500 students, representing 200 colleges and universities throughout the country, accompanied by a distinguished faculty, already have embarked from New York for the Fall 1967 semester which will take them to ports in

Europe, Africa and Asia, returning to Los Angeles via Honolulu.

Students are now enrolling for the Spring 1968 semester which will depart from Los Angeles to engage in shipboard study supplemented by visits to ports in Peru, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, Senegal, Morocco, Spain, Greece, Turkey, Yugoslavia, Italy, Portugal, The Netherlands and Great Britain, terminating in May at New York.

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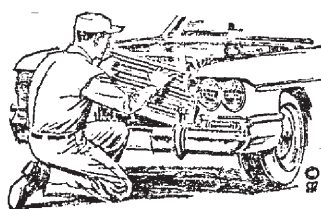
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have to be discontinued because workers would be impossible to find. Mr. Winters noted that without the salaries the community would be accomplishing much less than "the little it is getting done now." Mr. Rosenbaum closed the discussion by pointing out to the assembly that "Mr. Lieberman and Mr. Dunkelbarger seem to have lost touch with reality." When called to a vote the motion was defeated, with only Mr. Lieberman and Mr. Dunkelbarger voting in favor of it.

"Tray Scholarship" Revived
The greatest confusion of the evening grew around Mr. Edmond's proposal of the "Dining Commons Tray Scholarship" which would be effected by having all students pick up their trays and remove them to the dish room or the racks. From this suggestion came a number of ideas on how to improve the quality of the Slater Systems food.

The ideas ran from Mr. Rosenbaum's suggestion that the Senate speak to Pres. Kline with a representative from another foods system in attendance, to Mr. Dunkelbarger's and Mr. Lieberman's varied assortment of food throwing, food dumping, dining commons striking, etc. After a good 45 minutes of

such discussion it was decided that the Senate would meet with the President on Wednesday afternoon after which there will be a special open meeting in Sottery Hall to which the entire student body will be invited to put some of the evening's ideas into action.

Prof. DeGre Lectures to PanAm Union In D.C.

Gerard De Gré, Professor of Sociology at Bard, has been lecturing to representatives of Latin American States at The Pan American Union in Washington. His audience consisted of military as well as political leads and one Head of State. His lecture dealt with a new conflict model of social stratification.

Danbury Defeats Bard

The Bard Soccer Team lost to Danbury State Teachers College 9-0, on a rainy Saturday afternoon, October 21.

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Prof. Shafer

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mente, which have turned up part of a house, garden and street, and a Mithraic "insula". Professor Shafer did not handle a shovel; "I was poking rather than digging."

Visit To Catacombs

Professor Shafer also visited the ancient catacombs of Rome where legend has imagined Christians fleeing for secret gatherings. "As an Anglican priest,

I was offered an opportunity to celebrate Mass there. But, the catacombs are not the most interesting sites of Christian remains."

"I didn't spend all my time at the excavations. The beauties of Rome above ground during the spring frequently took me away from my work; street after street, building after building, garden after garden—all beautiful. In Florence we were in the company of Miss Brandeis, of Bard, a superb companion in the city of Dante, as you may imagine."

To Professor Shafer, one of the holiest places he visited was an obscure, half-forgotten farm in Huntingdonshire, England. This was the site of Nicholas Ferrar's religious establishment at Little Gidding. The house has long-since been destroyed, but the chapel has been partly preserved. "Here, right in Cromwell's home-country, a few miles from the despoiler's farm, a little group in the dark days of the early seventeenth century maintained a quiet, quasi-monastic rule of life, prayer, and public service, unexampled in its day, and in some ways an example for ours." A visit to this place by T. S. Eliot in 1936 inspired the title, and in part, the theme of the last of the "Four Quartets," "one of the last instances of religious poetry (and of a religious poet) which we can expect to see for quite a while."

Upheaval At Vatican

In Rome, one is constantly aware of everyone watching the temperature rise and fall at the Vatican, the center of the Roman Catholic Church. "It was especially exciting in Rome this year, because one felt the vibrations from the current disciplinary and theological upheaval in the Roman Catholic Church. The gaps between the older triumphalist-conservative school and the liberal-radical

Bard College Calendar

Activity	Place	Time
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24		
House Presidents' Committee	Albee	6:30 p.m.
Lecture: Professor Ryan Drum, of the Biology Dept., Univ. of Mass., will speak on "Sex and Diatomy"	Sottery	7:00 p.m.
Red Balloon		8:30-12:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25		
Literature Club presents Walter Lowenfels reading from his own works	Red Balloon	8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26		
Mid-term Educational Policies Committee—Public Hearing to investigate overcrowding in Lang. & Lit. Division	Sottery	6:45 p.m.
Red Balloon		8:30-12:00 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27		
Movies: "Point of Order!" the Daniel Talbot-Emile Dantonio film of the Army-McCarthy hearings of 1954; Also, Leo McCarey's "Duck Soup," with the Marx Brothers	Sottery	8:00, 9:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28		
Soccer Game—Northeastern Bible College	Away	2:00 p.m.
Red Balloon		12:30-5:00 p.m.
Entertainment Committee presents a Halloween Dance. Come with costume!	Ward Manor	9:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29		
The COLLEGE SERVICE	Chapel	11:00 a.m.
Red Balloon		11:00-4:30 p.m.
Movies: "Point of Order!" and "Duck Soup"	Sottery	8:00, 9:30 p.m.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30		
Student Senate	Albee	7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31		
House Presidents' Committee	Albee	7:00 p.m.
Music Club presents the Amsterdam University String Quartet	Bard Hall	8:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1		
Literature Club presents a reading by Robert Kelly	Red Balloon	8:00 p.m.

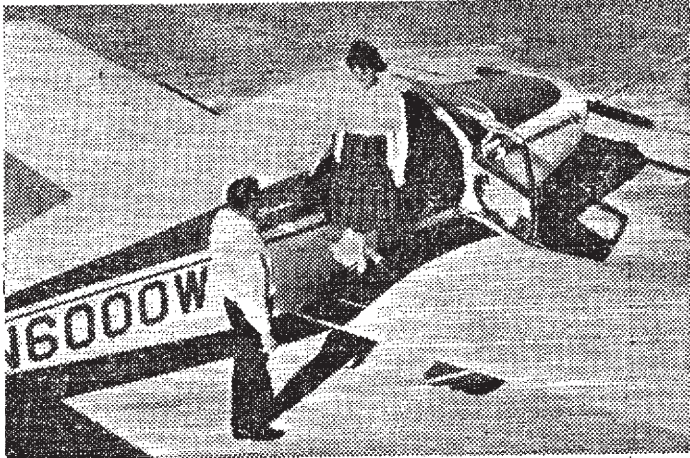
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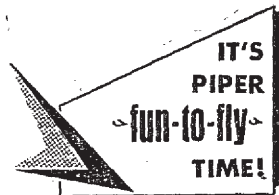


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movements is surprisingly wide; surprising, perhaps, only because Protestantism has always been an affair of "gaps", while the Roman Church has managed for years to cast a deceptive shadow of monolithic on-mindedness."

Professor Shafer concluded by saying, "It's great to be back to Bard.—Next Time? Well, India is the place that's first on my list."

Campus Attitude On Pets Policy Now Acquiescent

by Randal Baier

Bard students have taken an entirely different outlook on the "pets on campus" problem since October 11. Two cats were taken from Tewksbury by the Buildings & Grounds Department in a move that represented a strong upholding of the administration's "no pets" policy.

The action came after a one week deferment of an ultimatum issued by Dick Griffiths of B & G stating that all cats must be removed from the campus by October 3. House Presidents' Committee asked Mr. Griffiths for the deferment because they were attempting to draft a proposal to legalize and control the pets on campus.

The proposal constructed by HPC set up a system of registration which would be used to check all animals on campus. If any animals were found without a registration tag they would be confiscated.

Cats Returned

The cats taken from Tewksbury were returned to the owners with the stipulation that the animals be removed from campus. The owners agreed with the rule and the cats were returned without harm.

Since the initial purge there has been no significant movement on campus with regard to the legalization of pets. Students have accepted the administration ruling and have consequently become more cognizant of the dangers in allowing their animals to run loose.

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