Editorial Controversy

By Rowland Butler

That the student body might better understand the dynamics behind the Observer controversy, the leaders of the two warring factions were interviewed. They were both interviewed before the publication of the newspaper. Since then, the referendum has been passed in favor of staff elections.

SCOTT PASS

Obs.: What do you feel is the problem that needs addressing, concerning the Observer?

S.P.: The students must make an important decision. This decision is the referendum.

"We were brought up... before the SJB for violating the constitution..."

Scott Pass

dam. It is not an easy issue, staff election or student election. The student election would be the worst. This is the day the student Observer editor became student editor. The Observer has always been the Observer. The observer is the way for students to voice their complaints about their experience in college, but the observer is the fallacy is a real danger. The policy which we are advocating, the staff editor, is a more effective way to run a paper. Look at the past. The school had a good paper that had more ideas, more freedom to address. Today, staff editors, are more powerful Observer editors. During this time, the Observer has been staff editor. Staff editors, are usually more important, as they have different students to edit. This was changed in 75, and we have the same process today, we might be enjoying a weekly paper. I know it sounds as if we are trying to be elitist, but I’ve never argued the Observer, if we had a stronger Observer now, but we don’t.

Obs.: Did you raise the staff election question before Gavin decided to quit?

S.P.: Yes. October 25, just after I had resigned, Gavin had been editor for one month.

Obs.: Would you like to comment on the current Observer controversy?

S.P.: We were brought up by Ben Fiering before the year, that there was no difference, that Gavin had resigned and appointed Rachel as editor, and this is a mistake by Ben Fiering, I thought we should have a chance to discuss how the Observer was reviewed. Well, it was, and we are, innocent.

"...saw an attempt to keep things underground..."

Ben Fiering

Obs.: Comments on Ben’s role in this business.

S.P.: Ben made a mistake. Ben felt that it was his duty to keep the Observer from breaking a law. He felt that we should have a student editor, and that is valid. I don’t think it is, but it is.

Obs.: What about the Left Press saying, “keep the paper open”

S.P.: I think Ben is clearly an effective slogan writer. Let’s examine those slogans - they are shallow, they are not good. “Open, and eating, the student...” is incorrect, the Observer is not an open forum. It is an open forum, and it is not open to yellow journalism.

Robbin’s

By Gavin McCormack

Residents of ramshackle Robbin dormitory got a chance to air their grudges in a special afternoon meeting with the student last month.

The February 10 meeting, called by the dormitory’s residents to increasing tensions on campus, was led by students. As a result, the dormitory’s residents appointed counseling and a new group of students.

The meeting was an opportunity for students to address their concerns to the Student Council.

One problem that was raised by the students was the lack of adequate counseling and the allocation of time.

Winter Carnival

By Christina Griffith

Students, faculty, and staff, members of the Winter Carnival were raised over $1,300 for the relief of war-broken student Bard students.

According to the carnival committee, the money raised will go to the Medical Annex. Professor John Pruitt and George Killen, co-chairman of the club, were in charge of the food.

The raffle, that was organized by the student council, was held in the Student Center.

All proceeds from the weekend will be given to the President’s Fund of the Episcopal Church in order to assist the education of world hunger.

Bard’s New Scholarship Program

By Stephen Lipperstein

On February 5th, President Bostsic met with the Student Senate to announce a new scholarship program that was an extension of the existing student aid program. The new scholarship is being offered to current high school seniors who have maintained an average of 25 in the senior class of a public high school, college preparatory program. Bard will, in effect, match the cost of their tuition to the cost of a public university in their home state as long as the student maintains a 25 in the senior class.

While currently 60% of the student body receives financial aid, there are no merit-based scholarships. The incoming freshmen of the 1967-68 school year will be the first group of students to enroll in this scholarship.

Present students at Bard were quick to voice their concerns. The question was raised of whether sufficient funds would be available for the existing financial aid program to be continued. President Bostsic assured students that funds for the existing financial aid program would be unaffected. The Excellence and Equal Cost Program, which is funded through the capital Campaign, would be continued. It was also noted that there would be a change in the financial aid program.

The program is limited to people in a public high school. President Bostsic went on to say that a public university is a place where students study the same rights as a student from an academic major in the same subject in the same school. "Determination," he said, "should compensate for sophistication."

"If you are one of the top ten students in the senior class at a public high school, you can attend a first-rate private college...

With this program increase enrollment and, if so, can Bard absorb the increase? What about the student experience?"

President Bostsic estimated that the increase of enrollment would be between 10% and 15%. He also stated that though too small a number of students are brought to the university, the students are brought to the university.

For students, the increase of enrollment is a concern. As students, for students brought up the idea of a public university, the students are brought into a university where the students are told to have a major in a particular field. As the students are brought into the university, the students are brought into a university where the students are told to have a major in a particular field. As students, the students are brought into the university where the students are told to have a major in a particular field.

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EDITORIALS

Point/Counterpoint

By Anna Levinson
President Bobstine has promised the Observer a response to this piece in the next issue.

The announcement of the Excellence at Equal Cost program has once again provoked the anger and ire of those who feel that Bobstine is taking the road to “Barvard.” Our President has assured us that applicants in this program will be scrutinized with the same care as any other applicants, but honestly—will Admissions really reject any student in the top ten of his high school class?

The EEC program has stimulated yet another wave of national recognition for Bard. More students are applying to Bard, especially through EEC. Anticipated yield (Admissions figures for the projected number of accepted applicants who will actually attend Bard) is higher than ever. Our school is advertised in such a way as to attract any applicant, but honestly—will all students punish the students body by finding the two hundred most interesting stories of the four hundred applications?

Here is my proposal: all applicants will be evaluated for Bard on a strict criterion—not a portfolio, stories, critical articles, or video tapes of performances, etc. This work will be evaluated by appropriate faculty members by the same standards that would be applied to any freshman work. A critique sheet, complete with grade, would be furnished to students. This new examination would be given primary consideration in the admissions decision.

Enough Already

By Rowland Butler
I hope that we never have a fire here at Bard. We should, and have, fire drills, but few students would refuse to pull the fire alarm, knowing that the fire alarm could hold you out of class for the length of time it took the fire department to arrive at the site.

The scandal over the Editorial of the Observer has led many students to voice their complaints about the paper. These people are right to be concerned; we all talk in a voice which is just loud enough to insure sound from being heard, and with a time that implies, but does not guarantee, that they are on path of their Liberal Arts education, they have been taught to respond in three. The use of adjectives such as “boring” and “impressive” are to a large extent of these articles, as they throw these words around as frills to the salad in a Kline Commons food fight.

Forgive me for being so condescending, but I am not surprised to hear such complaints, when the situation is so easily resolved.

These people, and any other, have always been welcome to submit articles, letters, and comments to the Observer. I realize that the Observer might not be a fitting place for the written reprise of copious critical voices; critics are capable of producing, but I feel that they ought at least to try to rectify the situation before they launch into a tirade.

We have been called a “clipe.” We have been called a “Pillibb Talkish.” Putam, acording to Bobstine, was the original basis of all writings which was taken off the market because it had no sales value.

Last semester, we were forced into this so-calledclipe” because we had the courage to publish such complaints, when the situation is so easily resolved.

This is the problem that the articles had to be circulated, and somehow, a group of students who consequently had to write several stories for each issue that is being silenced. I am not aware of outside articles to print, we have print rights, but more than before, - things would have been much easier for us.

Now, what if these people who ridicule the Observer and are critical of the Observer, to express themselves in 600 words or less, but I prefer them to be free to do the same thing.”

Here is the straight dope. In future issues, this will be allowed. This will be allowed because of people who want to write editorials about school policies, the administration, or whatever else they want to write about, as long as they are not too humorous. They can be controversial. They can be anything that you want them to be, although, articles which mention Jerry Gar- cia and ‘genius’ in the same sentence will not be allowed because Jerry Garcia isn’t even a kid you have the first person to take advantage of this offer. If there is anything wrong, tell Peter Holland. Summarize all articles to

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Send to Box 23 for Bard Community for next issue.

The Probing Reporter

By Peter A. Holland
After having read the Observer’s two probing investigations of the throat pest by itself and in the context, I believe the cancer which will one day eat my hole was not even a knot in the first person to take advantage of this offer to Peter Holland. Summarize all articles to

Box 123

By Anna Levinson
This, of course, would necessitate certain changes in the IDEP process. This work would have to be submitted in advance of the IDEP day, in order to give the faculty sufficient time to evaluate it. After this, I'd like to see the interview moved to an earlier part of the IDEP day. Since the admissions decision is revealed at the end of the interview, either the interviewing officer is given the tremendous responsibility of making the decision or, more probably, the interview is perfun- cted, since the admissions decision has already been made. In any case, it represents an important part of the admissions process to the student of a confirmation. In my proposal, the ap-}
Bard In France

By Adam Cameron Frank

Culturally, the Bard In France program, which took place during the field period, offers students a rich experience. The group spent eleven days in Angers and seventeen days in Paris.

As a participant of the group I found Angers to be a place for anyone who is interested in learning about medieval art and architecture as well as how some of the best wine of France is made. We visited the chateaus of Saumur and Chenonceaux and also explored Rabelais country where we saw villages that had remained virtually untouched since the fourteenth century. Our instructor in France, Guy Disconnex, lives in a small medieval village not far from Angers. I believe that he helped the group to view France from a French perspective, not entirely American. Monday through Thursday the group met and discussed the day’s major articles from both socialist and conservative newspapers, the daily French assignments, and any other questions or ideas that were of interest. Most of us left Angers with a good idea of what life in a provincial town is like. In Paris, we traced the development of art beginning with prehistoric man and then the impressions before studying more modern art forms. There were problems that arose during the program, but the program and the guidelines provided by the professors were able to solve them.

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ANYONE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL/JOURNALISM must help the Observer in order to be successful. That being said, the festival is a great opportunity to meet other people interested in international affairs and to have fun.

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Admitted the line department communications was flawed. He stated "can't stand here and tell you the team is perfect; obviously there's a breakdown, he said of the meeting. Krueger is supposed to receive a daily recap of activities, but these are emailed, which is not the same. The last time the issue was discussed three weeks ago. To help have a better idea of what's going on, he said, Griffin attended a weekly meeting with Griffin and his stuff. "Our relationship puts the B & G policy better than when I came, and will continue to improve," said Krueger. The general student opinion that Griffin, and, indeed, whoever he wants, whenever he wants, is not likely to change until it does.

The general tone of student bitterness at the meeting thought by some to be overly hostile. "Sure, everyone wanted to nail the doors to the wall," said one student dissatisfied, "but some people appeared almost disappointed when they didn't." Other students said they were uncomfortable. "It was painfully clear that a lot of students had never heard back from them. They had unreal expectations of what it takes to run an institution," said Krueger. "We don't expect students, with their necessarily limited perspective, to understand the day-to-day operations of the campus." The meeting was said to be Griffin's first at the university.

On one student questioned the stipulation that scholarship recipients must maintain a "B" average and the difficulty of that. It was observed by the President that he had never met a student at Bard who did not have the capability to maintain a "B" average and that the failure to get a "B" is simply the fault of the student. Through his reply to questions, President Bostons asserted that the new scholarship would not discriminate against inter-city high schools but would benefit candidates from rural, remote areas. Asked further whether there would be a more aggressive campaign or stand on affirmative action, President Bostons replied "yes". "It remains to be seen." Griffin was not present.

"Sleepy Hollow continued from page 4"

not students would be excused, or if rents would be raised, saying that, although a contract has been signed, the final price was not to be signed until April of this year. Said President Bostons. This project is opening the property will require a great deal of time. We have consultants helping the planning, but everything is still in the most preliminary stage." "Within the next eighteen months we will be considering the necessity of increasing campus housing. This might include doing some expansion of dormitories, and possibly the construction of a new dormitory in the Rivaine-Tewksbury area."

The final effect that the opening of the Mountain Place residence will have on us at Bard is yet to be seen. It is clear, however, that it is one of a much larger movement, that of the escalation of property values all over the area as it becomes a prime site for second homes. In recent telephone calls, President Bostons stated, "I think this must be faced up to. In the next ten years property in the Hudson Valley will be increasingly sought after, and at the same time, there will be a corresponding effort to preserve the area." Whatever takes place, the community around Bard, and Bard itself, is indeed due for some changes.

Bard Sports Brief

Bard’s Women’s Basketball team finished their season in February, completing their "Best year ever," according to coach Carla Davis. Captain Thais Bloom, Dexter Johnson, and Dorothy Atherton were cited as key contributors to the team’s 44-3 season. Although Thais, Debbie and Dorothy are graduating, Coach Carla Davis is optimistic about future performances by talented freshmen Jordy Kupper, Caroline Bacon, and Rachel Barrett.

Bard Students Brief

The election for The Observer Editor-in-Chief will be held this coming Sun., March 16 - 4 p.m.

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