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Botstein Speaks

by Duccio Donati

Observer: The first question is obvious. When will the new dorms be completed?

Botstein- Within the first week of October, we hope. There is some uncertainty as to when the exact date will be, but we cannot say for sure. We had a late start and the materials were sometimes delivered late. Another important factor in the delay was the weather conditions.

Observer- I'm sure you know that the first months of college may be crucial for a student's academic career. You also know, I suppose, that in these first months freshmen go through quite a number of hardships. Adapting to a new environment, making new friends, leaving the family behind, dealing with the academic pressures and many other problems are encountered. To these you add the lack of a place they can call home, and the being crammed in rooms with no space to store... don't you think this could be disastrous for the freshman's academic performance?

Botstein- No. I believe that this sense of closeness will have positive effects on the students. It will bring them closer together. For example, during the fifties right after the war, housing was not sufficient for all the students and they had to live in a very limited amount of space. Nevertheless it turned out to be one of the best classes this school has ever had.

Observer- But people have different study habits (some don't have any at all). How do you suppose one can study in a room with two other people who are talking, listening to music or distracting in any other way?

Botstein- There will be study rooms open 24 hours a day on the second floor of Apinwall and if it is necessary to keep Kline Commons open all night we will.

Observer- The Bard College Handbook states that each student has the right to have in his room: a bedstead, mattress, mattress cover, chest of drawers, desk, chair, and overhead lamp. Will each student be provided with these?

Botstein- Yes.

Observer- Do you think there will be enough living space in the room?

Botstein- The living conditions are not ideal but not impossible. Many students around the country live in two or three in a room.

Observer- But in rooms designed to contain two or three?

Botstein- If there were no public areas for studying, then there would be a problem. The priority at Bard College is academic performance. If students are not satisfied with the study rooms we could keep the library and the computer center open until 2 or 3pm. We are willing to go the extra mile. This is only temporary. Anybody who has ever moved into a new house knows what it means. Delays and a few hardships.

Observer- The Student Handbook also reads that it is the right of students to be assured that his room is his for the duration of the academic year. That he must not be moved without his request or consent. The only exception to his right to remain in his assigned room can be if he has selected a quiet area and cause two, noise disturbances that are listed on the security report. Does this mean that a freshman could refuse to leave the room he or she has been assigned?

Botstein- The I & T program is not officially the beginning of the academic year. The Bard Student Handbook Rights protect the student from being handled and pushed around. It shows respect for the students and honors their capacities. But the students must understand that this is only a temporary inconvenience.

Observer- But don't you think it's rather frustrating for people who have their goods (TV's, refrigerators, ovens, etc.) and cannot use them?

Botstein- We wrote that there would be a delay in the completion of the dorms so... Continued on page 6

The new dormitories were to be finished by the beginning of the 1967/68 academic year, or so it was promised. This year has started and the dorms are far from being completed. The administration through several weeks ago students that are presently living in doubles and in triples to triples to dines will be livable by November. But what does livable mean? Will there be running water or electricity for the occupants of the new dorms. Will the bathroom be reserved for the occupants of the new dorms. Will they be in the nursery with the roommates of electricity, or will the students have to be given notice each upon entering their new rooms? In the meantime, anyone who decides to protest about the indefinite conditions be as she is moved into her new dormitory is welcomed with huge noises and exoskeletons. And amidst the noise and confusion, "It is only temporary", "It's better than other colleges", "It is even worse", "There is nothing we can do about it." Rites of all, five weeks, probably more, seem to be a never ending, "Only temporary" time. It is hard enough to adapt to the academic rhythm and the academic pressure without having to worry about the room I am going to live in. As a matter of fact with a freshman I was told: "I came getting up at 7:30 PM sitting at my desk with a warm cup of coffee, in my slippers and my pajamas and I still have to get dressed and walk a mile to go to study in a dimly lit room with the stuff I need behind me I'll turn around and go back to sleep.”

This is not an isolated case. Many people have mentioned the feeling of insecurity to study in their rooms and the problem of being able to have a balanced life, have very negative effects on some students. They will develop emotional, social, and academic conditions, have a very poorly developed social standing. Another major issue seems to be the lack of consideration given to the students during these room changes (or, as some have called them, "cramming," "arrangements"), those rooms will be cleaned by "rubber" room will be cleaned by "rubber" rooms, "night out" with the morning people, music room with writers. This creates rather tense situations between roommates. But the administration is all united: this situation will bring unity among the students.

The only other people who will agree with this point of view seem to be those who are not directly involved in the room changes. Shouts like "I hate it" or "She must be kidding! I'd have problems going there alone. Imagine being hands on the floor," echo through the halls of the new dormitories. But, those who have not experienced the doubles and do not say: "It's not so bad." But for some strange reason, when proposed a room switch they will refuse. Continued on page 6
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...持续推进。从他的简历中看，他是Shirley Temple, Mickey Rooney和The 1920s and ’30s代的热门演员。他甚至说，"他也可能不会，在其他任何地方，但是我永远不会放弃我作为一个商人的角色。"

"你必须有技术和敏锐的商业头脑，"他说，"如果你喜欢音乐，就要投资。"

"投资要从你的头脑开始。"他说。"你不能只靠运气。你必须有计划和策略。"

"我从20世纪初就开始投资了，"他说，"而且我一直在增长。"

"我投资的不仅仅是音乐，"他说，"我投资的是人生。"
New Focus for L & L

By Peter Stone

In the wake of the three recent buildings on the campus—the Languages and Literature department's relocation and the English department's also needed a new program.

Professor Mark Lambert, as well as a number of other L & L professors held a meeting on Tuesday, most likely to try to explain and defend their new program.

Lambert said that the basic basic philosophy behind the program that we have now, which includes both the Freshman Seminar and is thirty years old, is that the first half of the Freshman Seminar program replaces the first half of Divisional Seminar. The Greek plays and Tragedies are concentrated in one semester, so it is likely to be more advanced material and there will be more class discussion. The students should work more actively with the professor and the work that they do in the lower course.

In the second semester of the student's junior year a new, more advanced program will still be available. The program will also remain the same for the senior project, which is being major focus.

Lambert said that compared to the system that we have now, the new program "will serve our students better..." In the past, the program was too rigid and the students were also held to rigid standards. Lambert also expressed concern for the current students, who were "Parody students," and the program would be more flexible, and students would be able to choose their own major.

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Nelson's the Name

By Kristina Bullock

Stephen Nelson's work as Dean of Students at Bard College, began on September 1st. His face will not be a new sight to the many fresh- men students involved in the 1977 Language and Thinking Workshop, since he made many visits to the campus in order to talk with the students, faculty, and staff of the college. By doing so, he hopes to gain a better understanding of the college and the people who learn and work here.

Nelson graduated from Gettysburg College with a Bachelor of Arts in History. He attended Wellesley College, where he received a Master of Religious Studies from the Hartford Seminary and a Master of Divinity from the Andover Newton Theological School. He is currently a candidate for a Doctoral Degree in Education at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

His experience in the world of student affairs began with six years as the Assistant Director of the Student Center at Wellesley. He has been the Director of Student Activities at Dartmouth College since 1978.

Nelson's appearance at the reception held on August 20th in the President's garden was proof enough that Mr. Nelson is interested in the student affairs at Bard. While talking to a group of students he expressed an interest in a student activities board. The board would be set up to deal with events that the students have organized, and Nelson has also expressed an interest in meeting with the leaders of each group to set up a calendar of events. "By the way," he said, "I'd like to keep students from going to New York for the weekends. I want them to think that there's something worthwhile going on here."

Mr. Nelson seems to be bringing ideas to make Bard campus life exciting for the students. He spoke of the possibility of arranging "night-club" nights here at Bard, with professional comedians and musicians coming in to show their talents. He's also looking forward to seeing more coffee houses and dances.

The new Dean spoke about...
In Security

by Jonathan Winor

Last semester, in big letters on the phone next to my room number was a message: "160". In little letters, but with just as much obviousness, was "DISTURBED". This brings me to laugh. But the smile quickly fades if I consider the negative connotations that security is dependent in so many cases on. As in the case of what I was thinking about when in fact it is not.

Last month, I found a job as a dispatcher, studying the rules and regulations for finding out what the flip security department does. At one point, I was intrigued as to why five security guards spent about 45 minutes surveilling each other during the day.

This led to a conversation with one of them. They told me that they had been assigned to keep an eye on the students who had been previously "troubled". I asked them what the criteria were for being "troubled", and they explained that it was based on the number of times a student had been reported by their peers or instructors.

I found this practice to be unjustifiable and expressed my concerns to the department head. They acknowledged the issue and promised to review the policy.

In conclusion, I believe that we should work towards creating a more transparent and fair system for security, where the criteria for being considered "troubled" are clearly defined and the role of security officers is to support and assist students rather than surveilling them.

-- Jonathan Winor
Polshiek Discusses New Dorms with Students

by Michael Damato

"I'm going to ruin your wedding," I said to Gail. "I'm done here," I said, Polshiek, the architect of the new dorms and as yet, unnamed dormitories of Tewksbury field. He was disapproving some of the many visual examples of building materials he had brought at the time, and afraid he might be damaging the funiture in the faculty dining room. This was a test of the student's aesthetic, and he had come to meet his critics in their apartment on the upper weekend. The large tureen suit a day before Easter, was a measure of the critic, which had risen over the project. The dormitories were designed by Polshiek with such politeness that a critic could immediately tell that the administration had chosen him carefully and with good reason. Over thirty people turned out to hear Polshiek defend his ideas, and during the course of his introduction to the new building, which he had to respond to a lot of questions about the project.

Mr. Polshiek had no specific statements about roof designs. His ideas for the new building attempted to build up to an environment, rejecting the "cute" popular style of the "international" style. The student was even greater to compare it to an airplane hangar by any, used to leave the landscape unprovened. The notch is not proved to be of serious concern. A critic, according to one building, the notch "breaks the continuous arch." "Style is not an issue," Appropriateness is. Perhaps this best sums up Polshiek's argument about the dorms. "I'm not going to build something I'm ashamed of," he said. "I have no doubts," The vision in his mind is one that cannot seem to get out of his head. The concept is on the window ledge. We have heard the uses, however, the administration which stands by him. A new building affords everyone, yet the administration which remains silent. In the future, as an expanding campus grows around us, one should remember to observe the decisions that are going on, and be part of them. Polshiek should be for those who don't know better.

WANTED: One (i) "Light-bear" Tewksbury was the new dormitory, perhaps "light" enough to be moved. You can find me in a pyramid of students sitting on a Sundaes I'll be the one teasing Edgar Cayce with a picnic.

CEIL Unics. 5 1/4 inch diameter - $1.00; soda - 50 cents; he's the one who filled the sink. I've known the woman, Twente 219. Open sometimes.

Packing Problem

by Peter Stone

This semester, the college will pave most of the parking lots on campus. Due to be paved are the commons parking lot, the barracks parking lot and the road leading to Grenville Village. The plan behind the paving is to centralize parking on the campus. The administration is trying to create a pedestrian campus. The Master Planner of the college, Oliver Sundquist and Associates, as well as the Board of Trustees and the Faculty will support this plan, according to Jim Krider.

Krider (Dean of Students) at this time the article was written; claims that it is the intention of the school to create a centralized parking facility instead of a decentralized one. The college plans to shut down the parking lot outside of Tewksbury and make parking illegal east of the vine road illegal. A lot of students between the new building and the Blumberg Library planned in the future. There is no actual site has been chosen.

"We don't know when expansion of parking will take place," said Krider. A problem with this plan might occur next semester when three hundred and twenty-three students, the number of residents in Tewksbury, the New Dorm and the Barracks, try to park in the existing parking lot outside of Proctor. The Proctor parking lot only holds thirty cars now. The overflow from these buildings might be taken up by the commons parking lot, which may be over 500 cars or $1.00 worth of merchandise in the same principles found on these punchboards," he says, "there are only two police cars available, anywhere, a week. I've heard the turkey or two 3 lbs. chickens. I'm going to work on this plan, according to Jim Krider.

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students want to ship their goods until they were separated. The purpose of arguing? It is a classification that has its positive and negative aspects. We are not just passing judgment on yourself. Just go on the site of the students. The students came here not that they could have said: "I want to go on the site of the students."

Observer: - If you were to point out someone responsible for the fact that the new dorms have not yet been completed when they should have been?

Botstein: - It's hard to say. The dorms could have been built (Siloam was closed) with prefabricated materials, because they would have looked like the freshman until they finished? The new dorms will be finished in 1984. The new dorms built of fine materials and menus have been designed by a very prominent architectural firm.

Housing - Cont.

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That's a mystery since it's not quite right.

Some people have also told us that the reactive attitude most students have toward the administration may be passing around a petition. Although many of these petitions have disappeared from circulation, it is almost sure that a petition is being circulated. It demands a reduction of the parking expenses. This is not wrong because the college is using less rooms than it was last year (that was done at the request of the parking committee). One person has already signed the petition. The president of the student body clearly thinks it is necessary to make sure that all students are being looked after. But this is not an answer. We are not sure whether or not it is true."

Observer: - Yes, but the price of housing was not as high 25 years ago.

Botstein: - The price of housing is one of the major problems. Twenty five years ago (he pulls out a catalog and starts making calculations), for example, in 1964 $240 a month was considered normal.

Observer: - So the administration broke faith with the students and the parents?

Botstein: - No, no, no, we would have liked to have the new dorms finished by Parents Day so the parents will not have to know that their children are living in what they would consider to be a temporary arrangement. But it is true that the new dorms have already been planned and are being built.

The real problem seems to be that the administration knew the dorms would not be ready because of the beginning of the year. The year accepted more freshman than they had ever done before. But this is not the same as saying that the students are not being looked after. The problem is that the students are not being treated as those who believe in the system."

Tennis - Cont.

Gilmor and Welch 6-3, 6-4. Nevertheless, the chance to attend the nationals was a fitting and satisfying cap to seniors Dатель and Phillips’ careers.

Joel Thomason believes the year’s team was the most competitive. Bard has ever been in terms of (player) depth. He felt a sense of enthusiasm and commitment from the players which he attributes to the player pride when a team feels successful and able to compete. He hopes that returning players will have practiced during the summer and this will fail to displace the loss of Dатель, D. Phillips and driver, while he also hopes for a talented group of freshmen.

This fall saw the reformation of the Bard women’s tennis team, which of course generates interest on the women’s team. Under their new coach, Daniel Werholdbond, the team has run up a 1-1 record so far, which is "pre-" good considering the inexperience of many of the players," according to the outstanding coach Carl Berry. The team record is reflected by individual players, with junior Beth Ann Flindoro and freshmen Kristin Cleveland and Karen Holbenbeck setting the third and fourth seed, respectively, all��lining up 2-1 records.

According to Berry, it is still a "young" team with several of its members never having played competitively before, and a few of them new to the game altogether. Besides Flindoro, Cleveland and Holbenbeck, the team includes sophomore Linda Hall-

but there were some unfortunate and undesirable elements. The harm of being doubled up for a few days. This is an inconvenience that placed in a dormitory which seems not very relevant. What does it say that individuals have to look at the negative side of this transition.

Botstein: - The problem is that for a freshman starting thing is a difficult process, without having to deal with sleeping in a room with two "party animals."" 

Bosten: - Closure will be difficult to deal with. If you have a single and be mindful of the person next door is too loud, if you living, so close together, people will say: "we're all in the same boat. Everyone has to compromise. There is no private space and...

Observer: - Then you admit the problem?

Botstein: - Don't try to trap. That's not what I'm saying.

Observer: - I'm not trying to trap you. It just seems to me that there is a need for a room that should keep two does not give much private space.

Botstein: - Almost all Freshman will be living in this college this fall. Furthermore, this is not the case for all students. Some are not in the depth of winter, so some are not in the college where one can stay. There will be some difficulty on campus. We assure you that the people who are working hard and doing their best for the students will be of benefit to the students.

By Day (top seed and also captain of the volleyball team), freshman Emily Howrorts, who has since been named this season, and returning senior Miriam R indel-Israkow practices with the team for the past two years. Unfortunately unable to play competitively due to her commitments off-campus, she hopes to be playing at the tournament according to Berry, "I they all stick at it, we going to have a really good team in a couple of years.

Perhaps the biggest spot this season has been doubles play, where the teams of Haliday-Cleveland and Fin- dellolbecb have performed well. Simon Haliday-Cleveland even have a chance at making it to the nationals. Furthermore, the "next few matches will be tough," according to Berry, "but we don't want to lose, it will not be from lack of effort," he added.

To the lawand gang - color any you want! - Kristina

Saxophone, Senior Dave Curly black hair...I wish I knew! 

There is no greater sorrow than the knowledge that I have no time in misery. - Dante
Opinion

Contradiction

by Scott L. Liscame

Frequently, foreign policy goals are understood by the public on a superficial level. The national-security problem, whatever its support for the Contras has illustrated individuals around the world, this piece will not discuss the issues of morality and human rights pertaining to the Contras, but rather, some economic aspects of U.S. foreign policy. To see the Contra issue not as an incidental battle against a Marxist nation, but rather, an economic manipulation by the U.S. and the Soviet Union. If one can accept and extend this manipulation, then some light may be shed on the true motivation of U.S. foreign policy goals.

In my opinion, the ultimate goals of U.S. foreign policy towards Nicaragua are very different from commonly held beliefs. The Reagan administration has restated, explained, and urges that our economic and military aid to the contra fighters and military forces of the Sandinistas is to help the freedom-fighters to overthrow the communist government. Most individuals would agree that this goal is one that is virtually impossible to achieve in the near future. What is absolutely necessary, though, is a foreign policy that considers the economics stability of a third world nation which in turn goes on to promote an economic and geopolitical development of central America.

The economic deterioration of Latin American nations over the past decade has worsened. With the default of various "southern" nations on American bank loans, the possibility that a Marxist revolution has become a prevalent fear within certain political and investment circles. Contra support could be one of the powerful and influential actions of Cuba. Castro himself has repeatedly chanted the Marxist doctrine of economic revolution, specifically, Latin American nations. Cuba is the prime example of how racism, words and budgeted vast sums of money to subsidize materials to Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Cuba. We should mention a few. The mere fact that the Sandinista government is exercising economic aggression to the U.S. sphere of influence (its present relations with Nicaragua) can only justify economic retaliation on the part of the U.S. that perserves the Soviet Union.

I believe that the ultimate goals of American policy to Nicaragua are as follows: (1) to impede the economic development of Nicaragua (2) to increase the country's debt and overextend government to budget vast sums to support Contras (3) to deteriorate the nations' standard of living (4) to prove to the American public that Cuba will not become another Cuba without extensive budgetary measures.

In many aspects, these goals are in direct conflict with the junta government's plans. The junta government will have to do what the government of Cuba did in order to maintain their economic stability. This includes careful planning and efficient use of government funds impedes the economic development of Nicaragua. It is this lack of economic stability that allows Contras to constantly reconsider its role in Nicaragua (i.e. the reduction of 200,000 barrels of oil to Nicaragua last year). Ultimately, economic manipulation of certain regions could lead to the collapse of foreign policy if the overall goal was the political status quo of Latin America.

Housing Again

Much has been said and will be said about the current housing crisis. Rather than rehash well-known and widely circulared grievances we would like to mention an unseen victim of this crisis: Activities. Activities which have been available in the past to students, are now limited to those who possess the means and the willingness to handle both housing and activities. Since housing is the most basic and urgent of the two the resources available, leaving activities floundering. This problem has become acute in most college settings. The position of Assistant Dean for Housing and Activities is perhaps the only solution. This position is still unfulfilled. The Director of Housing must make hard, often unpopular, decisions. An Activities Coordinator must have a sense of fellowship and trust with the students. They could successfully perform both charges of such a schizophrenia. This is not to say the positions of Housing and Activities Coordinator should be separated. The positions of Housing Director and Activities Coordinator must be separated.
The Stevenson Gymnasium

New Gymnasium

The architect for the Stevenson Gymnasium is John C. Froelich and William A. Hurlbut, Partnership, who has designed other recreational facilities. Recently, he designed a new gymnasium at Columbia College in Virginia. The architect is often the r e s p o n s i b l e f o r t h e s e m p l e s i n t e r i o r s , and the building ought to be "back to basics." To this end, the new gym will be constructed of a white stucco material that is similar to that in the Milton and Sally Avery Center for the Arts. A horizontal red stripe will run along the corners and edges. A glass-enclosed two-story spine opening onto the woods runs down the entire south facade of the building," Coop said.

President Bobst sees the new gym as a way to set the college apart from the competition of American colleges. He feels that there is no "cut and dry" way to commercialize in American sports. He said, "The new athletic program will help take Bard sports to a new level as it will involve more students in sports. President Bobst wants to keep genuine amateurism alive and the new athletic program is a means to that end."

The gym will have enough space to play two basketball games at the same time and will have volleyball and badminton courts as well. There will be six lane competition length pool with one and three meter boards; four squash courts; and a weight center with extensive Nautilus equipment. In the weight room, there will also be stationary bicycles and other exercise machines. Locker rooms, showers and saunas will also be available.

Seeking for games and other events will be promoted through brochures in front of the basketball court and another set facing the pool. The new gym seems to be an attempt to get people to watch sports if they don't want to play. With Bard's track record of involvement in the past, the most that can be expected is that students will build a facility that will excite people, and it is students then to come down there," Bill Coplin should get an impression of the gym. In the past, Coplin has designed facilities that are close to the center of the campus. With Bard, he doesn't have to worry about getting the gym's design fitting into the surrounding architecture.

The community surrounding Bard will be invited to use the new facility in the new program. The new gym will be one of the most modern and well-equipped athletic facility in Northern Dutchess County, Bard College. It will take approximately six months to finish and the plans incorporated completely in the building is August of 1988.

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