N.Y., Friday, Aug. 16 -- Valerie Solanis, 28 year old leader of the Society for Cutting Up Men (S.C.U.M.) was declared incompetent by New York Supreme Court Justice Joe Brust to stand trial for shooting Andy Warhol earlier this year. LNS

Sept. 3 -- Of the 160 black soldiers who refused to take part in the "riot control in Chicago" 46 are still in the stockyards. Reports in the Texas papers describe the beating they are taking from the stock yard guards. LNS

Chicago, Aug. 24 -- Some 250 free people drifted into Lincoln Park Thursday evening to pay tribute to a fallen brother. Services were held for Dean Johnson, 17, an American Indian from Sioux Falls, S.D., shot dead on a sidewalk early Thursday morning. None of the mourners had known Johnson, but they knew well enough who killed him. LNS

Aug 25 -- Fifteen members of the Philadelphia Resistance liberated the Taas teletype machine and sent the following message in Russian, "Support for the Czechoslovakian people in their struggle for revolutionary Socialism and Democracy" and urging "Soviet troops to refuse to obey illegitimate authority to the Soviet Union." LNS

France, Aug. -- Over a hundred television journalists have been "purged" from the ORTF (French SBC) because of their five week strike to present news objectively and uncensored over the French TV. LNS

N.Y. Aug. 22 -- Phil Butchings, executive secretary of SNCC, announced that Stokely Carmichael, former National Chairman of the organization, had been formally expelled. "Brother Carmichael, both as a member and as chairman of SNCC made tremendous strides in the fight for black liberation in the past eight years, but it has been apparent now for some time SNCC and Carmichael were moving in different directions," Butchings' statement read. LNS

Aug. 2 -- The U.S. office of Civil Rights, part of the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, has investigated over a hundred predominantly white colleges in order to ascertain if white civil rights have been violated by the demands of black groups. CPS

Aug. 27 -- David Ferris, participating on a quiz show surprisingly revealed that he was involved in the conspiracy which murdered President Kennedy. Ferris was named by District Attorney Jim Garrison as one of the participants in the conspiracy. Garrison has said of Ferris, "He was one of history's most important individuals." LNS

Squaw Valley, California -- Maharishi Mahesh and 160 followers have set up a meditation center at Squaw Valley, California. You can spend a week eating fresh marigolds for 500 dollars or a Diners Club card. LNS

New York, Aug. 23 -- The President of Barnard announced that Barnard girls could live wherever they want, with parent's permission, of course, marking a radical change in the that institution. LNS

Speaking to a meeting of the National Student Association Congress two weeks ago in Manhattan, Kansas, West Coast draft resistor and activist Dave Harris was asked by a young lady in the audience what women could do to effectively protest the draft. "Well," Harris answered, "you can refuse to sleep with anyone who carries a draft card." CPS

Ed.'s Note: Cross your legs if they cross the line.

Ann Arbor, Michigan, Sept. 6 -- 250 students were arrested in two sit-ins. The students were protesting the mishandling of the aid to the Department of Children. The police used clubs and dogs to clear the peaceful sit-in. CPS

Graduate School Aspirants Urged to P L A N Ahead

Anyone preparing himself for admission to graduate school should be sure he has fulfilled all the requirements in advance. Among other things, many graduate school now require scores from the Graduate Record Examinations. This test is offered on October 26 and December 14 in 1968 and on January 18, February 22, April 26 and July 12 in 1969. Individual applicants should be sure that they take the test in time to meet the deadlines of their intended graduate school or graduate department or fellowship granting agency. Early registration also ensures that the individual can be tested at the location of his choice and without having to pay the three dollar late registration fee.
Amid the talk going around campus of the "double cross" handed to the student body over the handling of the Student Life Committee report by the administration, we decided to go see President Kline and get his side of the story. The following is a transcript of the Observer's interview with Dr. Kline. Draw your own conclusions.

Observer: The Observer came here today because we heard that you object to part of the SLC report.
President Kline: I, in general, have supported the SLC report as it appears, and if it is submitted to the student body or to the trustees as it appears, I shall support it. This is because I think that a community can arrive at policies through proper process and procedure that the SLC got a great deal of work and studied this matter. I am entirely willing and ready to support their recommendations as they stand.

I was told in the summer in a letter from Bruce Lieberman that the Senate had decided to strike out of the report one provision -- I think it was the person in charge of student housing -- and I told him that I felt that the report should either rise or fall in its entirety and if people on campus were going to start tailoring the report to their own preferences and taking out things they didn't like, if that was to be done, it was one thing therefore that I objected to.

If the report is therefore put up for consideration as it stands, I'll support it. If people start re-writing on the spot, I'd like to do a little re-writing too.

Observer: What I understand you've said is that if Senate has the right to object to certain parts it should be put back in committee for another year or so. Pres. Kline: If Senate's going to edit, I'd like to edit.
Observer: I'd rather see it come up like it stands.
Observer: What parts would you like to edit?
Pres. Kline: I don't like the idea of room-visiting by men students in women's dorms. I think we're essentially a closed community. I think that the basic principle that women can visit in men's dorms is a sound one for our community and I'm not terrible anxious to have girls offended by having men running up and down their dorm corridors.

I'd love to be completely rid of the whole business of social regulations. I think it's taken up too much of our time and energy and I think it indicates a kind of obsession with minutia sex, to put it bluntly. The problem here is that we're in a period of very fast social change and the point where the behavior patterns of the youth generation and the adult generation -- will come together very rapidly...trying to establish a system that is acceptable and non-repressive to its students, and yet one completely alienated to the outside world. We also have to be slightly accountable to legal officials. We have to be more than slightly accountable to parents. We have to be substantially accountable to private, public school systems, etc.

At the moment we're caught in a period of transition.

Observer: ...the size of the classes this semester has mushroomed.
Pres. Kline: No, they haven't, unless you're speaking of a particular popular subject, the student-faculty increase has been slight, the ratio between them hasn't changed, (as a policy) for three years and this year the faculty is slightly larger in proportion compared to last year... You have to balance a decent, human salary for faculty members with the student-faculty ratio. This year for the first time Bard has made the level of commended on the faculty salary scale of the AAUP. This is the first time this has happened. There are about 2500 colleges in the country, and about 600 make this rating scale of faculty salaries. This year we're at least on the bottom rung of the ladder.

Observer: You mentioned before that if the Student Senate objected to part of the SLC report, it would have to be put back on the drawing board, so to speak.
Pres. Kline: When a report isn't accepted, it has to go back to the committee for more work -- that's part of parliamentary procedure. But my point is that if other people are going to re-tailor this to their liking, I'd like to have my finger in on the process, too.

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Francis Fleetwood

Carl Selinger, Bard's new Dean, is a rather modest looking man who is interested largely in academic planning. He is assuming an administration position for the first time. The change, he says, is related to his desire to improve academics and the college level seems to be most important.

The new Dean sees the large state University as having basically one objective and that is filling slots: "They overlook two other objectives which are equally important." They are...developing people who have competence, to if necessary change the existing economic and social systems, ...enabling students to understand themselves as human beings, ...and find out what kind of inter-personal relationships and career patterns are going to bring personal happiness.

He feels that there are two problems in the Student Life Committee report. "One is how does one go about formulating policies in these areas (and)...how does one translate the recommendations into actual policy" but the Dean does not believe that his judgment should be final determinant.

Finally, he feels that "action will be taken long before Thanksgiving" on the reports.

In regard to the faculty Curriculum Committee report, he supports the recommendation for "mini-courses" of only a half semester in a very narrow field. He also supports complete course evaluation but not teacher evaluation. He feels that the faculty should have the freedom to experiment but does not plan to force any teacher into new courses.

Dean Selinger has a rather positive attitude towards innovation. He said "people find the difficulty in any new idea first and then later look at the idea's validity." He would be very happy to consider any idea of potential value to the community as long as it is in black and white. He feels that this should be part of his job, and is looking forward to suggestions from students.

He also is very willing to talk about anything with anybody and says "my doors will always be open."
Editor's Note: The following is excerpted portions of the speech delivered to the Student Senate on Monday night by Senate President Bruce Lieb.

...everything else at Bard, our student government is not exactly in the mainstream of American campus politics. We do not, for example, stifle revolution and change. We do not advocate the necessity of going through "proper channels" when those channels prove to be impotent. We do not place bureaucracy before progress....

We at Bard are committed to the idea that our primary goal as students must be a meaningful education. And with your help, your student government will concentrate its efforts this year in establishing for the students a legitimate and constructive voice in the academic affairs of the college. But we also realize that an excellent academic life requires an acceptable social climate.

In the spring of 1967 the students of Bard found the social climate -- and, specifically, some of the social regulations -- unacceptable and sought to change them. There was an intense struggle between the students and the administration which at times threatened to blow up into a full-scale revolution. Finally we agreed to a moratorium. Representatives of both sides plus members of the faculty and the Board of Trustees would sit down, analyze the situation and prepare a comprehensive report -- and there would be no fighting during the interim.

We now have the finished Student Life Report, and it is time for us to determine whether both sides can agree to the implementation of some or all of its recommendations, or whether we shall return to the struggle of 1967. Within the next two weeks there will be a referendum in which you will have an opportunity to approve or disapprove of certain changes in the Report which were recommended by your Student Senate.

But perhaps I should introduce a few words of warning. First, neither the Student Life Report nor the Senate-proposed changes will be formally presented to the Board of Trustees until after our referendum. And it is then that our work will begin, for we must demonstrate to the Board of Trustees -- and also to the administration -- that we are united in our determination to implement that which we approve in referendum.

Secondly, by taking the time to seriously analyse the recommendations of the Student Life Committee, and by suggesting that we not only have a right but also an obligation to judge each recommendation on its own, individual merits, and in fact by giving you an opportunity through referendum of saying, "We wish to implement one recommendation and do not wish to implement another one," we are running the risk of directly contravening the wishes of the administration.

One of the most significant recommendations contained in the Student Life Report is the proposal to abolish both the visiting restrictions in Upper College Men's dormitories and the curfews for Upper College women. Yet, in a letter to me this summer, President Kline has suggested that should the students in referendum take "substantial exception to major provisions of the report," he thinks he would "make a stand" for his objections to the section of the report which I just mentioned.

We shall debate and discuss the Student Life Report as intelligent, responsible adults; we shall examine each recommendation on its own merits, and we shall approve or disapprove, change or decide not to change each major and minor provision of the report as we intelligently vote in referendum. But we shall not be intimidated. Perhaps it is time for those who have already forgotten the experience of Spring, 1967 to remember that this student body has no intention of playing petty politics with the social life of our campus.

The problems of student participation in both the academic affairs of Bard and the formulation and implementation of a new and realistic set of social regulations are two major issues with which we are presently concerned. In these and in all other matters which require active yet constructive student involvement, your representatives in student government can only vote "aye" or "nay" and it is up to you to provide the concerned voice and the commitment to action with which the student body will make its own contribution to academic excellence and social viability.

We are 635 students. And just as we can be diverse in opinion, so can we be united in our concern for both our education and our surrounding educational and social environment. And it is with your concern and your willingness to participate in making student opinion a responsible and legitimate voice in all aspects of college affairs and, specifically -- a legitimate voice in the decision-making processes which regulate those affairs, that we begin another semester at Bard.

Let us dedicate ourselves to making this semester a meaningful one.
WASHINGTON — Peace Corps Director Jack Vaughn predicts continuing protest activities on college campuses in the coming year because many school administrators have not tuned in to the real cause of unrest among students.

In a statement released last week Vaughn states: "It is becoming clear that half of today's students are out to change the system -- not necessarily our system but their system of higher education. I believe they're right in thinking it is ready for radical overhauling."

The trouble, Vaughn believes, stems from depersonalization of higher education and failure to recognize students as adults capable of full participation in society and in educational affairs. And as he points out, "It may be that there will be more discussion on the campus similar to the unrest which rocked many campuses last year unless changes ensue in the decision-making apparatus of higher education."

Vaughn's opinions are based on the results of a Louis Harris survey of student attitudes towards current issues such as Peace Corps service, the Viet Nam war, the civil rights movement, and student activism. The Harris poll, commissioned by the Peace Corps, was supplemented by in-depth interviews conducted by Peace Corps staff members on 12 representative campuses.

"The two most significant results of our studies," says Vaughn, "were the finding that the real revolutionaries total less than four per cent of the student population and that one-third of the students were activists who want to work for reform within the system.

According to Vaughn, the survey indicated that 11 per cent of all students are "true protest-activists," that is, those who comprise the leadership of most campus protest activities. However, only four per cent of all students are "so radical or anarchistic in their views to be considered out of communication with society."

"There is another 30 per cent committed to social and political action but who feel that their goal can be attained within existing systems," says Vaughn. "Add to these groups an estimated 10 per cent whom we can call constructivists -- those committed to social and political action, but who have not engaged in dissent or protest movements."

This adds up, Vaughn says, to approximately 50 per cent of the student body committed to some form of social action, ranging from violent protest to doing community volunteer work.

Vaughn describes the 50 per cent who are still uncommitted to social action as "the remnant of the silent generation of the 50's."

He points out that the Harris survey shows a drop in interest in Peace Corps service among the four per cent of students who are radical activists (primarily due to anti-government sentiment because of the war in Viet Nam.)

"But on the other hand, the rapidly increasing number of the more moderate activists who were interested in the Peace Corps gave us a greater number of students likely to volunteer for the Peace Corps," Vaughn says.
According to Director of Admissions Robert Haberman, unofficial figures for the entering class are as follows: 190 freshmen and 86 transfers for a total of 276. One hundred thirty-one of these new students are male and 139 are female. Greeting these new students, according to Assistant Dean Mary Suggett’s unofficial tally, are 388 returning students and 33 readmissions for a total of 833 old students, which makes for a total enrollment of 612. Other than that The Observer knows nothing about the incoming students. We dare you to tell us who you are.

Eleven new faculty members and several additions to the administrative staff have been announced for the new term by President Kline.

In the division of AMDD, Tom Adair, who has been a soloist with the American Ballet Theatre and a member of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, will be a visiting lecturer (part-time) in dance; Peter Saul, a member for the last three years of the Merce Cunningham Dance Company who has taught at Adelphi and Teacher’s College, Columbia University, will be an Assistant Professor (part-time) of dance; and John Ullman, who has directed and taught in theatre companies across the country, and who was this summer with the department of drama at Cornell, will be an Assistant Professor (part-time) of drama.

The Division of I & L lists four new members: Elaine Rinno, a Ph.D. candidate at Columbia who has been on the faculty at Upsala, will be a part-time instructor in English; Benjamin LaFarge, an editor with the New American Library and an instructor in writing at City College of New York, will be an Instructor (part-time) in English; and Clark Hodewald, a Bard graduate with an M.A. from Johns Hopkins, who returns to teaching at the University of Puerto Rico among other places, will also be a part-time instructor in English. Yuri Karageorge, with degrees from the University of Paris and from NYU and who has taught at Fordham and the State University at New Paltz, will be an Assistant Professor of language.

Samuel Pateri, who holds a B.A. and an M.S. from the University of Michigan, and a Ph.D. from Northwestern will be an Associate Professor of Mathematics in the Division of Natural Sciences. This summer Pateri was a consultant to the National Science Foundation at the University of Lucknow, India.

The new faculty in the SS Division include: William J. Griffith, Instructor in Philosophy with an M.A. from Brown; Katherine M. Klotzburger, instructor, (part-time) in Government, with an M.A. from NYU where she is a Ph.D. candidate and has been a member of the faculty, and Coleman Romali, Assistant Professor of Sociology, whose B.A. is from the University of British Columbia, M.A. from McGill and Ph.D. from Washington University.

The faculty this term numbers sixty-five (65). Of these, twenty-one (21) are part-time making a total equivalency of fifty four (54). With a student body of somewhat over six hundred fifty (650), the ratio of students to faculty is twelve to one which is slightly higher than last semester. That makes the possibility of the small seminar and laboratory classes which have distinguished the Bard educational program in the past that much less likely.

The recently appointed Dean on the College is Carl M. Schlinger, a summa cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School and until this summer Professor of Law at University of New Mexico. Robert Haberman, appointed last spring as Director of Admissions, has been on campus for the last two months. Other additions to the administrative staff include Steven Mindor and Muriel Roehl as Assistant Directors of Admissions. Irene Mattauro of Tivoli is a new Central Services Assistant and Eleanor A. DiPietro is an NCR operator in the Business Office. Barbara Rifeburg, of the Central Services staff, is now a part-time secretary in the Development Office.