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CARV to host conference

by Ruth E. Polk
Editor

Intercambio, "from the Spanish term for a relationship of cultural dialogue and exchange," is the name the student organizers have given to the Campuses Against Racial Violence (CARV) conference to be held Saturday, November 5 at Haverford.

According to Senior Alex Karp, who is one of the organizers of the event, between 400 and 500 students from 30 to 40 different schools throughout the Northeast, ranging from Indiana to Connecticut, will converge at Haverford for the conference. The conference will run from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Saturday and will culminate in an evening of cultural entertainment.

According to Senior Theresa Tensuan, who along with Karp is organizing the conference "it's really the students at the small, community colleges that usually have no methods of support within their colleges." These schools, Tensuan noted, are often left out of conferences that are geared to ivy league schools or schools with ample funding. Both the conference sponsored by Yale and the one to be held at Haverford have been sensitive to this problem.

Tensuan hopes that Saturday's conference will be "an action, rather than a reaction." The Yale conference was, she explained, convened mainly in response to an increase in racial violence. She sees one of the conference's main objectives as bringing together a wide variety of people and establishing the means for creating a "network of support among different groups on campus," and among campuses.

Many campuses have groups to deal with the concerns of a specific minority group, yet there is little interaction between these specialized groups or between minority groups at different colleges, Tensuan said. CARV, by bringing people together is taking the first step in providing a human resource pool from which

groups can draw.

According to Karp, one of the goals of the conference "is to put in people's minds that we have the resources to stop racial violence on our campus . . . If we stand together as a unity against something that affects us all, we have a good chance of stopping that violence." He fears that too many times people fail to realize the "strength through unifying our diversity" which is the underlying message of this year's conference. He likens this failure to being "caught in our own blinders," unable to realize the true ability to create change.

Another goal of CARV is to establish "avenues" in which to constructively express "frustration and anger" according to Tensuan. Too often she sees action occurring only in response to a specific incident without the establishing any long-term changes or methods of handling these problems.

Karp, who has been active in organizing and scheduling the conference workshops, said that racial violence is on the increase. This was directly brought home to him when calling other schools and asking if students would be willing to talk about incidents of racial violence. He discovered, "it's . . . easy to find people who have had personal experiences." Tensuan added, "as Students of Color become more visible on campus and ask for an equal share of the pie . . . these incidents [of violence] arise."

Last Tuesday, CARV sponsored a Collection to discuss the conference and to sensitize students to their concerns. After Tensuan and Karp briefly summarized the schedule of events for the conference, members of the audience rose and read incident after incident of racial violence that have occurred over the past few years at Haverford and other colleges and universities.

A student spoke of the Trustee of the University of Kentucky who referred to Blacks as niggers and only regretted that he

had forgotten that Blacks are no longer called by that name. A student spoke of ethnic customs being parodied outside the Native American Cultural Center by Stanford University sorority members. Students also spoke of verbal and physical threats, such as the three Haitian New York college students who were beaten while a security guard and a coach looked on.

According to Tensuan, the Collection was intended to spark discussion and show that "what affects any of us, affects all of us."

The conference itself will include speaker Greg Ricks of Cool, Elizabeth Miu-Lang Young, an Asian Activist organizer from New York, Acting Dean of Haverford Matthews Hamabata, and the Director of Eighth Dimension Mary Louise Allen. Participants will also choose two workshops to attend which Tensuan characterized as "action oriented." The workshops will deal with issues such as how to establish race relations workshops in order to educate your community, and how to establish links with the community surrounding your institution. Karp noted that Young will lead a workshop dealing with how to unify our diversity, organize groups, and understand the self in order to understand others. He said, "we're trying to give people the tools to [effect] social change." Participants will also reconvene following the workshops for a Plenary to discuss the issues.

Tensuan explained the impetus behind organizing the conference. She said that several Haverford and Bryn Mawr students attended the first conference held last year at Yale University and were excited about the tenants CARV supported. They felt that Haverford had the resources available to sponsor the next conference.

This is only the second CARV conference to be sponsored. As Tensuan said, one can only hope that it will be like a stone thrown into a pond, creating ripples that will extend beyond the people who attend.

McPherson's back from the USSR

by Clea Benson
Editor

Bryn Mawr President Mary Patterson McPherson, accompanied by Bryn Mawr Professor of Russian Dan Davidson, travelled to the Soviet Union last week to meet with representatives of various educational institutions.

McPherson went first to Russia, where she visited the Pushkin Institute in Moscow and the University of Moscow. She then toured Leningrad and visited with Bryn Mawr students spending time there. McPherson also went to Georgia, a republic of the Soviet Union, where she visited the Soviet equivalent of a grade school.

"It was a very open exchange of opinion," McPherson said, adding that the new "openness" in the Soviet Union is perceived es-

pecially in the intellectual community, where "intellectuals see that certain things have happened [concerning] who is allowed to show paintings, who is allowed to write, and who is allowed to speak."

Within the rest of the society, she pointed out, changes are less obvious. "People simply don't have enough access to food, housing is tight, and the stores are grim," she said.

McPherson was especially impressed with the splendor of the architecture in Leningrad, which is treated as "a preservation of their Tzars past."

In Georgia, she found that the classroom atmosphere was not "heavy and repressive at all," and marveled at the fact that Georgian students have their lessons in Georgian, Russian, and English

by the time they reach the Soviet equivalent of the second grade. Each of the languages has a different alphabet.

The Bryn Mawr students she spoke with were "very pleased" with their studies but said that they found it difficult to make friends with Soviet women. McPherson noted that the young women who acted as her guides all seemed to be very talkative but also acknowledged that Soviet women "don't seem to get out much socially."

McPherson came away from her visit with a sense of both the intellectual and political situation in the Soviet Union. "Mikhail Gorbachev is a person to be reckoned with on the international scene," she said.



Haverford President Tom Kessinger made some new friends at the bonfire last Friday night. Photo by Holly Robbins

Alumni/ae discuss HC

by Christopher Weinmann
Staff writer

Despite last weekend's dreary weather, the annual Homecoming events managed to attract alumni/ae, faculty, staff, and student interest. Alumni and alumnae were quite prominent on campus, walking around with oval name badges stuck to their clothes.

Samuel Snipes, '41, of Morrisville, Pennsylvania was here not only for Homecoming, but for a meeting of the Corporation of the College. He is a lawyer by profession and had served on the Board of Managers for 5-6 years. His father graduated in 1904, and his sons are also Haverford alumni: Jonathan, class of 1982, and Howard, class of 1985.

As a Corporation member, Snipes has seen changes in the College over the years; socially, politically and in the student's extracurricular activities.

"I'm a Democrat, a strong Dukakis supporter, and I imagine that most of the campus today is as well. When I went here 2/3 of the class was Republican. Recently, they had a survey of the alumni of '41 and found that 2/3 of them still are [Republican]. You'd think that after all that liberal arts training the professors gave them, they'd have changed their minds by now."

Snipes admired what he called the "improvements in social concerns and values that students have today." He noted that his class was mainly concerned with politics: what Hitler was doing and the presidential election. He feels that the greater social awareness of today's Haverford students is due to the many changes that occurred in the 1960's.

There was however, a negative side-effect of this process. "In the 60's many people wanted to throw out the old ways of looking at things, they had a greater social awareness. But in a way it became an era of non-recognition. Students tried to make everyone equal and in the process nobody was equal. There isn't any recognition of individual effort anymore."

Both Snipes and his father played football. Snipes remembered his father saying that the rivalry between Haverford and Swarthmore was so great that Swarthmore began hiring profes-

sional football players for the Haverford-Swarthmore football game.

"That game was big when I played," he said as he watched the women's soccer game on Saturday. "These stands would be full. There used to be about 4,000 people who would come to watch."

There is still some lament about the loss of the team. "We always felt that the administration deliberately didn't admit football players so less people would try out and then they could end the team by saying there wasn't enough interest, and it was therefore too expensive."

Snipes wishes that the alumni/ae could still get a copy of the *News* mailed to them. "I guess there's not enough money today," he said. "I remember in eighth grade reading the paper that my father got in the mail. It keeps a bond to the College. Today the student's don't read the alumni magazine, and vice-versa. That connection has been lost."

Reflecting on his college career, Snipes said, "I had three goals for college extracurricular activities: get on the football team, get on the track team, and become president of the student body. Happily, I was able to do all three."

Peter Vos ('79, but who graduated in 1980) lives in Philadelphia where he is working on his Ph.D. in pharmacology and is involved in developmental neurobiology. Except for a visit last week to Haverford Chairman and Professor of Psychology Sid Perloe, who was his faculty adviser, Vos had not been on campus for 2-3 years. He had arrived late Saturday afternoon and spent much of his time "wandering around" campus.

He was impressed by what he saw. "I think the College going co-ed was one of the best things that happened here, it helps the school to have more diversity and higher quality students, socially and academically. It's helped to strengthen the community."

As an example of the greater concerns on campus, Vos talked about the vigil held last week in remembrance of the Barclay Rape. "I just read about that in the *News*, and that really shows the improvements made. When the rape happened everyone on

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In Brief

Workshop Series to Be Held

David Yaskulka, Director of the Center for Common Security, will lead a series of workshops at Haverford and Bryn Mawr on Friday and Saturday, October 28 and 29. Topics include: "Education and Powerful Citizenship," "Nonviolent Sanctions in Conflict and Defense," "Common Security: New Thinking for the Peace Movement," and "Leadership and Empowerment."

Eleanor Smeal to Speak at HC

President of the Fund for the Feminist Majority and chair of the National Organization for Women's Advisory Board Eleanor Smeal will speak at Haverford on Friday, October 28 at 7:30 P.M. in Stokes Auditorium. A reception will follow in the Haverford Women's Center.

Feminist Lawyers Speak

Rhonda Copelon of CUNY Law School and Kitty Kolbert, Chief Counsel of the Women's Law Project of Philadelphia, will speak at a forum entitled "Sexual and Reproductive Freedom: What's at Stake in the 1988 Elections" on Tuesday, November 1 at 4:00 P.M. in the Ely Room of Wyndham at Bryn Mawr. Both Copelon and Kolbert have litigated major abortion cases. The forum will be moderated by Carole Joffe of the Bryn Mawr Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research.

Eighth Dimension Needs You

Volunteers are needed to "table" for the United Way fundraising drive during November in the Dining Center. Call 896-1183 for more information.

Sixty pre-school children from the Huey School, a "headstart" school in Philadelphia will be visiting Haverford from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. on Wednesday, November 2nd. Students are needed to play and supervise the children as they explore the campus. Call 896-1183 for more information.

Freshmen don't mix

by Alison Watkins
Staff writer

Bryn Mawr freshmen, trying to meet and get to know Haverford students, have not been auspiciously successful.

The first time Bryn Mawr freshmen meet Haverford freshmen is during Customs Week, when they meet their co-Customs groups. Bryn Mawr freshman Miriam Alersma said, "I met my co-Customs group, but I haven't seen them since." Bryn Mawr freshman Kirsty Dart agreed, "We did stuff with our co-Customs group during customs week, but I didn't get to know them."

After Customs Week, freshmen are left on their own to meet people from Haverford. Bryn Mawr freshman Kitty Erikkla said, "I haven't made any friends to go out with, at Haverford, but I know people well enough to talk to them if I see them. It is early in the year so I think over time I will get to know more people better." Bryn Mawr freshman Jennifer Hiron said, "I met some Fords from our co-Customs group whom I would like to go back and see. I would like to get to know them better."

Most bi-College interaction occurs at parties. However, it is hard to meet and talk to people at these events. One Bryn Mawr freshman said, "I go to bi-College parties, but they are not a good place to meet people. It's too loud."

Alersma said, "It helps if you know some people there [at parties]. Then they can introduce you to other people. If you don't know any people it is hard."

Some freshmen have heard rumors about what Haverford students are like. Hiron said, "I've heard from upperclassmen that the typical [male] Ford was a nerd in high school and is discovering girls for the first time." Hiron has not heard any stereotypes about Haverford women.

However, many students have found that Bryn Mawr students

are not that different from Haverford students. Bryn Mawr freshman Michelle Gautier said, "I think that Haverford people are basically the same as Bryn Mawr people, friendly. I've heard some rumors about how people are at Haverford but I haven't seen it for myself."

Alersma said, "I don't have any stereotypes, male or female, of Fords because I'm not around them enough."

Bryn Mawr freshman Miriam Bowen said, "When I go out I go to Philadelphia, not Haverford. I think that they do a good job of organizing bi-College activities. I don't go because of me, not because of the quality of the parties."

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Students make war on drugs

by Elizabeth Lounsbury
Staff writer

Achieve Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP), Peer Counseling, and the Bryn Mawr Cafe sponsored "War on Drugs: Views and Reviews" on Thursday, October 21, in the Bryn Mawr College Campus Center.

Deborah Beck, a lobbyist in the state congress and a trainer and consultant for drug and alcohol prevention centers, and Sherry Heller, a member of the Pennsylvania Republican party who drafted some of Pennsylvania's new anti-drug legislation and who works closely with the state attorney general, spoke to the audience about the fight against drugs in this state, and in the U.S. in general.

Both women spoke of their frustrations with the governmental system which they find themselves constantly working around. Political and bureaucratic sympathies frequently prevent real progress in the "War on

Drugs" said Beck and Heller.

Heller and Beck acknowledge that things are being done to control drugs in this country, but they said that they are constantly asking themselves if the things being done are the right things.

"The Republican's," Heller explained, "are known for favoring a good deal of tough legislation against drug pushers and users." These days it is good politics to be considered tough on drugs, said Heller. If the public knows that a candidate has taken a hard line with drug pushers, favoring tough legislation, they will be more likely to support him or her in an election.

This past July, a law was passed that mandated prison terms and fines for people under arrest for possession of drugs such as marijuana and heroin. Those who argue that such policies are too stringent, Heller explains, probably do not realize the facts about how well drug pushers are prosecuted in this state.

"In Pennsylvania in 1986, for

example, eighty percent of drug pushers were on the street in one year, and thirty percent of major drug traffickers spent no time in jail or got out after six months," she stated. These are infuriating statistics for Heller. She is a strong proponent of further legislation for Pennsylvania.

Beck, on the other hand, understands that there is a time and a place for strict legislation, but she also stresses that drug and alcohol abuse will not be eradicated by laws alone. These laws must come as a result of changing attitudes towards drugs and alcohol in America. Our culture presently encourages, rather than stigmatizes, drug and alcohol abuse, according to Beck.

Beck emphasized that it is vital that alcohol be considered a drug, just as marijuana or cocaine. Beck believes that alcohol is the drug that should arouse the most public concern and outrage. "Fifty percent of all child abuse cases are alcohol related," she said.

US News college report criticized

by Cheryl Kramer
Staff writer

In its October 10th issue, *U.S. News and World Report* published its fourth annual report on "America's Best Colleges." Although Haverford was ranked 10th among national liberal arts colleges and Bryn Mawr was ranked 13th, both the Haverford and the Bryn Mawr administrations found the article to be disappointing and misleading.

The *US News* article purports to rank the colleges using a survey of college presidents, academic deans, and admissions officers as well as "objective data," which includes student to faculty ratios and endowment per student. In ranking the "best colleges," the schools are divided into five categories: national universities, national liberal arts colleges, comprehensive colleges and universities, small comprehensive colleges, and regional liberal arts colleges. The last three categories are judged using "objective data" alone. The results of the opinion survey were used to develop a reputation ranking for the national universities and the na-

tional liberal arts colleges.

The fact that the colleges were ranked high on the *U.S. News* lists did not keep Bryn Mawr and Haverford officials from challenging the nature of the rankings. In a letter to the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, Bryn Mawr President Mary Patterson McPherson criticized the newspaper for failing to "attempt to assess the value of [the *U.S. News*] 'survey' or the validity of its findings." McPherson also censured *U.S. News and World Report*, asserting that, "encouraging the public to believe that quality can be measured by opinion surveys and comparisons of statistics is misleading and insulting."

Haverford President Tom Kessinger was equally disappointed with the report. He questioned the credibility of the ranking system and was concerned that this particular issue would have a great impact on public opinion of the schools.

President McPherson focused on the effect the article would have on students searching for the right college, stating, "It's serving them [the students] extremely

poorly." Because of their past dissatisfaction with the report's ranking system, neither of the presidents took part in this year's survey.

U.S. News also sought the opinion of Ronna Morrison, a private guidance counselor in New Jersey, though the article makes no mention of the input of non-college officials. She believes that she was asked to be part of the survey because of her membership in the I.E.C.A. (Independent Educators Consulting Association), though she was never specifically told. In her opinion, the survey was very "casual", not asking for justification of her selections.

Morrison shares the presidents' concern about the effect of the article on prospective college students. She believes the report is "unethical [in that *U.S. News* is] saying that they are an authority, but they aren't. [The surveys are] not at all scientific and parents and students are believing them." Like the presidents, Morrison does not plan to participate in the survey again.

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THROUGH CAMPUS GATES North Dakota University

An outbreak of food poisoning at the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks caused more than 275 students to become ill. The students got sick after eating at the University's Wilkerson Hall. Physicians at the Campus Health Center treated the students with antibiotics, and all recovered within 36 hours. Technicians are working to identify possible contaminants in food samples from the cafeteria. (College Press Service)

Amherst College

The President and the faculty at Amherst College have begun to "explore the intricacies" of writing an Amherst guide to liberal arts education. The fate of the project is still unknown; but if successful, the President plans to have the finished project by the fall of 1990.

The book, tentatively titled *The Amherst Guide to Liberal Studies*, is intended to serve as a response to the attacks on American higher education initiated by Allan Bloom's best-seller *The Closing of the American Mind*. According to the *Amherst Student*, Bloom writes that "a modern liberal arts education is so concerned with the esoteric intricacies of its many subdisciplines that it neglects to provide understanding of Man and Life."

The economic impetus to produce the book has been "superceded by the inherent worthiness of making explicit our [Amherst] principles of education," according to Amherst President Peter Pouncey.

Oberlin College

Twenty-five students gathered in the Third World Center upon hearing that 14 Oberlin students were forced to leave the college for financial reasons. More than half of the 14 students were minorities. The college claims that they "bend over backwards" to help students with financial need, but that the 14 students did not take the necessary steps to receive help. The protesting students have formed an ad hoc committee to raise money for an emergency fund for similar cases in the future.

Williams College

An attack has "called into question campus safety." A female employee was attacked at 10:30 p.m. in a College parking lot. She was able to fend off her attacker by elbowing him and kneeling him in the groin. He fell to the ground, and she drove away. This is the third of such incidents over the last five years.

Compiled by Garry Jenkins

* All information for this column comes from campus newspapers unless otherwise noted.

Code questioned

by Garry Jenkins and
Laurie Higgins
Staff writers

On October 3, approximately 200 Haverford students were polled about the Honor Code. The students answered questions ranging from: would they confront someone who violated the Honor Code to would they turn a student into the Honor Council.

In answer to the question: "If you were certain of an academic Honor Code violation, would you confront the offender?" 92 percent of the total respondents believed that they would confront an offender. The poll showed that 97 percent of the freshmen polled would confront academic violators. Only 84 percent of the juniors polled answered "yes," making them the class year least likely to engage in confrontations of this sort.

Freshman, Evan Houtrides was not surprised by this gap because "Freshmen are so newly exposed to the Honor Code that they haven't developed complete ideas about the Code."

In answer to the question: "If you were certain of a social Honor Code violation would you confront the offender?" 82 percent of all respondents said that they would confront an offender. Once again, the freshmen were most likely to confront, and the juniors were least likely.

Heather Warren, a sophomore, felt that the decrease in the number of people willing to confront another student when talking about a social violation, was

due, in her opinion, to the fact "that half of the people at Haverford don't believe the Social Honor Code works."

Surprisingly, freshmen also proved to be one of the two classes least likely to actually turn an offender into the Honor Council. On the other hand, 77 percent of the seniors polled said they would report an offender to the Council, making them the class most likely to turn in a violator. The poll also demonstrated that males were more likely to turn a student into the Council than females, with the exception of the sophomore class in which the number of males willing to turn in a violator was equal to the number of females. For example, 83 percent of the males polled in the class of 1990 would report a violator, whereas only 53 percent of the females would do the same.

Honor Council member and Freshman Peter Anderson concluded, "The objective of the Honor Code is to promote a higher level of understanding among members of the community. If people don't feel comfortable reporting incidents that they consider violations of the Honor Code, then we have to deal with that issue of comfort. Why don't they feel comfortable? Does the Code work differently for different people? Do some people feel more comfortable taking problems to the Honor Council than other people? If so, why? Is it possible that some people feel that they are outside this community? We need to take a long hard look at these issues."

Cafe popularity dwindles

by Laura Katzive
Staff writer

Nestled away in the basement of Lunt, with its black and white tiled floors, its paper and crayons and its cappucino machine; the student-run Cafe, in its second year of existence, is suffering from a decline in student interest.

According to Junior Laura Brooks, one of the Cafe managers, the lack of student enthusiasm is a result of the novelty of the Cafe wearing off. However, she added, "There tends to be a Cafe crowd. People who have been customers are repeat customers."

Student opinion about the Cafe varies. Freshman Shana Callan commented, "the first time I went to the Cafe, there was someone performing. It reminded me a lot of watching New York street performers. It was very mellow and relaxed."

However, other students commented that they would not make a special trip to the Cafe. Sophomore Ken Finks said, "I would go if I lived on campus. Being in [Haverford Park Apartments] HPA, I have my own social area. People go to the Cafe to be social, not really to eat."

In the opinion of Senior Evan Shore, "It's hours are pretty limited." He added, "I like the atmosphere at the Bryn Mawr cafe better."

Hoping to attract first time



The Cafe was once a more popular hangout.

customers to the Cafe, Brooks and Junior Jennifer Houser, also a student manager, have spoken to the Large Party Fund directors about having parties thrown in the Lunt basement, with food provided by the cafe. This would hopefully bring the cafe's existence to the attention of more students.

The managers have also explored providing live student entertainment to entice students to frequent the cafe. According to Brooks, the live entertainment has been limited so far this year due to the paucity of students who have volunteered to perform. Brooks emphasized that she wished to attract a variety of mu-

sical performers, not just guitar players, but classical and jazz musicians.

Sophomore Jeff Symonds performed a solo guitar and singing act at the Cafe on October 1. While he believes that the room in Lunt is not very conducive to live performances, because of its small seating capacity, he added, "I had fun. All my friends came and it was very informal. I would encourage anybody to play there."

Symonds speculated that "the colder it gets the more business the cafe will get" as student interest in Cappucino increases once again.

BMC Faculty increase diversity

by Chris Zamkotowicz
Staff writer

As the Bryn Mawr faculty plans its courses for the coming semester, diversity plays an increasingly important role. A growing awareness of pluralism as a serious campus issue has caused many people to emphasize the fact that Bryn Mawr students live and are taught in an environment which stresses American, upper-middle class, predominantly white culture.

Although the issue has become widely known as a source of controversy only recently, pluralism has been analyzed by deans and faculty to some extent for a long time.

"Diversity is not a fad; we've been continually questioning the orientation of the curriculum for the past ten years or more", claims Dean of the Undergraduate College Michele Myers, who chairs the Curriculum Committee. "In earlier years, many colleges gave attention to new programs such as women's studies or ethnic studies. But these programs were considered to be separate from the mainstream, and we're trying to stress their validity as a part of that mainstream. Black history, for instance, has as much a place in a history department as in a black studies department."

In the past, the idea of a diversity requirement in the curriculum was a very controversial topic among the faculty, students, and the Administration. The proposal for a requirement was voted down by a narrow margin. Part of the conflict over the requirement arose from the debate over what exactly constitutes "diversity." The general consensus reached last year was that a course has significant diversity content if it involves, to a large extent, material concerning non-western cultures, women, or minority groups. Still, discussion exists over what constitutes "minorities"

or "non-western cultures", and how much is considered "significant."

"A requirement isn't always the best way to approach the issue," stated Greg Dickerson, Curriculum Committee member and Associate Professor of Greek. "The purpose of diversity in the curriculum is largely to provide an open-minded approach to learning, which is what we're after as a college. But if you create a situation where students are doing it because they have to, that certainly isn't going to promote open-mindedness. In some cases, it may even promote resentment."

Indeed, one of the foreseen drawbacks of the diversity requirement rests not on its content, but on the fact that it would be a requirement. Many students feel that the standard of four courses per semester makes it impossible or at least difficult to fit in all courses that they would like to take.

"Bryn Mawr has a lot of requirements already: major requirements, quantitative, languages, divisionals...they all take up space. Whether we should add another requirement is an issue regarding serious consideration", declares Michael Nylan, Assistant Professor of Chinese Studies in History and Political Science. A faculty member whose course offerings have included diverse content, Nylan is impressed by the amount of interest generated by the student body regardless of the presence or absence of a requirement. "A substantial number of people are fulfilling the 'diversity requirement' on their own. I have great respect for the students here; they are intellectual risk-takers," she said. For now, the requirement has been put aside.

The challenge of diversifying the curriculum is admittedly much easier for some departments than others. The Anthropology and Sociology depart-

ments currently offer the largest numbers of courses with significant diversity content, and the nature of most social sciences makes it relatively easy for them to expand their offerings in this regard.

However, adding more content dealing with the commonly accepted definition of diversity is often somewhat more difficult for the humanities, and the natural sciences are at a particular disadvantage. Myers, though, stressed that "although it doesn't usually affect them directly, many of the science faculty are quite interested in the issues. And the humanities faculty are looking to enrich their current materials by diversification."

The administration and faculty see interdisciplinary programs and conferences as one way of ameliorating interdepartmental tension. In fact, approaching certain courses from the standpoints of a variety of disciplines may serve to incorporate pluralism into courses not only by the traditional means, but also in terms of diversifying the methods of learning the matter.

A special effort is being made by the English Department to bring pluralism to the required 015-016 freshman English courses. Professor of English Jane Hedley notes that "this year, the department has put more emphasis on diversifying each individual course than on diversifying the set of courses in general. This has a certain advantage because each student only takes one course. Even if there is great variety in the range of courses, the fact that only one choice can be made is limiting. If each individual course is varied in itself, students get a little more exposure to diversity."

One accommodation in the effort to introduce diversity in any department is release time; under which a professor teaches (cont. on page 5)

Food prices high

by Karen Akerlof
Editor

For the second year, students at Bryn Mawr had to pay money for their meals at the dining center over Fall Break. The fee was \$4 for brunch and \$5 for dinner. Many students who remained on campus resorted to delivery service pizza, Dunkin Donuts, and cooking in the tea alcoves, to escape the cost and quality of food at Rhoads.

Not very many students ate at Rhoads over the four days. Brunch was attended by a range of 16 to 51 students. Only 13 people, on average, attended dinner during the three days. Complications were furthered when on Monday the subcontractors, working on an old water main, turned off the water too early. The Rhoads' dining service staff was left lugging water in from other parts of campus to make it through brunch.

"Food should have been included in the meal plan," wrote Anastasia Dodson, a Bryn Mawr freshman who described herself as an "Angry Mawrter" over this topic. "Those of us who can't afford to go home are being penalized," wrote Annemarie Schuetz, a Bryn Mawr senior. Other students wrote in response to a posted question outside Erdman dining center that they were irritated about paying for their board over the vacation.

Students also complained that as the break progressed, the food quality decreased. "I came back early from Fall Break and faced large prices for horrid meals. God, the eggs were grey!" exclaimed one student when asked whether the College had made enough effort to feed students who couldn't leave.

Laura Guelle, a Bryn Mawr sophomore, said, "The food quantity and quality got progressively worse as the weekend wore on. It wasn't worth the money."

Becky Alexander, manager at Rhoads, said that she couldn't understand how food quality could have gotten worse since the College used the same food pur-

veyors throughout the break. She also said that the menus were identical and prepared identically as they would have been had it not been break.

President Mary Patterson McPherson said that the College decided to stop providing board because they had discovered that Bryn Mawr was "one of the few institutions covering food over breaks." The College would have had to increase board prices for everyone in order to continue providing food for a few students over breaks. McPherson said that they had decided that that strategy would be unfair to those students who didn't stay.

Furthermore, if the college asked students at the beginning of the year decide whether they would remain on campus, thus incorporating the price of food on break into board prices, students would be unable to make that commitment so early.

As it is students must ultimately fend for themselves over break. Financial Aid has made no provisions for people who need financial help over this time. Jerry Berenson, Director of Financial Aid, said, "We don't consider any of the expenses of breaks." Berenson said that there is \$650 included in financial aid for student expenses, and that perhaps some of this could go towards meals over breaks. However, Berenson said that if anyone really had a problem with covering the price of the board plan Financial Aid could give them a loan, or find them a short time job.

The other option available to the College is to make Fall Break long enough that students who live far away have time to go home. McPherson said that this possibility was seriously considered. However, to extend Fall Break into a week, either the Thanksgiving Vacation would have to be eliminated or students would have to go straight until the end of November without a rest. McPherson said that they had been strongly advised against the latter, as it would be especially rough on freshmen.

Minority life at HC considered

by Julie Min
Special to the News

One of the highlights of Haverford's Homecoming Weekend was the panel discussion about life for minorities at the College. James Baker, '56, Charles Lawrence, '63, and Milo Civodanes, '74, were joined on the panel by Sophomores Aruna Chandra, Keino Robinson and Harold Toro. The luncheon provided an opportunity for students and alumni to discuss personal experiences involving racial and ethnic issues.

Baker ascribed racial tension to the isolation and elitism of the Haverford community. Both he and Lawrence referred to the community as a family. Yet, when they were students, people of color constituted a small minority of the community, which

limited the interaction between minority groups. In contrast Senior Alex Carp, the moderator of the panel, praised the cohesiveness of people of color today. The alumni on the panel were pleasantly surprised by Carp's observation.

Both Baker and Lawrence commented on the hostility they felt from the Main Line community. They talked of staying on campus as much as possible. Baker referred to the College as "the college at the top of the hill." The current students commented that there is more integration between the students and the outside community.

One interesting point addressed by the panelists and alumni seated in the audience was the acknowledgment or racial identity between people of color

and members of the "white community."

Lawrence related an anecdote from his time as a student as illustrative of race relations at Haverford. He remembered a Caucasian friend telling him, "Chuck, I don't think of you as being Black." Current students on the panel related that similar comments are now made between two individuals of color; for example "You know, you're very American."

Students and alumni questioned how such a statement should be interpreted. Is it a compliment for rapid assimilation, or an insult to a student's ethnicity? This discussion illustrated that racial and ethnic tensions have not dissipated and have affected relations between minority groups.

Alumni/ae discuss HC

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campus didn't realize the impact something like that would have," he remarked. "Now the entire campus is concerned, and that makes me feel that the things we fought for before have produced results."

Vos was involved in a 1977 student hunger strike that protested against inequality in society and other social concerns. "I can look back at that now and say, 'We got something going there.' The 8D [eighth dimension volunteer] program was just getting started then and today it's an important part of the community."

Though many current students feel that the problems that were tackled in earlier years have still not been solved, Vos is optimistic. "There's this idea that since we keep coming back to the same questions, all of our efforts are just useless and circular. I look at it as more of an upward spiral. We re-address old questions, but in new surroundings, and with the efforts made in the past to build on. So it's never fruitless to ask the questions again. They're being asked under different circumstances."

Vos went on to say, "Some of these questions will always be here, such as the Honor Code.

People always feel that we don't keep up the Code as well as they used to 100 years ago. The fact is we always try to make it better, just as they did back then. The fact that we continue to try to make it better shows how important the Code still is."

Vos is also optimistic about the Kessinger presidency. "I'm glad they replaced Stevens with someone who has an understanding of the principles of the community. I'm looking forward to seeing what happens, especially with the development of the community. Hopefully, Kessinger's background will help in that area."

Jonathan Karp, '88, now lives in Collingswood, New Jersey, and teaches grades 6-12 at a Friends school in Mullica Hill, New Jersey. He had spent most of his summer in the Career Development Office where "they were all very helpful, especially Liza [Bernard, director of Bryn Mawr/Haverford Career Development]. I want to thank her for her help."

Karp didn't get much of a chance to see the Homecoming events. "I arrived just when they were carting the scoreboard away," he joked. He spent the afternoon visiting with friends at

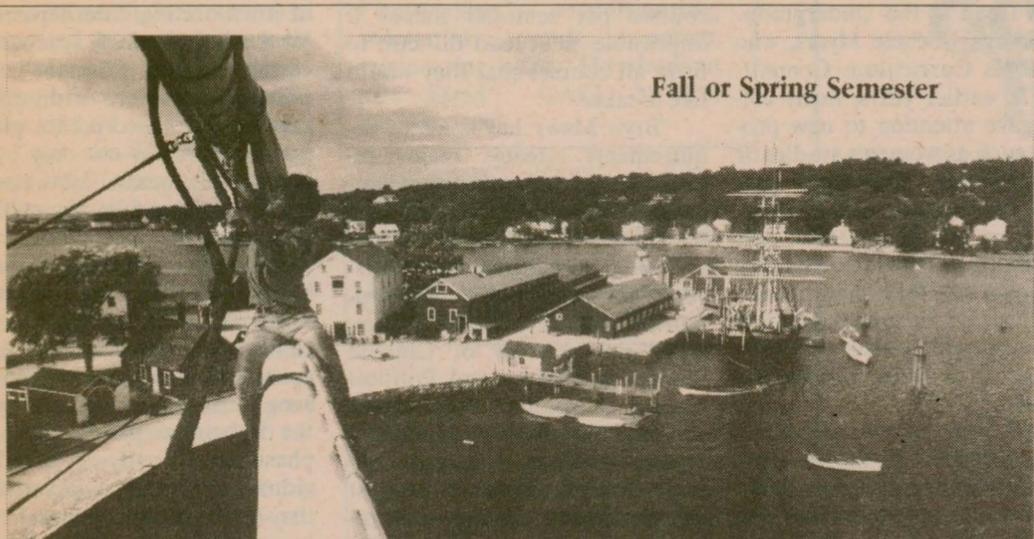
Lloyd, drinking at a local watering hole and talking about old times.

Now that he is an alumnus, Karp feels a bit different. "People look the same, but there is a bit more distance when you talk. When you meet people you haven't seen for a long time at the beginning of the year, you build on your friendship, because you know you'll be able to see them later on during the year. Now you know you won't be able to do that. So you exchange addresses, that kind of thing. For me, it isn't that bad because I've been close by for the past few months. But for the other people who live far away, that distance between people is greater. I guess that's considered a normal distance in the 'real world'. It just takes a while to get used to."

Karp also agreed that alumni/ae need to stay in touch with the campus. "Our addresses are always changing so it's hard to keep up with us, but I wish we could get more information about the College sent to us." He said that he had only found out about Homecoming through word of mouth. "Hopefully, it's something that will get changed in the future."

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Students feel culture shock

Everyone sooner or later experiences some kind of shock: electric shock, toxic shock... culture shock!

Culture what...???

Culture shock is the overwhelming feeling a person encounters when hurled into an ocean of foreign culture. The actual shock can assume different forms. It may last for extended periods of time, and in some cases can even be a recurring illness.

In our bi-College community, the international students are the most susceptible to this emotional shock. Though, a U.S. passport does not guarantee immunity.

This "illness" starts when you de-board the plane in the land of "mom, baseball, and apple pie" and are greeted by the grinning natives who exclaim, "Gosh!! That's soooooo cool!"

You find yourself saying for the next few months, "Yes, I am REALLY from" Thus begins your battle against stereotypes: of loud and spirited Latinos, conservative Asians ("Roomie, do you talk about BOYS?"), the spaghetti-loving Italians busy pinching the tourists (you know where!), "savage" African bushmen (not to exclude African bushwomen), and the list goes on.

Culture shock strikes you every time you answer that fleeting "How are you doing?" by pouring out the story of your recent identity crisis, thinking you've finally found someone who genuinely cares. Instead you end up wondering, "Was he talking to me?"

These are just few of the episodes that make up the everyday experience which is known as

culture shock. Dealing with it is not always easy. Adjusting to a different life-style requires a lot of time and effort.

"American Culture" is not homogeneous itself. While foreign students are confused by the already diverse melting pot, very often the average American also has trouble knowing how to react to a foreigner.

Part of the disadvantage of living in such a large country is

**Simona Goi
and
Marie Lawson**

that it is hard to get out of its borders. Foreigners must step into a completely different cultural environment and try to deal with a new language, a new ethnic identity, and a new and separate sense of nationality, all at once.

No matter how diverse and multi-cultural the United States might seem to be, the people who are part of it have strong feelings about belonging to the same country, and of being nationally united, even if they do identify with a specific ethnic group. No other nation in the world can claim to have such a peculiar social structure.

It is hard, having grown up in a more uniform social environment, to adjust to the melting pot. Especially when you can't understand how your own culture should incorporate into this mixture.

On the other hand, native

students often find it hard to understand how it is possible to live more than three thousands miles away from home. At times they may admire someone who takes such a step.

However, sometimes they may also feel intimidated by the idea of facing a culture so old. In comparison, their culture seems to be in its childhood. This relates to some of the most deeply rooted stereo-typical terms which foreigners associate with Americans: skyscrapers, football games and no sense of history. In a certain sense this attitude can be interpreted as a negative defensive reaction to something which is not immediately understood.

For example, when you come from the other side of the world, the American sense of humor might not seem very funny. This can be very frustrating. Part of culture shock may be sitting down to play "Trivial Pursuit" and not being able to say a word for about three hours.

The first justification that comes to your mind is "These Americans are really dumb! They probably don't even know who Julius Caesar was." But, you are still not really sure about that question on Thomas Jefferson.

Thus another myth is destroyed, and this time the shock can only be beneficial. Maybe now the "two cultures" should decide to take a trip to Dunkin' Donuts to discuss a bit more about Thomas Jefferson and get to know Julius Caesar. Maybe this is the end of culture shock and the beginning of cultural exchange and international understanding.



Senior Annie "Foamer" DeFronzo dreams of graduation.
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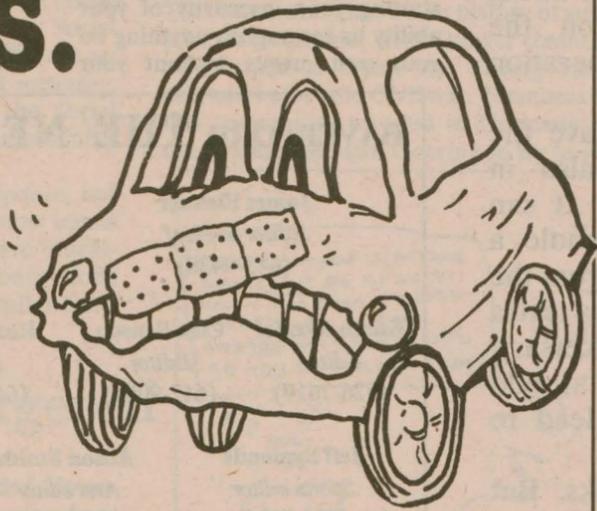
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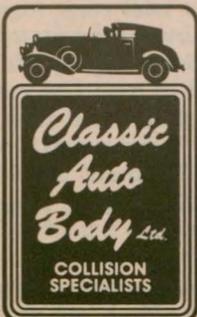
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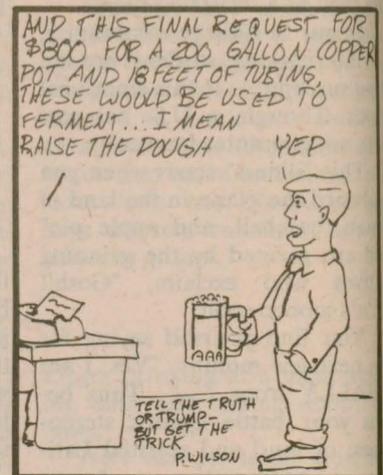
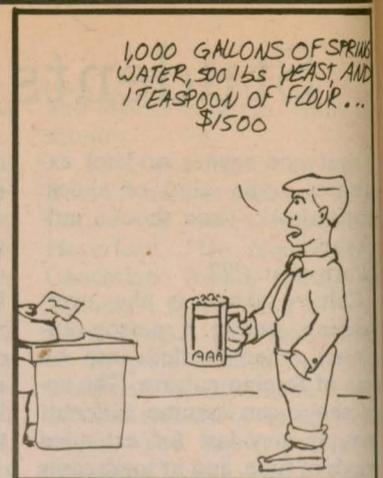
When Haverford students enter Marshall Auditorium this Sunday for Plenary, they will be deciding more than the fate of the Alcohol Policy. They will be deciding the future of self-government.

The Policy is the product of considerable time and effort on the part of both the student leaders and the administrations of both colleges. It has been approved by Haverford's lawyers and its Board of Trustees. For students to reject the Policy because they want to cling to the illusion that the laws of Pennsylvania don't apply in the bi-College community, will be interpreted by the drafters of the proposal as an inability, on the part of students, to make intelligent and sensible decisions about the critical issues affecting the College.

It is disturbing the many students have not read the Policy or have not

made any attempt to clear up their confusion about the provisions of the Policy. There are still aspects of the Policy that need to be clarified. The formation of a joint student/administration panel to address violations of the Policy is still in the planning stages, and its make-up should be discussed at Plenary.

While it is important that students struggle with some of these details of the policy, and the need for a review clause, as was added at Bryn Mawr, it is self-evident, students can no longer ignore the truth that the policy is a necessary evil. To blindly reject the policy without proposing a workable solution is a juvenile response. Let's show the administration that the faith they have shown in letting students vote on and modify the Policy was justified.



Security questioned

Three weeks ago, a frightening incident occurred at 35 Haverford Park Apartments (HPA). A student was robbed at knifepoint in the doorway of the building. This incident prompted a flurry of discussion. Proposals were made to beef up Safety and Security and to improve the lighting in the area; but more importantly to combat this problem quickly and efficiently.

Well, after three weeks, an alarming amount of the energy that was being committed to these changes following the incident has dissipated. Instead of a united, strong effort, Haverford seems to be slipping back into its former complacency.

Last weekend, students remarked that no guard was present after 1:30 A.M. on both Friday and Saturday nights. While the new clearings created by removing dozens of trees improved visibility, the students maintained that they did not feel any safer without the presence of a guard in the booth or on the path.

Although the new lights on the path and the increased open space is certainly a step in the right direction, these improvements will not help the situation without a guard present. A person is still vulnerable on his or her own; whether in an open field or in a dark alley. Central to security is the presence of a Security guard. With

that guard absent this weekend, these students were in the same position they were in three weeks ago.

In addition, the organization of the library escort service has raised questions. The brunt of the organization and leadership of this project has been placed in the hands of one student. While he has shown that he can run the service effectively, is it wise to place such a responsibility on the shoulders of a student? If a cart is late one night, and someone is mugged, who will be held responsible for the incident? The student? The driver?

Security has to play a larger role, because this service is too important to put in the hands of one student. It is Security which should handle the hiring students, the checking up on the drivers, and making sure the operation is successful.

It is simply inefficient to have the student operating the cart also in charge of handling lockouts. It can take up to 45 minutes to handle a lockout, cancelling three trips from the library to HPA. To add this extra burden on the driver is unnecessary, and to disrupt the schedule at odd times of the night can only lead to dangerous situations.

It has been a long three weeks. But if another incident occurs, it will seem like a very short time indeed.

Racist letter angers student

To the Editor:

To the unfortunate individual without positive means of overcoming his/her personal feelings of inferiority and had to resort to a racial attack on a hispanic Bryn Mawr woman:

Please go to the Honor Board. You can be helped. I am not telling you to do this for the benefit of members of the racial minority you attacked, or of all Persons of Color, or even for the betterment of oppressed peoples everywhere. I am asking you to seek help for your benefit, because you are the one who needs it.

You are allowing your social and personal growth to be stunted by your acceptance of this ridiculous doctrine of white supremacy. You are also demonstrating your insecurity of your ability to accomplish anything on your own merits without your

pale skin to back you up.

Worse yet, this act of hatred is going to subconsciously affect your image of your worth as a human being. You are going to have contempt for yourself for committing such a cowardly and despicable act.

The hatred itself, will, as hatred does, eat up your soul and gnaw on all your good qualities of kindness, consideration, loyalty, etc. It obviously already has.

These are terrible things to happen to a person. Please do something to help yourself get well, because your racism is a sickness. If you are female there is a group at Bryn Mawr (right now its called WWAR/CORP) that can help you, and there are always counselors you can talk to.

Gwen Bonebrake BMC '91

News states letters policy

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Student discusses alcohol policy enforcement

To the Editor:

In talking to folks in the community about the reasons for creating a third body, the Joint Student Administration Alcohol Panel (JSAAP), which would enforce the Alcohol Policy, thereby separating it from the Honor Code, I heard and was made acutely aware of the failures of the Honor Code which last semester had been brought to our attention by those who opposed ratification. Alarmed, I set out to write a Plenary resolution that would bring the enforcement of the Alcohol Policy under the Honor Code. In rereading the literature of the Honor Code and writing the resolution I became aware of underlying differences in the reasons for their creations and the goals that the two mean to accomplish, and abandoned the resolution. Instead, I am addressing my concerns about the role and function of our Honor Code, which these discussions about the Alcohol Policy highlighted, in the form of a letter.

The overriding reasons which the people to whom I talked gave for the separation indicates a reverence for and pride in a weak and practically useless Social Honor Code. The responses looked something like-- "Be realistic, the Social Honor Code will not stand the weight of the new, unclear and controversial Alcohol Policy, and I am unwilling to risk what I now have for it."

It was at first clear to me that this response assumes that the Social Honor Code is weak and fragile, and if clearly measured for its effectiveness, its failure will be apparent. An Alcohol Policy is essential to the preservation of this community, yet no one really wants it. It poses and answers the question- when faced with an issue of real consequence and difficulty, will the Social Honor Code fail? The response that I heard seems to say yes, it will fail. If that is the case, what do we have (and why are we so desperate to 'save' it)? Be realistic.

Putting the enforcement of the Alcohol Policy under the Honor Code would show us very clearly whether the Social Honor Code works. No longer could we be unsure about its effectiveness. We will all know whether people are or are not giving and going to large parties with alcohol. This response indicates a desire (given, unconscious) to keep the effectiveness of the Social Honor Code unclear, and an implicit belief and acceptance by default in its current failure. Thus the fear is twofold: it comes from a belief that we and the Social Honor Code are too weak to handle an issue of real consequence and meaning, and the success or failure of the Social Honor Code will finally be unmistakably clear.

The second part of the response, not wanting to risk what we have, now seems ridiculous. What is it that we are unwilling to risk? Is it a sacred Honor Code that sets us apart from other similar insti-

tutions, in which we have no belief but it allows us to remain secure in our moral superiority, that the Honor Code we have has naturally routed out disrespect and prejudices? It sounds to me just what I readily denied last year-- that we hide behind an image of an all-effective Honor Code.

Finally, I encountered the argument against the enforcement of the Alcohol Policy under the Honor Code based on the ambiguity and confusion of the Alcohol Policy. People don't understand it, goes the response, they will break it by accident, and in doing so they will be breaking the Honor Code. That's scary, and it will cause us to get used breaking the Social Honor Code. Also, because the Alcohol Policy is yet untried, it will probably be changed and revised; we wouldn't want to do that to our Honor Code. So goes that response.

This alarms me. It indicates a fear of the Honor Code and the perception of it as someone else's Honor Code that we put somewhere behind a glass case. The Honor Code is ours-- ours to scribble on and change around, ours to be defined as just us, not to fear as we would fear the punishments of an Administrative Council. Well, that is, it ought to be.

That's it. I do think that the Honor Code is intended as a code of honor, and is specifically and by design not a response to outside pressures. However, before I focused in on the basic differences between the Alcohol Policy and the Honor Code, I became very interested in the arguments for their separation. What I heard startled me. It still does.

Ben Siegel HC'91

BGALA says thanks

We would like to thank everyone who wore buttons on Oct. 11 in celebration of "Coming Out" Day and everyone who wore jeans, a sign of support for Lesbian and Gay rights. We would like to thank the Lesbians, Gays, and Bisexuals for their courageous display of pride.

We would especially like to thank all the heterosexual members of BGALA and the bi-college community who showed support through buttons and jeans, some even making their own buttons. The brave people supported a cause that did not directly affect them, simply because they recognized it as the right thing to do.

Gwen Bonebrake BMC '91
Co-VP of BGALA

Kronick traces tolerant past

To the Editor:

I am writing to share my feelings about the recent incidents on college campuses and, particularly, the incident involving a Hispanic student at Bryn Mawr in which blatantly racist remarks have been used against individuals and groups of students. I am angry. My son went to Oberlin in part because of the openness of the campus and the long and proud tradition of acceptance of Blacks as equal members of the community. (Oberlin admitted Blacks as full members of the student body long before the Civil War.) Yet, last spring the campus walls and dormitories and individual student doors bore the remarks, "Nigger Go Home." This fall students here have experienced similar things.

Both Bryn Mawr and Haverford Colleges were founded by members of the Society of Friends. It is because of Friends beliefs in the equality of all men and women, a belief rooted in the understanding that there is "that of God in every person," that Bryn Mawr College exists. Members of the Society of Friends took action on this belief on behalf of women and created an institution where women could receive education equal to that of men, not only at the undergraduate level but through to the Ph.D., and thus assume places in the professional community equal to those held by men. This community has a fine history of support for all people. This Quaker community helped to create the underground railroad before the Civil war. Members of this community traveled to Germany in the 30's to meet with Goering to try to se-

cure the release of the Jewish community and did so knowing that they might not be allowed to return. Members of the Bryn Mawr and Haverford Faculty, together with Haverford Meeting and the American Friends Service C, rescued forty Jewish families from Austria in the late thirties, some of whom are now buried in the burial ground of Haverford Meeting, a resting place chosen by them because of the welcome and support they received in this community. Friends Suburban Housing was created by this same community to open housing of equal quality to Blacks and other minority groups on the Main Line. In the seventies, the community again reached out to help the refugee families from Southeast Asia. The kind of incidents now occurring violates this long tradition. It is not in keeping with a heritage of Quaker values and a tradition of service to remedy the injustices experienced by others.

I am angry for another reason. I was the first member of my family to attend college, and I was fortunate to be able to go to another of the great women's colleges. I came from an isolated, rural community. My experiences at college meeting people very different from myself and the opening of my horizons to the richness of other people and other traditions have been one of the most important enrichments of my life. The undergraduate years are a unique opportunity to discover friends among those not like ourselves, to learn why people are different and to understand the variety of ways in which all human beings find solutions to common problems. Actions which reduce

such opportunities not only hurt the people against whom they are directed, but impoverish each of us.

These actions also frighten me. I was a child during World War II, but I do remember the fear that the war would be lost and the Nazi army with all it represented would be upon American soil. In New York City in the early 50's, my college friends and I suffered the indignity in restaurants of being asked to leave because we entered with our Black friends. We learned the necessity of finding out where we could and could not go together and the hurtful frustration of irrational external limits. Parents of friends were sent to jail during the McCarthy era because they were specialists of China and refused to answer the questions of the Congressional Unamerican Activities Committee.

We can consider what a community should have and should do, but meetings are no substitute for individual responsibility. When any one of us takes action to diminish another, the entire community suffers. Such behavior violates our tradition, it violate the educational opportunity and it unleashed the forces which have informed the most awful experiences of the twentieth century.

We are simply not being decent.

Jane C. Kronick
Professor Clerk
Haverford Monthly Meeting

Alumnus angered

To the Editor:

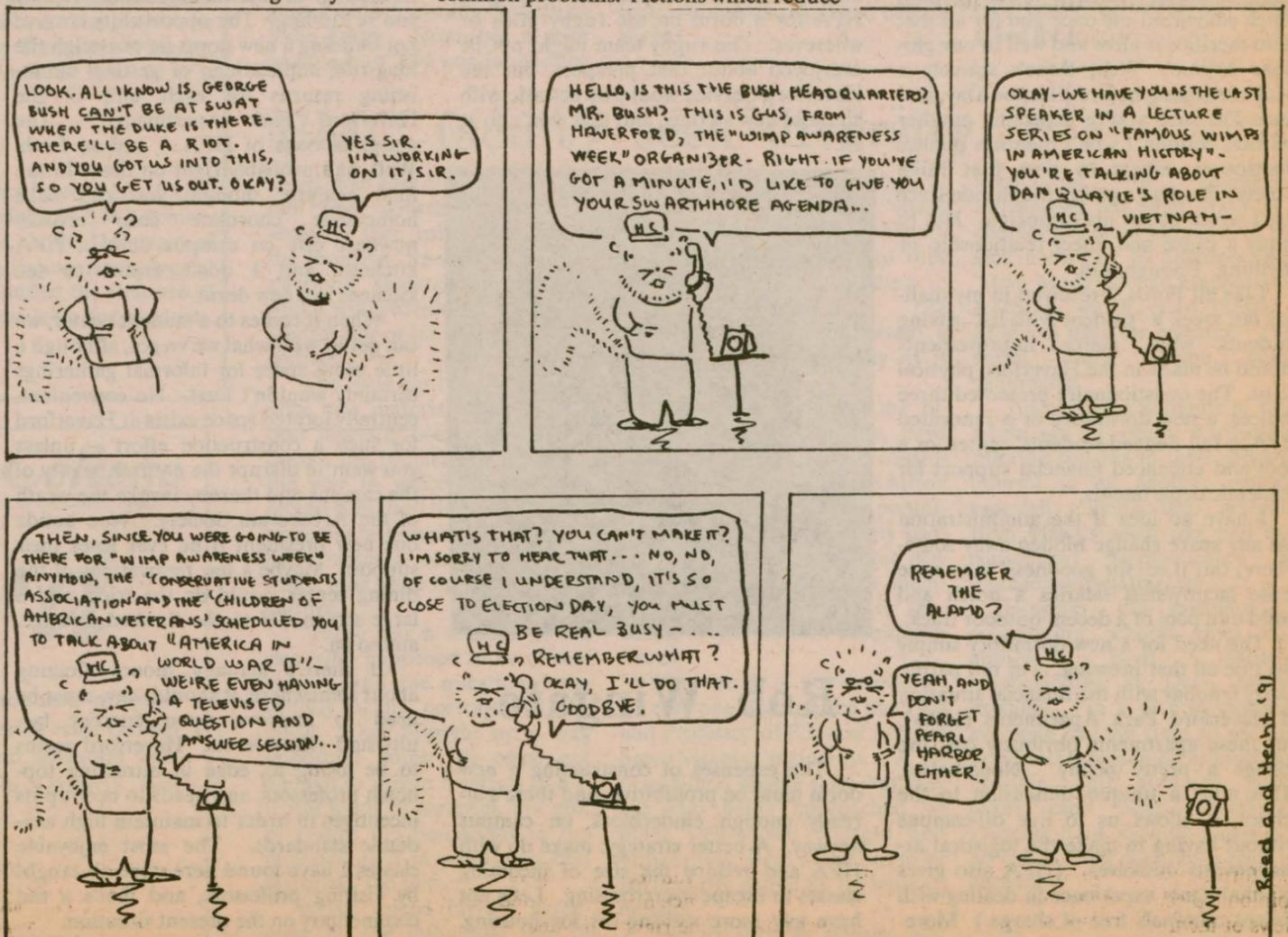
As an alumnus who attended Haverford during the so-called "Barclay Incident," I was quite astounded to learn that some people just won't let sleeping dogs lie. Obviously, the incident was extremely unfortunate. It was unfortunate then and it is unfortunate now. The Administration did its best to handle it. All the people responsible were punished. To come along eight years later and criticize the Administration is absurd.

For the people involved, it is something they will have to live with for the rest of their lives. It is something that they would rather forget.

Call it the "Barclay Incident." Call it the "Barclay Rape." Call it whatever you want. But the fact is it's OVER. There's nothing to be gained from dragging skeletons from the closet.

Nobody really knows what happened that night except the people involved. But if people really did know what happened, I don't think they would be sitting in a field of candles commemorating it.

James Tyler HC '84



Reed and Hecht '91

Hudis gives tips for Halloween enjoyment

"I swear to god this is true."

This is the way you must always begin. Your listeners must have complete faith in the veracity of your tale. This is the cardinal rule of telling ghost stories.

"I swear to god this is true. It happened to my friend-from-camp's mom."

This is the way you must always follow up. Make your listeners believe that all the ghostly horrors you are about to speak of actually happened to someone, preferably a fat woman who lives on your street in a big, spooky house.

When I was younger, oh about seven or eight, I used to sleep at my best buddy Mike's house a lot.

A lot.



Mark Hudis

And every time I was invited to sleep at Mike's house I would get very excited and begin packing about a week's worth of clothing for the expedition (Mike lived across the street). Also, I would always make sure that I had packed at least two extra pair of clean underwear (more on that later). As I was packing, I would shudder with gleeful pleasure because I knew darn well that a sleep-over at Mike's house meant lots of things. Not only would we play neat games (like "Spook", a brilliant, strategic game the two of us concocted where we would both run around inside Mike's garage in the dark saying "Boo!" and making ghostly noises. This was our favorite game until one day I happened upon a very pointy part of Mike's bicycle and lost about ninety-six quarts of blood to the garage floor), eat midnight snacks and have vicious pillow

fight, but we always looked forward to something else, too. Yesiree bub, a sleep over at Mike's house meant something else indeed.

It meant ghost stories.

Mike's dad, Neil, was and still is a neat guy who took some sort of sick pleasure in frightening seven year-old children in shivering fits and convulsive heebie-jeebies. He is a nice looking guy, with a not-particularly-frightening voice, but when he turned the lights down low and began to speak to us in a slow, deep monotone, his countenance metamorphosed into that of Boris, Bela, Vincent and all the others combined.

"What I am about to tell you is absolutely true."

He would always, but *always*, begin this way.

And we would always, but *always*, believe him.

"What I am about to tell you is absolutely true. It happened not long ago, not too far from here. There was a mean, old woman living in a large house with her nephew. One day..."

And by this time, I could just about kiss my clean underwear good-bye. (Here's where that extra pair comes into play. My mom, to this day, still wonders why I took four pair of underwear across the street with me.) Neil's stories were good. Looking back, they weren't the scariest things I had ever heard, even at that age, but just thinking about how scary they *might* be was enough to make Mike and me shake like little kids being frightened by late night ghost stories. The first one I remember Neil telling was a watered down version of Saki's "Srendi Vashtar", a cute little ditty about a man-eating weasel (not Robin Givens) who eats a young boy's wicked, overbearing aunt. It scared us pretty good, but as soon as he uttered the ceremonial closing phrase, "...and remember, everything I've just told you is absolutely true...", we begged for another.

No, make that, we screamed for another.

And usually he would oblige us. So we would sit through another tale of terror involving a colony of people in the next town who were possessed of a third eye in the back of their heads, etc., etc., and so

forth. These were pretty awesome sleep-overs, huh?

So now here it is, Halloween weekend, and my good buddy and editor-in-chief Jim Eichner has granted me this space for a column that I should not be writing. So to show my gratitude to him as well as to you, faithful reader, I'll give you yet a few more useless pointers on a silly subject that will not do you an iota of good in the business world. But hey, maybe you'll get a chance to use them this weekend.

TIP #1: When you tell a ghost story, do not put the flashlight under your chin and shine it up towards your face. Not only is this not scary, but if you happen to have something hanging out of your nose it will make it very difficult for you to get dates.

TIP #2: There are certain ghost stories that everyone has heard at least eighty times, and while everyone may have been exposed to a slightly different version, the general story lines remain the same. To save you effort and embarrassment, I have listed the "shocking" end lines to these stories for you:

-And there, in the car door, was a bloody, stainless steel hook!

-And there, written on the mirror in blood, it read, "Maniacs can lick hands, too!"

-And there, in the newspaper, he saw the obituary of the strange figure who had spoken to him the night before!

-And there, wrapped around his neck, was the dismembered hand he had chopped off the piano player ten years earlier!

Okay, now you know not to waste your time telling any of these stories because we've all heard 'em before.

TIP #3: As well as stock stories, there are also a slew of stock characters that should be sedulously avoided. They include:

-The ax-murderer who escaped from the local asylum and is presently hiding in the woods (a summer camp favorite)

-The closet monster (A baby-sitter favorite)

-The lunatic with a big hook instead of a hand (from "Meatballs")

-Dan Quayle (A Democratic favorite)

TIP #4: If the ghost story you're

telling has a male lead, do not name him "Monty." This just kills the whole effect. Trust me.

All right, so now you've got some tips for telling a ghost story. But I hear you whining, "But Mark, where do we actually *get* the stories from?" Okay, stop whining. There are several great ghost story authors, most of them dead, because generations weaned on microwaved food, Foster's Lager, and Monday Night Football just aren't real good at concocting Gothic horror stories. To be real good at concocting Gothic horror stories it is imperative to have lead a life of misery and despair preferably in a large, dank castle, to have a spooky sounding name like "Vladimir" or "Damien", and to have smoked between ten and twelve hundred pounds of opium in one sitting. Three men who, for my money, are super-duper ghost story authors include E.A. Poe, Guy de Maupassant, and my all-time favorite, H.P. Lovecraft. If you need ghost story fodder, these are just three of the hundreds of talented authors you might turn to. Since it is Halloween, it wouldn't be fair if I ended without at least attempting to scare you a little. So here, in an effort to jostle you a teeny-weeny bit, I have excerpted a piece from a Dan Greenburg essay titled "Black Magic" from his book True Adventures.

I have recently met a clairvoyant from Holland who, astonishingly enough, has been able to prove to me that he has a number of very impressive and frightening powers...Anyway, as he happens to be something of an authority on occult matters, I thought to ask his opinion of black magic. "Black magic," said the clairvoyant in his thickish accent, "is phoney-baloney. You stick a needle in a doll of a man, of *course* he feels it. You don't need phoney-baloney dancing around and mumbo-jumbo. *Anybody* can do it - you don't need black magic."

Pleasant dreams.

(P.S.- If one more person walks up to me and asks, "How's it going?" (See last week's column) I'm gonna scoop their eyes out with a salad fork, okay?)

Mark Hudis is a Haverford junior who still sleeps with a Snoopy nightlight and buys his underwear in very dark colors.

Wingate affected by Rivera and Economics

A warning: this column might be a little bit strange, because I just finished watching Geraldo Rivera's Devil Worship: Exposing Satan's Underground, which convinced me once and for all that child sacrifice is alive and well in our glorious nation. Well, there's scarcely a week remaining before Election Day, and since I'm sure you're expecting another political column I won't mention politics whatsoever, except to note that Mike Dukakis has had a pretty rough ride since last I wrote about his campaign. Not to imply a cause and effect relationship or anything. Enough said.

Like all Fords, I received in my mailbox last week a "student wish list" asking students what major improvements should be made in the Haverford physical plant. The questionnaire presented three choices: a new dormitory or a renovated HPA, a full-fledged students' center, or a pool and enhanced financial support for academic departments.

I have no idea if the administration has any spare change hidden away somewhere, but if so, for goodness' sake raise those faculty/staff salaries a notch and build us a pool or a decent outdoor track.

The need for a new dormitory simply can't be all that pressing. I'm not particularly familiar with the financial situation of Haverford Park Apartments (HPA), but these apartments obviously cost the college a pretty penny. Nonetheless, HPA adds a unique dimension to the school; it allows us to live off-campus without having to make the logistical arrangements ourselves. (HPA also gives its inhabitants experience in dealing with violent criminals free of charge.) More-

over, the evil clutches of the dining service do not extend as far as Hannum Drive, and the option of avoiding the meal plan would be lost in exchanging HPA for a dorm on the rugby pitch or wherever. The rugby team might not be overjoyed about that prospect, but the Haverford Service would be ecstatic with all those new victims, and that won't do at all.



Rob Wingate

The expenses of constructing a new dorm must be prohibitive, and there's already enough cinderblock on campus anyway. A better strategy: make do with HPA and reduce the size of incoming classes to escape overcrowding. Let's not have any more waiting-list for housing.

We had enough of those in applying for college.

I can hear my economics professor screaming in the background: "Surely you're kidding! The opportunity costs of not building a new dorm far outweigh the long-run implications of getting diminishing returns for each unit of the Haverford Park Apartments. The marginal costs of HPA..." and so forth. Well, he's probably right on that. In the final analysis, though, you can bake homemade chocolate chip cookies nowhere else on campus than in HPA kitchens, and I don't expect to see kitchens in a new dorm.

When it comes to a student center, we can get by with what we've got, although a little more space for informal gatherings certainly wouldn't hurt. No convenient, centrally located space exists at Haverford for such a construction effort -- unless you want to disrupt the natural beauty of the campus and thereby invoke the wrath of the Arboretum Society. Woe betide our new president if he ever loses their support. Maybe a few renovations of the dining center would do the trick: add a large-screen TV to the Sunken Lounge, and so on.

If there's actually money floating about somewhere, it should, nay, must be used to improve upon current faculty/staff salary levels. Haverford seems to be losing its edge in attracting top-notch professors, and needs to beef up its incentives in order to maintain high academic standards. The most enjoyable classes I have found here were all taught by visiting professors, and that's a sad commentary on the present situation.

The athletic department could also use a financial boost. What college is a college without a swimming pool? Why must I flee to Bryn Mawr to take a quick dip or swim a few laps? For that matter, how about an outdoor track worthy of Haverford's track and cross-country programs? Such facilities would certainly receive heavy use, and they represent relatively cost-effective ventures. We could put the pool at the rugby pitch...sorry 'bout that, rugby players, but c'est la vie.

I vaguely remember reading in the News a few weeks ago that some regional higher education committee judged the Haverford computer facilities inferior to computer centers at comparable small colleges. If this is so, fund that program more generously as well.

One of President Kessinger's stated goals is "to improve the long-range health of the College." The administration should therefore invest in long-term academic and athletic programs rather than in a campus center or dormitory.

Now I'm obviously being very speculative about all this. The skeletal Haverford endowment forces on the college some difficult decisions, and I'm wondering whether anything at all will come of this "wish list." There can't be too many funds left over from the renovation of Chase and Founders. In any case, dormitories and student centers should wait a few years until President Kessinger is firmly established here and the years of the "Acting Administration" are over.

Rob Wingate is a Haverford sophomore who does the breaststroke in his bathtub while watching Phil Donahue.

Arts

Artifacts

Chamber singers perform

The Haverford-Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, under the direction of Regina Gordon, will present their fall concert tomorrow night at 8 P.M. in Bryn Mawr's Goodhart Music Room. For more information call 896-1011.

English professor lectures

Bryn Mawr and Haverford will present the second lecture in the Exploring Comparative Literature series sponsored by the Pew Charitable Trusts next Thursday, November 3 at 8 P.M. Guest lecturer Terry Castle, author and professor of English at Stanford University, will talk on "Spectral Politics: Apparition Belief and the Romantic Imagination" in Haverford's Gest 101. Castle is currently involved in a study of apparitions and ghosts in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Call 526-5074 for more information.

Ambitious Lovers sing

ALTERNATIVE CONCERT SERIES Concert For CARV: The Alternative Concert Series (ACS), in support of the Campuses Against Racial Violence (CARV) Conference, presents *Ambitious Lovers* at 8 P.M. on November 5 in Founders Great Hall. Led by guitarist Arto Lindsay and key-boardist Peter Scherer, this art-funk band's last album, *Greed*, has been acclaimed as the best pop album of 1988. This dance concert will be free to members of the tri-College community as well as CARV Conference participants.

Mask making taught

Mask Making at Bryn Mawr: The bi-College Theater Program presents a mask making workshop given by Rebecca Kravetz on Monday, November 7 from 2-4 P.M. in Goodhart Common Room. Kravetz, who is in residence for ten days, is creating masks for the Theater Program's fall production, "From Morn to Midnight," which opens on November 11. Educated at Williams College and Yale School of Drama, Kravetz has designed for companies across the United States, including the Sante Fe Opera and the Pan Asian Repertory Theater. Her work has also been displayed at New York's Lincoln Center. No prior experience is needed to attend the class.

Dance show held

Dance Exchange: Temple University Graduate Dance students and Bryn Mawr/Haverford students present Works-In-Progress on Thursday, November 3 at 6:30 P.M. in Pem Dance Studio. For information call 526-5208.

Artifacts for 10/28 issue

Singing groups perform

Come hear The Oxford Blues with Skip Doo Wop and the Hum-tones, and their special guests The Columbia Metrotones tonight in Founders Great Hall. The show starts at 10 P.M. Without you, they're nothing!

Plays presented

One Act Plays: The Bryn Mawr/Haverford Student Theatre Company presents its fall One Act Plays tonight, tomorrow and Sunday at 8:30 P.M. in Macrate Hall, Haverford. The plays to be performed are *This Property is Condemned*, by Tennessee Williams, *Footfall*, by Samuel Beckett, and *The Sandcastle*, by Lanford Wilson. They're fun and they're free!

Play shown at Penn

Bryn Mawr lecturer and writer Christopher Davis' play, *A Peep Into The 20th Century*, will be performed tonight (8 P.M.), tomorrow (2 P.M. and 8 P.M.) and Sunday (2 P.M.) at the University of Pennsylvania Annenberg Center. This gripping psychological drama explores the controversy that surrounded the first use of the electric chair. Discount tickets are available for students. Call 898-6791 for tickets.

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Camper lives up to expectations

by Jeff Symonds
Sports editor

Last Friday night, a sweaty, participative crowd jammed Founders Hall for Camper Van Beethoven's performance at Haverford College. Appearing with Poi Dog Pondering, the quintet put on an excellent show, proving themselves to be everything the underground press and *Rolling Stone* magazine has made them out to be.

Although it is unusual for an opening band at a small concert to be good, credit must go to Poi Dog Pondering for their opening set. The Austin band charged through a rhythmic, stylistically varied set, fueled by punctuating horn work and brilliant drumming. Although the band has an EP out, it is available only on an obscure Texas label. I wouldn't count on finding it at MADS, although, if their performance is any indication, it is probably very good.

After a short break, the Campers took the stage. David Lowery, the band's singer and rhythm guitarist, said hello in a curious fashion: "We're gonna start with the ones we like, and

then do the ones you like...maybe." With that, the band, rather than launching into an up-tempo groove, kept things subdued with three slow ballads, culminating with a haunting rendition of "O Death," from the band's latest album *Our Beloved Revolutionary Sweetheart*.

However, just as the crowd began to get a little antsy, the group charged into "Eye Of Fatima (Prts. 1 and 2)," also from the new disc, and never looked back. For the next hour, the Campers flew through upwards of fifteen songs, barely pausing in between, if at all. This was the highlight of the show, featuring originals such as "Tania," "Border SKA," and "The Day Lassie Went To The Moon," and great covers of "Wasted" by Black Flag, "Take The Skinheads Bowling," and the Damned's "Smash It Up." Following this tune, the band embarked on a ten minute instrumental that would close the formal set. Starting out as "Waka," the song changed and mutated as it went along, featuring a Hall-shaking snippet from Led Zeppelin's "Kashmir." After leaving the stage, the band re-

turned for two encores, with the show ending on the wistful notes of the new "She Divines Water."

Camper Van Beethoven is a rarity in rock music these days. It is a band with lofty intentions, but not lofty egos. Although Lowery writes obscure lyrics and poses as an introvert, he comes off as an everyday normal person, in sharp contrast to some of today's "artists."

If there were any problems with the show, it is with the mix. The new album is striking in two ways: the twin bass-and-drum attack of Victor Krummenacher and Chris Pedersen is thunderous, and the violin work of Jonathan Segel is elemental to all the songs' moods. These two factors were occasionally drowned out live. "Eye Of Fatima" lost its drive without Krummenacher's bass right up-front, and there were times when Segel was inaudible over the twin guitar attack of Lowery and Greg Lisher.

However, despite this problem, the band was enjoyable, striking, and memorable. And you can't beat that for free.

Movie questions gang rape

by Toni Shanahan
Staff writer

The Accused, now playing in Ardmore, is #1 at the box office in its first week of release. Every good film in the #1 spot has to have a sensational lure. In this case, it's gang rape. Gang rape, the box office informs us, is a big seller.

Sensation isn't its only subject. The film takes on the incompetence of our legal system vis-a-vis rape which is, legally, nothing more than a terrific nuisance to prosecute. Assistant District Attorney Kathryn Murphy is played by Kelly McGillis. McGillis, who has been roundly criticized as cold, distant and unresponsive, personifies a system which is just that.

The victim is Sarah Tobias, played with disarming honesty by Jodie Foster. Sarah has a prior cocaine bust and was intoxicated

at the time of the crime. Her checkered past and lower social status (she's a waitress - what would happen if she were the D.A.'s daughter?) invalidate her as her own character witness. Such is the prevailing prosecute-the-victim legal style.

Sarah is convicted of 'asking for it,' and the three rapists get a reduced charge. When she is later harassed by a bystander to the rape she retaliates in one of the sweetest revenge scenes ever seen on the screen. Only when Sarah ends up in the hospital does Murphy realize who's been persecuted.

Murphy redeems herself, risking her job, by pursuing the bystanders who encouraged the rapists and whose conviction will prolong the rapists' jail terms. So justice is awkwardly, if just barely, served.

BMC faculty seek diversity

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one less course in a given semester than usual, and spends the resulting "free time" intensely pursuing research of material which will provide diversity content for her or his existing or new courses.

The issue has been raised that once new materials with significant diversity content are introduced, the problem remains that the way in which they are explored is in itself limiting. Hedley remembers bringing into one of her courses a certain selection, which took place in a non-western culture.

"There was a student in the class who happened to be of that culture, and she questioned the validity of its portrayal in the novel. That brought up a very important point: it's often not enough to utilize a variety of different kinds of material, but also to realize the limitations in the methods used in presenting that material," she said.

Nylan voiced further agreement on the influential role of

technique in teaching. While at Princeton, she noted that "many of the students of Chinese history were Asian-Americans, but they studied the topics according to largely western methods. The perspectives are as important a way to introduce diversity as is the material."

As well as enriching the offerings of current faculty, Bryn Mawr is giving important consideration to pluralism in the hiring of new professors. The Appointments Committee is largely concerned with locating talented new candidates who are either members of minority groups or specialize in non-western or minority issues.

The search is not necessarily an easy one, Committee member and Professor of Political Science Steve Salkever maintains. "A lot of qualified people exist, but they are also being approached by other well-known colleges and universities. Bryn Mawr has to be particularly active in its search," he said.

Factors such as salaries and

The film raises several points, not the least of which is why are men able to drink in a bar unmolested when women are not? It seems men are rewarded, and women punished, for sexuality. While on the issue of 'asking for it,' is rape permissible even if the woman *does* 'ask for it?' In my book the film breaks ground because it says, "Yes she asked for it and so what if she did?" Asking for it does not authorize violence in any form.

Also, the most pathetic of the three rapists is goaded to the act to prove he's not 'a fag.' In local bar mentality, a rapist is more acceptable than 'a fag' and heterosexuality is proven by force. The film does not fail in making credible both the prosecution and the defense. Go and see which side you're on. Go see if she asked for it.

reputations of competing universities put Bryn Mawr in a competitive situation, as does the fact, according to Salkever, that "Bryn Mawr puts an emphasis on teaching, which often means a little less time for research. This could deter some good candidates."

Encouraging students to take advantage of other institutions offering courses in their areas of interest is yet another option, especially taking into account Bryn Mawr's small size and the consequent impracticality of "spreading itself too thin."

However, the existence of cooperating schools does not absolve Bryn Mawr's responsibility, as Dean Myers explains. "In a diverse culture, everyone has the right to see his or herself represented as much as possible, and although Bryn Mawr can't offer everything, students here shouldn't have to go out of their way more than is necessary."

Little despondent over males' desire to drink

You can't escape it if you've been anywhere near a Lloyd suite in the last two years--male bonding is everywhere, in all of its ultra-hyped, overworked glory. It happens during weekend football games and weekday soccer games. You can see it in the Rusty Nail on Monday nights, at Mallory's or Margarita's on Thursday nights, and at Roache's pretty much any night of the week.

Now, I certainly can see that there are some noble goals to all of this frenzied bonding--"sharing" and "sensitivity" and "intimacy" are buzzwords high on the list--and I don't want to begrudge anyone a good time, but I do remain skeptical. If any of these goals are actually accomplished, it seems that they are despite the group, not because of it. One night quite recently I was rudely confronted with two groups of bonding males, and it seemed to me that the group tended to reinforce aggressiveness, not tenderness. Call me nuts, but I think that the patriarchy is the last thing in the world that needs reinforcement.

But you don't have to take my word for it. Not yet, anyway:

The first evening of Fall Break, some friends and I, who were on a VCR movie marathon, decided to seek some air unpolluted by popcorn fumes and *Falcon Crest* reruns. And as most of us under twenty-one know, the Main Line rolls up its sidewalks when the sun goes down. As ghoulish a prospect as it was, Dunkin' Donuts was our only refuge. As we sidled up to the bar and ordered, we noticed a large and rather loud group of approximately a dozen boys whose blood levels of alcohol and testosterone were undoubtedly dangerously high. There they were, extremely proud of their drunken selves, secure in their male solidarity and their Varsity jackets. We couldn't help but overhear some of their conversation:

"Those two guys who were just here--they were a couple of tush-pushers,

weren't they?" one asked the waitress. She ignored them but they continued.

"Yeah, they go to Haverford, I bet. The guys there are all a bunch of tush-pushers."

"Yeah, a bunch of Haverford faggots." "Homos! Tush-pushers!"



Ann Little

We were embarrassed to witness such a shameless celebration of homophobia. They stopped their tirade only to harass us by addressing us as "girls" and asking what school we went to. We ignored them, which only spurred on their curiosity:

"Hey you there in the black--yoo-hoo! Hel-LO!"

We left as soon as we could, angry and disappointed with their behavior. We checked the cars in the parking lot, and as they all had in-state license plates, we were sure that they were local high-school age boys and not college students. I tried not to let it disturb me too much until, as we were crossing Merion Ave. upon our return to campus, I thought I heard someone yell out: "Dyke!" Hoping that it

was just paranoia, I asked my friends if they had heard the same thing. As one of them assured me that it was just my imagination, a small, white car flew through the intersection. As it passed us, about four guys in the car leaned out of its windows and screamed at us, "lezzylezzylezzylezzy!"

Neither I nor my friends had ever been exposed to such a spiteful display of prejudice and derision. And since we didn't recognize that car as one from the Dunkin' Donuts parking lot, the attack was all the more shocking: we had been antagonized by two different groups of males in just fifteen minutes. We've all been harassed by obnoxious men on the street and in cars who presume to comment on our physical appearance, and whether the comment is a whistle or an actual verbal assault, whether it is intended as a "compliment" or as a put-down, it is frustrating and infuriating. But our experiences of this evening marked for us a new low for male hostility.

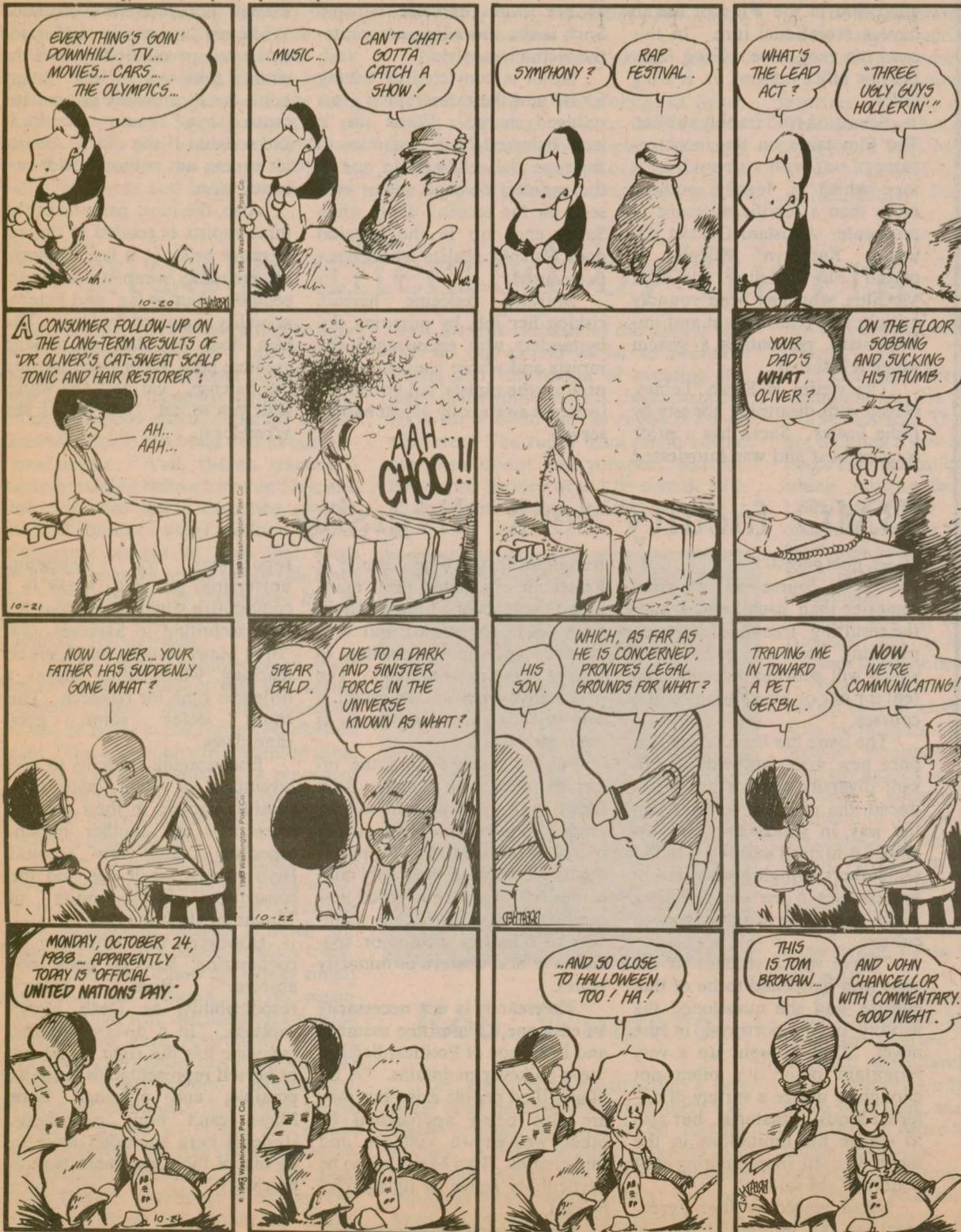
At this point I began to wonder if it really was safer for a woman to go out with a group of women than to go out by herself. I still cannot adequately articulate the almost paralyzing rage I felt for the "men" who presumed to label and to victimize us. We weren't physically harmed, but the fact that we chose to socialize on our own and without men--a choice we reasserted when we refused to speak to the first group of harassers--made us suspect in their eyes. Together, we were vulnerable to a whole new kind of harassment. It was as though the underlying presumption of all of our harassers was that they, as a group of men socializing together without women, were doing something normal and healthy. But we as women alone must be strange, sexually deviant, and thus open game to disturb and offend. We as women could not presume the same respect for our

women-only night out.

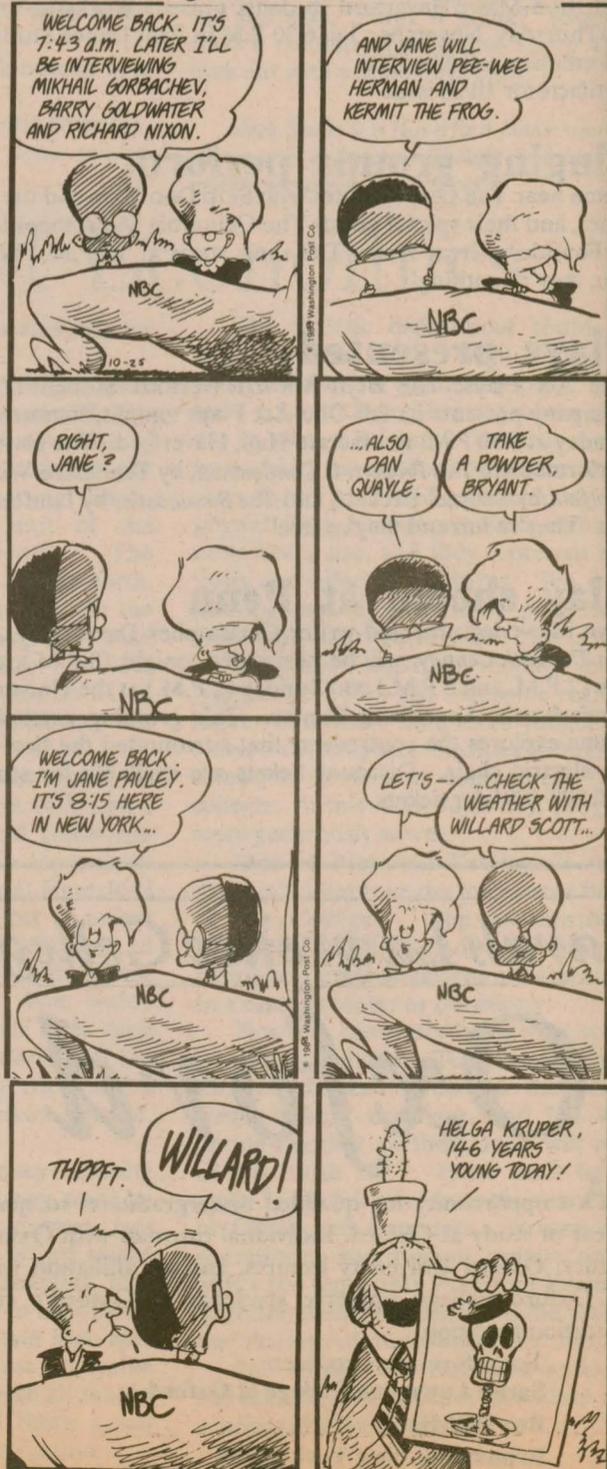
Of course, there have always been other, more ritualized venues for "male bonding" such as fraternities and men's clubs, from the poshest bastions of the Old Guard to (until recently) press club and the Rotary Club. But the club chatter that goes on within seems to fast turn into bashing--not bonding. These bastions of privilege have been guilty of some of the most outrageous--and sanctioned--sex, race, and class discrimination in recent history. The crudest examples of this are predictably exhibited in fraternities. The proposed integration of Fraternity Row at Ole Miss this fall sparked ugly and cowardly displays of prejudice. But you really don't have to look so far for such chilling examples: remember the recent attacks on feminists, sexual minorities, and people of color--students and faculty--at Dartmouth, or the infamous ZBT's at Penn and their assault of black strippers at a party. The ignominious temptation to engage in bashing seems irresistible to Good Ole' Heterosexual White Boys wherever they congregate.

Many men's clubs are admitting women now, but the larger problem doesn't seem to be going away. Many men still insist on acting in the elementary-school manner of extreme intolerance of non-conformity (which, of course, is just a manifestation of the insecurity that arises from an extreme fear of cooties.) But we're not just running around the playground anymore, and the kind of cooties these men fear can't be done away with "spray". (Besides, some of us are damn proud of ourselves--we won't be "sprayed" away.) These men must find a way to deal with all people as equals worthy of respect. I don't know how they're going to do this, but I don't think they're going to dream up a plan isolated in their bonding groups.

Children, please! Everyone line up boy-girl-boy-girl from now on.



BLOOM COUNTY by Berke Breathed



Symonds on sports Men's Soccer prepares for Swat

I am only going to say this once more: Dodgers in 5. Go back and read your old copy of the *News*. I picked it. Me. Jeff Symonds. Dodgers in 5. Thank you. Send all gifts and fan mail through campus mail.

O.K. I feel much better. Now, let's go to our subject of the week: the NHL. I am a big hockey fan. In high school, I went to almost every Caps playoff game. However, like any sport, I have some gripes, and while they are age-old gripes, I think I have some suggestions for the league to improve itself.

First, let's talk about fighting. This is just a disgusting trait about the league, and with players now being charged for assault for their on-ice conduct, it is time for the league to change things. I have three suggestions. They could outlaw fighting. Anyone who fights would get a 20 game suspension without pay. That would probably stop it. They could also arm the referees with dart guns, which would contain a powerful drug that would make the players think that they were Bryant Gumbel. This, of course, would make them both commit suicide.

I'm sorry. I couldn't resist another Bryant Gumbel joke. I'll stop now.

Anyway, my final suggestion, and this is the one I find most intriguing, is the following. If a fight breaks out, the lights would dim, and the music from West Side Story would start to play. Then, there would be a coin flip, and one team would become the Jets, and the other the Sharks. While the referees tied the fighters left hands together, the other members of the teams would sing the tune from the movie, moving in pre-planned syncopated steps. Then, each player would be armed with one of those ripoff miniature hockey sticks from the

concession stands, and they would beat one another about the head and shoulders. The loser would be run over by the Zamboni machine to the tune of "Steamroller."



Jeff Symonds

Wadda ya think? Good idea?

My other gripe with the league, of course, is with the playoff system. Too many teams make the playoffs. It's ridiculous. The regular season is only useful to justify having a 15,000 seat hockey rink in your town. I think that only six teams from each conference should make the playoffs, based on their total points, not on their division standings. The first two teams in each conference would get a bye, and three would play six, while four would play five in a best-of-three series. The remaining eight teams would play best-of-fives, the final four a best-of-seven, and then we'd be at the Stanley Cup finals. Quick, efficient, and exciting, not simply an excuse for every team to play a couple more games.

Geez, that last paragraph was almost serious. I must be running out of jokes. I have to end on a lighter note! Let's see...I got it!

Bryant Gumbel walks into a bar...

by Rich Thomas
Assistant sports editor

The Men's Varsity Soccer showdown between Haverford and Swarthmore is usually the GAME of the year. This year the contest is THE GAME, for when the Fords travel to Swarthmore tomorrow, more than just bragging rights will be at stake. Going into the game, Haverford is atop the Southeast Section of the MAC at 3-1, while Swarthmore is tied for second at 2-1-1. A tie or win by the Fords will clinch the division crown and thus earn them a berth in the MAC Playoffs. A Swarthmore win, coupled with a Johns Hopkins (also 2-1-1) loss, will give the Garnet the title.

The Haverford/Swarthmore soccer game is the longest standing rivalry in the country. The two schools have been playing one another since 1921, with the Fords holding a slight edge overall (31-26-8). Certain to be fresh in the minds of the Red Bellies is last year's 5-0 humiliation at the hands of the Fords. On Haver-

ford's side, they came within a goal of winning their division last season, and are definitely not going to let the title slip through their fingers again.

While both teams have fared well in division play, neither one has played consistently in non-League competition. The Fords enter the contest at 7-8-1 overall, while the Garnet are 8-8-2.

For the Fords, the season has been one of peaks and valleys. They started out slowly at 0-2-1, before rebounding with big wins over Villanova and Johns Hopkins. They also gave #1 Elizabethtown a tough fight in a 2-0 loss. Disappointing losses to F&M and Washington followed, but the Fords pulled through with victories over Ursinus and Widener.

Coach Joe Amorim summed up his view of the season to date. "It is a new, young team. While we've had some disappointments, they've worked very hard."

Injuries have also hit the Fords hard. According to

Amorim, at one point this season, every player has been in the training room for an injury of some substance. Injuries have forced the Fords to go with practically a new line-up every game. Starting fullback, Sophomore Jeff Ives is out with a broken collarbone. Juniors Dan Gordon and Mike Hall have played hurt all year. And just on Tuesday, Junior Co-Captain Matt Levinson went down with an injury. He's doubtful for tomorrow.

The homefield advantage of the Garnet has somewhat been negated by the fact that Swarthmore is on break through Sunday, and will thus be lacking fans. Obviously, Swarthmore feels their amazing 1-6 football team is much more worthy of fan support.

The game begins at 2:00. Asked to make a prognosis Amorim stated, "When we beat Swat, we'll have it (the Section Championship)."

Be there or be triangular.

Lame Ducks launch season

by Mark Dauenhauer
Staff writer

It's late on Sunday night, and you've spent all day studying. You dread the thought of starting another week. You'd like to do something to relieve the depression but you just can't find anything going on on campus. Well, why not go out and play a couple hours of ice hockey? You might think, "Great idea, but get real; how am I going to play hockey now?" The answer is Lame Ducks.

Lame Ducks is a program which gives Haverford and Bryn Mawr students the opportunity to play ice hockey from midnight until two A.M. on Sunday nights. There will be seven sessions this year. The sessions take place at the Havertown Skatium ice rink. The cost of five dollars per session includes rink time and the use of sticks, pucks and helmets.

The first session was this past Sunday and was attended by about 25 people, according to one of the organizers of the sessions, Haverford Sophomore Tom Boogaard. Boogaard said that Lame Ducks have been taking to the ice for at least 6 years, but he isn't exactly sure when the program started. The program is funded partly by the per-session fees and partly by the bi-College

budget.

Lame Ducks offers something for everyone. At the same session one will find experienced hockey players and people who have never skated before, as well as players in between. The players are divided into three, or if necessary, four, groups according to their ability. Each group consists of two teams of about five or six players. The groups take turns playing in five minute shifts. Boogaard said, "Ability makes no difference, everybody gets the same amount of time on the ice."

The first group is usually made up of players with a lot of experience playing hockey. When they are on the ice the game is fast-paced and intense. The second group is usually made of players who can skate well, but haven't played much hockey before. The third group consists of players who have never skated before or who haven't skated much. Boogaard says, "It's a lot of fun; even if you don't skate, we'll teach you." In the second two groups, there are more falls or mixups than in the first but the intensity is still there.

Would-be Ducks should also not be discouraged if they don't have skates or equipment. Skates can be rented for a dollar and equipment is provided. The

players in the first group often bring their own pads and gloves, but for other players jeans or sweats and a sweatshirt suffice. Players need not worry about getting hurt because helmets are provided and in the second two groups, the players are not skating fast enough to get injured badly. Transportation is also no problem. Players with cars give rides to other players. Anyone who wants to play just has to meet at Jones Bay or Pem Arch at 11:30 on Sundays.

Despite the late hour, the sessions are popular and usually well-attended. In fact, Lame Ducks has become something of a ritual for some students. Says Sophomore Michael Rothstein, "The day they stop having Lame Ducks is the day I transfer to 'Nova.'" Last year many avid players purchased custom-made Lame Ducks jerseys complete with numbers and names on the back. Boogaard encourages other students to find out what current players are so enthusiastic about. He says, "It's always fun and it makes a good study break." Lame Ducks is a good opportunity to break up an otherwise uneventful Sunday by doing something that many people rarely get the chance to do.

Sports in Brief

BMC Volleyball Wins PAIAW

For the first time in the history of the program, Bryn Mawr Volleyball has won the Division II PAIAW championship. By beating host Allentown in a rousing 3-2 contest, the team went undefeated in the league, after only its second year competing on the Division II level.

"We're very excited. It means a lot to win at this new level," said Senior Laura Backer. Backer also praised the play of Sophomore Kelly Lock in the victory.

Men's Soccer Plays 1,000th Contest

Wednesday, Haverford played its 1,000th contest against Spring Garden. The Fords lost 4-0. The 1,001st game will be against Swarthmore tomorrow.

The NEWS Apologizes

The NEWS would like to humbly apologize to Bruce Berque and Laura Kallio for the misspelling in last issue's headline and caption. We'll get it right next time.

Men's Runners Impressive

Once again, Coach Tom Donnelly's Men's Cross-Country team has quietly had an impressive season. At this weekend's Haverford Invitational, the team finished second behind Drexel. The team had 43 points, defeating Widener and Muhlenburg. Sophomore Ken Bonenberger led the Fords with a fifth place finish, coming in with a time of 14:43. Tomorrow, the squad also travels to a dual meet with Swarthmore, which Bonenberger says will be a tough race. However, the team seems confident, and the race should certainly be a good one.

Soccer falls to Scranton

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keeping the ball in its opponent's end. The pressure paid off when Freshman Robyn Roth scored on the rebound of a Snyder shot that hit the post to make the score 3-2. Five minutes later Braithwaite put the icing on the cake of Haverford's amazing comeback. The Sophomore took a pass from Roth and lofted a shot over the stunned Dickinson goalie to make the final score 4-2.

Miller pointed to the crowd as a major factor in the victory. She said that the wildly cheering spectators were amazing and singled out for special praise the four male students who took off their shirts despite the freezing cold. "They were inspiring," Miller ex-

plained. Still Scranton was the big showdown. A win would have given the Fords the MAC title. But Scranton dominated the game from the beginning, and took a 1-0 lead early in the first half.

The Fords evened the score after being awarded a penalty shot when the opposing goalie tackled a Haverford player. Furr blasted the ball into the corner to tie the score at one.

But it turned out to be the lone bright spot as Scranton used its superior passing and speed to keep the ball in the Fords' end. The final margin of victory was 4-1.

The loss snapped the team's seven game win streak and left the Fords with a 4-2 MAC record as Scranton improved to 8-0. But the Fords have no time to rest, as today they meet the hated "Redbellies" of Swarthmore, at Haverford at 3 P.M., in an important Hood Trophy game.

The team is confident of victory based on their defeat of Swat in the Seven Sisters Tournament. Braithwaite summed up the team's attitude. "Swat was our first victory of the regular season, and it will be our last victory of the regular season," she proclaimed. In fact, Braithwaite guaranteed that the team would win.

Sports

HC, BMC stick it out at Seven Sisters

by Jeff Symonds
Sports editor

The Seven Sisters Hockey Tournament is always a big event for its participants. It is a chance to play a lot of hockey against good competition, go on a trip, and possibly bring home a trophy. While neither Haverford or Bryn Mawr was able to bring the trophy home, the Fords came home pleased with a solid weekend of playing that also included a tough MAC playoff loss to Drew. And although Bryn Mawr was unable to post a win at Mt. Holyoke, the team took solace in knowing that they played hard and have built a strong foundation for next season.

At Seven Sisters, the first round game is crucial, for it places the squad in either the winners or the losers bracket. "To lose that first game is a real blow," said Bryn Mawr Head Coach Jen Shillingford. Her team found out just how rough a blow it was after losing a 1-0 overtime contest to Skidmore College. "We had poor officiating, but we should have held our poise. We could have won. We had our chances."

The team was really down after the loss, but tried to regroup for their second round game against Vassar. Unfortunately, Vassar proved too strong, winning 3-0. In the final contest, host Mt. Holyoke sent the Owls home without a win or a goal, beating Bryn Mawr 2-0. Nevertheless, Senior Co-captain Shushma Patel was named to the All-tournament team, and Shillingford praised the play of Junior Mariann Dait.

Bryn Mawr finished the season at 7-10. The squad was led in scoring by Patel, who had seven

goals. She was followed by Dait and Sophomore Jana Ernakovich who each tallied four. Shillingford looked forward to next year with these words. "I think we have seasoned a lot of young players, even though we limped through the season. We need to recruit some inside scorers, but we have built some base for next year."

Haverford met with more success over the weekend, and seemed to come from the tournament with a more positive attitude. "I thought it was a great weekend," said Head Coach Penny Hinckley. "I had a really good time. It was not only competitive, but a social event as well. And the competition was close all the way to the finals. That's the way good competition should be...exciting."

Haverford opened the tournament with a 1-0 blanking of Smith College. The lone goal was scored by Junior Kim Everett, on a 70 yard breakaway. "She just took it all the way to the cage," said Hinckley.

However, following this win, the team lost to arch-rival Swarthmore in a re-match of the game that rocketed Haverford into the MAC playoffs. Even though the team had, in Hinckley's words, "a super first half," the ball would not go in for the Fords, and the Garnet won 1-0 in overtime.

"It was a very close game. If we had put one in in the first half, I think we would've won. But we were physically a pretty hurtin' ball club at that point," said Hinckley.

In the game for third place,



Sophomore Clair Colburn competes for possession of the ball in a previous hockey contest.

Photo by Jen Schweitzer

the Fords were defeated by Skidmore 1-0, and although their record for the tournament was 1-2, Hinckley was happy with the results. "We went from seventh to fourth. That's a good improvement." Everett was named to the All-tournament team, and Senior Goalie Laura Weber was an honorable mention.

On Monday, an exhausted Ford team traveled to Drew for their MAC playoff matchup.

Drew, described by Hinckley as a "gooooood" ball club, won 3-1, but had to fight for the win. "I think they thought they were going to have an easy time with us, but we played them tough. We came to play, which I think is neat. Especially since it was our fourth game in three days." Sophomore Emilie Heck had the goal for the Fords.

Haverford finished their season at 9-9, which Hinckley called

a "perfect" record. "We're supposed to play a balanced schedule, and we went .500," she said. Coincidentally, Hinckley's career coaching record at Haverford now stands at 45-45-4.

In closing, Hinckley had nothing but praise for her team this year. "Some years, you can't wait for a season to end, but this was a special group of kids. I had a great time, and came away with a real good feeling."

SKEETERS' PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Nancy Bell

This Freshman runner for the Bryn Mawr Cross Country team has been outstanding all season. This last weekend, Bell finished third in the PAIAW championships with a time of 19:36, and led her team to a third place finish. Because of this, the team will be traveling to Regionals for the first time ever. So, SKEETER'S says bravo, and would you like a soda with that pie?

HC Women's Soccer beats Dickinson

by Jim Eichner
Editor-in-chief

After a rousing 4-2 victory over Dickinson in the featured match-up of Homecoming Weekend, the Haverford Women's Soccer team fell short of its goal of an MAC playoff berth, losing at home to Scranton 4-1 on Wednesday.

Saturday, Dickinson scored the first two goals of the afternoon on what Sophomore Ellen Braithwaite called "defensive flukes." Despite being down two goals, the team was unfazed. Braithwaite explained that the Fords had controlled the first half, and because it was averaging five goals a game during the team's seven game win streak, she was confident that Dickinson would

not shut them out.

The inspiring halftime speech of Head Coach Charlie Kramer gave the Fords momentum going into the second half. Kramer told the team about the three "nevers." "Never lose on Walton, never be denied the ball, and never let them see you sweat."

Sophomore Laura Miller heeded Kramer's advice and scored the team's first goal off a corner kick by Junior Julie Snyder. Only a minute later Junior Amy Furr, the second leading scorer in the MAC, scored off of a beautiful pass by Miller, to tie the score at two.

The Dickinson team seemed stunned by the outburst, and the Fords kept the pressure on, (cont. on page 11)

Scoreboard

BMC Cross Country
BMC finished third at the PAIAW championships.

HC Rugby Club (3-2)
HC-0 UPenn-8

HC Women's Cross Country
Haverford placed fourth in the PAIAW championships. Tamara Lave was the winner of the race, and is 1988 PAIAW Champion with a time of 19:05.

BMC Soccer (3-11-1)
BMC-2 Catholic-3
BMC-1 Marymount-5
BMC-1 Beaver-2

HC Men's Soccer (7-8-1)
HC-1 Widener-0
HC-0 Spring Garden-4

HC Men's Cross Country
Haverford placed second in its own Invitational.

HC Women's Soccer (9-6-2)
HC-4 Dickinson-2
HC-1 Scranton-4

BMC Field Hockey (7-10)
BMC finished eighth at the Seven Sisters Tournament.

BMC Volleyball (13-3)
BMC d. Allentown for PAIAW Championship.
BMC l. to Moravian 3-1.

HC Field Hockey (9-9)
HC finished fourth at Seven Sisters.
MAC PLAYOFF-
HC-1 Drew-3

HC Volleyball (14-13)
HC l. to Allentown 3-0.