Anti-sweatshop sit-in wins out

UPenn administration agrees to quit FLA and sign onto WRC

Adam Berg
Staff Writer

To what lengths should university students go to make their voices heard? That was the question on everyone’s mind at the University of Pennsylvania over the past two weeks.

Penn Students Against Sweatshops began a sit-in at the UPenn president’s office Monday, Feb. 7, to demand that UPenn President Judith Rodin take concrete steps to address the problem of sweatshop labor employed in the manufacture of school clothing. After a period of nine days, Rodin and the student protesters reached an agreement that ended the sit-in and left the future of UPenn’s labor practices full of possibilities, although somewhat uncertain.

The sit-in was the climax of a protracted struggle between the administration and campus activists. The students felt driven to a sit-in by the administration’s refusal to negotiate in good faith, while the administration accused the students of lacking patience and respect for university procedure.

Students at UPenn began a public awareness campaign in February 1999, initially focusing on the independent monitors of working conditions and full public disclosure of then-obscured factory locations. In March, administrations from the eight Ivy League schools signed on to the Fair Labor Association without consulting the faculty or the students who had made sweatshop a campus issue.

According to the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees (UNITE!, AFL-CIO), the Fair Labor Association “requires companies to take no meaningful action. To learn more about the unusual positions of bi-co professors, turn to the Arts review of the of the Faculty Dance Concert.

Missed the game? Turn to sports to get a wrap-up of the nai-bit between Haverford and Swat.
On Monday, Feb. 14, New York City police officer Sean Carroll tearfully recounted his version of last year’s shooting of Amadou Diallo in the Bronx, a Guinean immigrant, after being hit by 19 of 41 bullets shot by four white police officers who apparently believed he was about to brandish a weapon, though he was actually unarmed and reaching for either a pager or his wallet.

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The trial, which moved to Albany to escape heavy pre-trial publicity, is expected to move to closing arguments next week, following the withdrawal of a defense witness on sight perception and the decision of the lead prosecutor to order a new trial.

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Miami immigration officer accused of spying for Cuba

Mariano Faget, a high-ranking U.S. immigration officer, was charged in federal court on Friday with spying for the Cuban government, after being caught in an elaborate sting operation involving what he thought was classified information.

The Miami office of the Immigration and Naturalization Services fed Faget information about a Cuban intelligence agent's plan to defect to the United States, which Faget promptly passed on to an unidentified Cuban-born New York businessman.

Faget, who was in a position to inform the Cuban government about possible defections, and subject them to retaliation, was scheduled to return on March 25 after 34 years of the INS. He will face at least 10 years in prison and $250,000 in fines if convicted.

This arrest is likely to create additional problems in the relationship between Cuba and the United States, already tense because of the custody battle over 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez. Faget was not involved in the Gonzalez case.

Two Columbine students killed in sandwich shop shooting

Less than a year after the shootings at Columbine High School, two sophomores were found dead in a Subway sandwich shop where one of them worked. Another employee of the shop discovered the bodies after driving by and noticing lights on almost three hours after closing time.

Investigators have no motive for the shootings, though they have ruled out murder-suicide, and don't think that robbery was involved.

Coming soon after the death of four other students, and within half a mile of both the school and the church where memorial services were held for those students, these murders have rechaired traumas that the community has not yet fully dealt with.

Another community member has left balloons, flowers and chalked messages to the two sophomores, Nicholas Kusellen and his girlfriend Stephanie Hart, outside of the crime tape.

Cartoonist Charles Schulz, ‘Peanuts’ creator, dies

Charles Schulz, creator of the popular comic strip “Peanuts,” died on Feb. 12, just hours before his last cartoon was sent to the printing presses. At 77, Schulz had been drawing “Peanuts” for nearly half a century, reaching readers in 75 countries, 2,600 newspapers, and 21 languages every day. His last daily strip ran on Jan. 3, and the last Sunday strip carried a signed farewell in which he thanked editors and fans and said “Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus, Lucy … how can I ever forget you?”

Schulz died of colon cancer, which was diagnosed after abdomi­nal surgery last November. He was adamant that no one else ever draw the comic strip, and his estate will maintain that wish.

Having once said that he lived to draw “Peanuts,” the fact that Schulz died just as his last strip was being published was “as if he had written that way,” said Lynn Johnston, a friend of Schulz and creator of “For Better or for Worse” (NYT, 2/14/00, A1).

Investigators link worn screw to Alaska Air crash

National Transportation Safety Board experts are becoming increas­ingly convinced that a worn jack­screw in the tail of an Alaska Air­lines jet that crashed last month caused the plane to go down, killing all 88 people on board. The jack­screw controls the horizontal stabil­izer, which in tum controls the up­side and down pitch of the airplane, and there are questions about whether the part was maintained properly.

At last maintenance in 1997, the screw on the MD-80 had the maxi­mum allowable play and was ini­tially scheduled for replacement. After five additional tests, however, the screw was found to be within tolerances and the plane was placed back in service.

Investigators into the crash have determined that the damage to the screw, found in the Pacific Ocean where the plane went down, occurred before the plane crashed, and not as a result of it.

In the days following the crash, the Federal Aviation Administration ordered all airlines to conduct visual safety checks on their MD-80s, which uncovered many problems with the jack­screw, from metallic grit in the groove to metal shavings from the nut. The FAA has also or­dered airlines to conduct tests to measure play in the screw, to be completed within a month. In addi­tion, the regulations governing the time between safety checks has been shortened from eight months to three. These changes raise the question of whether airlines are being too lax about complying with regulations or whether the regulations themselves are not strict enough.
Lone resolution ratified at Haverford's Spring Plenary

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Staff Writer

Haverford's 2000 Spring Plenary ran smoothly and, for the most part, uninterrupted. Students passed both of the items on the agenda, one resolution and the Honor Code.

The Code was ratified by a close margin, passed by more five votes more than required. It needed 312 votes to carry the necessary two-thirds of those present, and passed with 317 in favor, 118 against, and 34 abstentions.

Plenary opened with the customary moment of silence. Five minutes were then allocated to allow attendees to read the agenda and rules of order. A brief question-and-answer period concerning the agenda and rules passing one resolution and the Honor Code, after which a few specifics of the agenda were amended.

The first item to be considered was a resolution entitled "Executive Council Elections." It was presented by Scott Bureac '02, Eleanor Brown '00, Jesse Ehrenfeld '00, Maura Purcell '00 and Judson Redmond '01. Its purpose was to alter the election cycle for the Executive Council of Student Council.

The resolution stipulated that Executive Council officer—the Student Council President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Honor Council Chair—would be elected in April and would take office at the beginning of the academic year. This would replace the current practice of holding elections in February and having the elected students hold office through the calendar year.

The presenters' rationale was threefold. Their first point was that a newly elected Executive Council "has just a matter of days in which to plan spring plenary," second, they said that juniors who study abroad second semester currently cannot run for office for their senior year, because they are not present for the first half of the term. Third, the resolution said that "the elections are often not complete until the third week of the second semester, thereby "preventing the full council's ability to convene until the fourth week."

Brown acknowledged a few disadvantages inherent in the change. "Seniors will potentially be voting for officers who will never see them," and freshmen would not be able to run for second-semester offices, she told a reporter.

A few issues were discussed in the question and answer session. Brian Adams '01 was concerned that the change would interfere with the Council's interaction with the Customs program and proceedings at the beginning of the year. After listening, she said that if the Senate were to be elected at the end of the previous academic year, the Council would have the\nmuch to organize.

Mike V. Bartek '02 asked how students who were abroad during the second semester would be able to run for office in the next semester. See PLENARY on page 7.

Russian graduate program faces challenges

Christine McCluskey
News Editor

The President's Office at Bryn Mawr has released a report suggesting that the Russian graduate program for financial reasons will go into effect at the end of the 2000-2001 school year. This will impact both the graduate and undergraduate programs. While current graduate students would not be affected by this change should it occur, no new students should be admitted to the program from that point on. Current and future undergraduate students of Russian would be affected by the loss of graduate student TAs, who serve as significant mentors to them, says Russian major Olivia Tomaselli '00.

"I myself know that I would not be where I am in Russian today if it wasn't for the support and teaching I received from various grad students over the years," she wrote in an email last week to undergraduate students of Russian, urging them to make their opinions on the issue known to the administration.

Tomaselli said that the Russian department faculty are attempting to convince President Susan Vickers to delay departure of the graduate program. It is one of the letter's known nation-wide in Russian and in second-language acquisition.

Susan Vickers has expressed to the Department that she will reconsider. Tomaselli wrote.

There will be a meeting today at 5 p.m. in the Russian Center to further discuss the issue.

Russian House comprises the undergrad as well as grad departments; the latter faces questions of financial support.

E-Haus offers environmental living as well as home amenities, residents say.

Members of the environmentally friendly living option at Haverford, E-Haus, have expressed interest in moving into 710 from their current HCA location. 710 is the college's only off-campus housing in which residents can stay off the meal plan.

The building offers many attractive features for E-Haus residents. One member of the community, Haverford senior Sonia Dubelzeig, discussed the motivation for a housing change. "The apartments aren't exactly ideal for communal living, and I think the major problem is space," she explained. "When we have a big function, we can't seem to squeeze people in. Also, living in the apartments is somewhat isolating, and it would be nice to have a place we could call home."

As specified by College regulations, only 11 students can be accommodated at 710, not enough spaces for E-Haus which traditionally has not turned people away due to space constraints. Currently members of the community are in negotiations with Director of Student Housing Robin Deen to see if that limit might be waved.

The Housing Committee has not yet received an official request from E-Haus but has recently extended an offer of amendment to the floor to submit one. According to Housing Community Chair Deanna Streich '01, the duration of the decision-making process could range from a few weeks to a few months.

Officially known as the Environmentally Considered Housing Change, E-Haus was founded in 1991 by student members of the College's then environmental group E-Passion and is still dedicated to environmentally minded living. The community is presently comprised of 13 students, 12 of whom attend Haverford, who partake in numerous environmentally concerned activities that are integrated into their daily lives. They include purchasing organic foods, composting, recycling and conserving energy and water. Communal cooking happens six nights a week. All members share the responsibility of preparing vegan/vegetarian food for dinners that are free and open to the public.

The enthusiasm and enjoyment that E-Haus residents show for their home is quite obvious. Says Susana Thomas '02, a Bryn Mawr student living at E-House through the Bi-­college Exchange Program, "E-House is great because everyone is really friendly and supportive. It's a really great place to come home to."

Added senior Kate Stephenson, "I was abroad all last year, and I can't imagine coming back and living in the North Dorms. Coming back to E-Haus was like coming home again."

Bryn Mawr College is home to a more recently instituted environmental house, Batten House, a bi-college women-only co-op that began 26 at 6 p.m. All students are invited. Interested parties should send an email to <ste@brynwo.edu>. There will be a meeting Monday, Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. at the open house and dinner at 710 on your next day's housing at Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 22 and 23 at 6 p.m.

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JESSA ROZANOWSKA

E-Haus residents are considering 710 College Avenue as a possible future home.
Self-scheduled exam systems is test for both students, registrar

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Painter said. In spite of that, she wants students to be assured: "don't feel you are going to be thrown out," she says, because "I think [students] are all we're doing here is to express the issues of the system."

This was evidenced by the high turnout at last week's SGA meeting, at which students offered suggestions for improving the system. Painter did not attend the meeting because the curricular committee had just presented and gave voice to the registrar's concerns.

Later in her interview with the Bi-College News, Painter described the exam-taking experiences of Taylor last semester as "horrendous" and extremely overcrowded, particularly during the final exam period, due to the fact that many students wanted to take their tests as early as possible. There was also an increase in the number of self-scheduled exams. Painter and her staff carried 15 boxes of tests to schedule is "inconsistent with the trust of students. Take-home exams have self-scheduled exams. The faculty responded after hearing this request. The granted request then added to the burden. Tidmarsh said that students wanted the faculty to view self-scheduled exams as "the norm," but that they were "an unprecedented event." Self-scheduled exams only made the exam period more difficult for the registrar.

Only one-quarter of all classes have changed their exam period. The number of scheduled exams is increasing because professors with last semester's exams are not finding it helpful, and that could mean that students wanted to keep their exams until the last possible time. The faculty responded after hearing this request. The granted request then added to the burden. Tidmarsh said that students wanted the faculty to view self-scheduled exams as "the norm," but that they were "an unprecedented event." Self-scheduled exams only made the exam period more difficult for the registrar.

Ideally, during this semester's exam period, the conditions will be much better than they were in December, but it depends. More rooms need to be designated for when the exams are needed, but in order to have those, there needs to be more proctors. "It has always been a problem getting people to proctor and the same few people to proctor every year," said Painter. To compound the problem, there are those who sign up to be proctors and then do not show up, or show up late, which delays exams for everyone. "The only quality that a proctor really must have is punctuality," said Painter, but she added that the same few people to proctor should be a bit older than the undergraduates, with a "certain amount of authority in their voice." Hoegler suggested that proctoring at least once a semester during their BMC career should be a graduation for students, so that technically, there would be no shortage of proctors. A resolution making this a requirement will appear at Plenary. "Students need to reaffirm their commitment to the testing system by proctoring," she said. "It is important to remember that you only get what you give." Painter doubts that this approach would work. "The reason it is so hard to find proctors," she says, "is that it is an extremely stressful and busy time of year." "It would be better if proctors were hired," she said, suggesting that graduate students might be willing to help. Painter said that her personal opinion of self-scheduled exams was that they are not necessary. She went to Bryn Mawr before there were self-scheduled exams, and says she's seen the College work without them. However, she adds the College was smaller then, and that things have changed. She noted that the students are not happy with the current system, and that they want to have a civic polis and a keynote address from Barnard. Gandhi settled in India and worked as a reporter and nonviolent social reformer fighting against the caste system and working to better the lives of the nation's poorest.

Like his grandfather, Gandhi has been a vocal proponent of nonviolent resistance to injustices all over the world. He views nonviolence as an integral first step towards peace, healing and a better understanding of the basic differences between worlds that so often lead to violence and oppression. Individuals must first recognize and control their anger if they are looking for peace.

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Gandhi, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, will return to the college this Friday to open a two-day dialogue that will deal with major areas of violence,Nonviolence and conflict resolution. The forum is a sequel to the conference held at Haverford in 1998 which met with such great success that Gandhi turned it into an ongoing international initiative with the goal of reintroducing the vision and teachings of men like Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Anand Gandhi was born in South Africa, and after years of exposure to racial bigotry and persecution under apartheid was sent to India to live with his grandfather. At Mahatma Gandhi's side he would witness first-hand the nonviolent and violent protests against British rule and the country's eventual day of independence. Gandhi settled in India and worked as a reporter and nonviolent social reformer fighting against the caste system and working to better the lives of the nation's poorest.

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The conference is the result of collaboration between Arun Gandhi's organization, the MK Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, and the Haverford and the co- founder and head of the Global Dialogue Institute which is sponsoring the event. Both men are dedicated to transforming the American public's understanding of the common bonds between diverse worldviews that can lead to deeper understanding and peace through a process that professor Gangadhean calls "deep dialogue."
Haverford rendered powerless for more than an hour during storm

A power outage struck Haverford last Sunday night, lasting from approximately 9:05 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. It was the university's second power outage in less than a year. The school's electricity supplier, has not returned requests from the Bi-Co News requests for further information.

**UPenn students take a stand with sit-in**

UGA students at last week's Student Government at UPenn sit-in page 1

steps toward provision of a living wage" and "fails to protect the right so that workers stand up for their right is systematically denied." The Union also states that it "allows companies to pick the factories that will be inspected by monitors chosen by the company, which includes up to 95 percent of a company's production facilities from inspection, and creates multiple barriers to public access to information."

In April, after realizing what the administration had done without consulting them, the student activists and student government at UPenn set a deadline of Oct. 15 for the FLA to incorporate more effective monitoring and higher standards. The following months student activists sponsored dozens of proposals of ways to strengthen the FLA. All were rejected.

During the week of the Oct. 15 deadline for FLA reform, United Students Against Sweatshops members officially unveiled their alternative to the FLA and WRC in the form of the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC). After six months without any progress toward reforming the FLA, and armed with an alternative - the Workers Rights Consortium - Rodin will then decide which, if either, of the enforcement mechanisms UPenn is prepared to use.

The UPenn students occupying College Hall were joined by friends from Bryn Mawr, Haverford, Georgetown, Columbia, St. Joseph's and other schools where students have been engaged in similar campaigns. The walls of College Hall were plastered with statements of support from students and organizations from all over the country, student organizations, unions, human rights groups, and even UPenn faculty.

UPenn History Professor David Ludden, one of many faculty who publicly supported the sit-in, said, "The ATA's legitimacy and the WRC's functional superiority.

The FLA coordinates impor-
BI-COLLEGE CRIME BLOTTER

Bryn Mawr College

Monday, Feb. 7
3:25 a.m. Computer Services staff reported a student attempting to uti-

lize the computers in Guild Hall over the weekend to create false identifi-
cation. Matter referred to the security Office.
1:22 p.m. Report received of a visi-
tor, previously prohibited from be-
ing on campus, seen in food court.

Tuesday, Feb. 8
9:07 a.m. An unregistered vehicle, belonging to a resident student, was

"BOOTED" while illegally parked in Lot 23. The "BOOT" was removed after pay-

ment of fines and the purchase of a parking permit.
2:23 p.m. A small white dog was turned over to Lower Merion Police

Animal Warden, after being found on New Gulph Road near the Merion

Golf Club. A student was sought by a student during this period, in-

cluding 43 lockouts, 43 maintenance problems, 37 special building checks, and 11 alarms.
Dorm doors were found unsecured 154 times.
There were no alcohol illness cases this week.

A reported theft of cash from Hilles on Feb. 2 proved to be unfounded.
The money was not stolen.

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Lockers Room

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women's locker room on Feb. 2. In between 4:30 and 6 p.m. Stolen were

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lieved to be students, were last seen running north up the trail.
2:42 a.m. Vandalism - HCA Trail

The north gate arm was broken off, probably by the same two suspects noted above.
8:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Theft

8 Acre Grove Lot.

A BMC's car was stolen from the HCA parking lot adjacent to 800 Acre Grove, sometime between 12 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Feb. 13.
3:59 p.m. Fire - Outside 19

Hannum Drive

A fire was discovered in a trash can outside 19 Hannum Drive. It was extin-

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Haverford College

Crime Blotter for Haverford Col-

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Blue Bus accident results in

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was a close friend of hers until two days later. Over a casual con-

versation with another BMC stu-

dent, she then realized who the injured student was, and felt "very upset" and concerned about her friend's well-being.
She said, "It is one of those things that you hope will never happen, and if it does, you hope it's not anyone you know. I think she's really brave. I think she's not letting on how much pain she's in."
Dean Tidmarsh commented, "It is awful that something this tragic happened for people who have never lost the use of their legs." He also commented that the "great-
est message that we can get out of this is that students should not run for public service on campus.

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Pirates plun-der wealth of humor at HC's Plenary
Matt Sharp
Staff Writer

While the votes for the Plenary were being counted, a group stormed in, dressed as fictional sword-wielding ghosts and a Jolly Roger.

Announcing themselves as the Pirates of Plenary, they (temporarily) suspended the creation of a new Honor Council Co-Treasurer and resolution co-sponsor Jesse Ehrenfeld, and administered a pop-quiz to selected volunteers drawn from the assembled students.

As the Pirates left, their leader, Attorney at Law Answer (commonly known as Dan Rounsville) told those assembled, "Don't try and follow us, for if ye do, ye be losin' your Pirate's soul."

Asked later for comment, Aagar explained, "We be representing the great Quaker tradition of piracy.

Bush leads convincingly in South Carolina Republican primary
Ariel Hansen
Assistant News Editor

With a lead of 11 percentage points, Texas governor George W. Bush gained a commanding advantage over Arizona senator John McCain in the South Carolina Republican primary held Saturday.

The turnout in South Carolina was exceptionally high, with over 600,000 votes cast, or 20 percent of the voting age population. This compares to only 276,000 votes cast in the 1996 primary. Part of the reason for the large turnout is the recent campaign that allows non-Republicans to vote for the Republican candidates. In addition, high interest in what was widely regarded as an unpredictable race between two popular candidates encouraged Republican, Democratic and independent voters to show up at polling places across the state.

Immediately following McCain's victory in New Hampshire last month, Bush had been touring South Carolina as a "firewall" state, one that would secure his nomination as the Republican candidate for President. However, back from off the statement in recent weeks as the race drew closer and the McCain campaign attracting the attentions of liberal and independent voters.

In fact, both candidates are concentrating on Michigan, where a victory for McCain would place him squarely behind the running with Bush. However, if Bush wins Michigan, most pundits say McCain's chances of obtaining the Republican nomination are slim to none.

The Bush victory follows a conservative and negative advertising between the two candidates. In preparing for the South Carolina primary, McCain aired a television advertisement comparing Bush to Clinton in trustworthiness. After complaints from the Bush campaign and a strong negative reaction from conservatives, the McCain ad was pulled off the air and McCain promised that he would not engage in negative advertising for the rest of his campaign. However, it may have hurt him anyway, as he approached, despite a persistent negative advertising campaign by Bush, who had made no such promise.

Resolution Writing Information Sessions
Thursday, Feb. 24: 8:30 p.m. CC200

Resolutions due: Feb. 25 at 5:00 p.m. In Envelope on SGA Board
All resolutions must be submitted to PC disk with paper copy.

All resolutions must be accompanied by 100 signatures of petitioners in support of seeing this resolution at Plenary (these people do not necessarily need to support the resolution).

Resolutions will be displayed in CC 20 on March 24.

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Bi-college students test the waters of online shopping
Heather Lazusky Feature Editor

With college life there are a few "definites" for students as they return and settle into the new semester. One, it is assumed, is the bookshop scene the first week of classes, in which each student will need to stand in at least one huge line to purchase textbooks while at least one person complains about the overpriced nature of the text books, or will they?

If they follow a recent trend in bi-co book buying, it is possible that they would opt to buy their textbooks online in an attempt to circumvent the long lines and the perceived high prices of the Bryn Mawr and Haverford bookstores.

Online booksellers state the claim that, because of their virtual location and unique business, they can sell books at discounted prices. The website of VarsityBooks.com states, "Because we’re on the Web, we don’t have the high overhead costs of your bookstore. We... pass those savings to you." The site also maintains that while VarsityBooks does not sell used books, it does vend new books at prices "that are similar" to used book prices.

Bryn Mawr senior Jessica Ball recently bought a used book from Textbooks.com for her Drexel / Penn class. She feels satisfied with her shopping experience. The book was "significantly cheaper," she explained, and she was able to apply her Student Advantage discount to an already discounted used book.

I spent $69.84 on a book that retailed for over $90, according to the site," Ball said. Overall, Ball plans with Textbooks.com and "would definitely buy more books on-line," adding, "If there are any options...other than the bookstore....That way, I am not trapped into paying what they tell me.

In buying from Textbooks.com, Serena Black (BMC ’00) had a somewhat different experience. Black and several of her friends purchased a textbook for their Bryn Mawr class, paying around $35 that they believed to cost $100 in the bookstore. They thought they were getting a real bargain, "but then it turned out that there is a second text book that we need. The one we [wanted] is in the bookstore for $65," Black explains.

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Though he had a small staff to handle commercial business for Peanuts, he always drew the strip alone, never hiring assistants, even when he developed a severe hand tremor. After he built his ice rink, he ate breakfast at the cafe there every morning before going to work, and he taught Sunday school.

Perhaps what struck fans most about the genius behind Peanuts was that Schulz was, in large part, a very sad man. Characterized by his friends and family as often lonely, worried, and depressed, he suffered from panic attacks and never fully trusted his success. The Peanuts characters, similarly, are not strangers to life's anxieties. Sally, Charlie Brown's sister, once stated, "Nighttime is so you can lie in bed worrying.

Schulz was hospitalized in November for colon cancer and started chemotherapy. On Dec. 4 he announced his inten­ tion to end Peanuts in order to focus on his recovery.

Crites say that disappointment and distress about Schulz's life were a major influence on his characters. His early cartoons were rejected by publica­
The world says goodbye to Charles Schulz and ‘Peanuts’

Akino Irene Yamashita
Guest Columnist

I still remember where I was when I learned of the news. It was the day before Valentine’s Day, Sunday, February 13, 2000.

I was where I now am as I type this, at my computer. I opened my browser and went to my news. It was the day before the “generations” discussion.

The article on the Internet is titled “Peanuts: the voice of the baby boom generation.” Other attempts to analyze Charlie Brown, Snoopy and the rest of the gang called “generation gap” when reading and so on.

But when the news hit me, I couldn’t follow much of that kind of detailed analysis. What I did realize was that, this time, an icon from my own lifetime was gone.

Now, when The Chairman of The Board (Sinatra) left the building forever, when Joltin’ Joe (DiMaggio) left and went away, I observed the mass mourning, but it never sunk in for me. Why mourn someone you never met, never knew?

Now I understand. Not only did I never meet Charles Schulz, I never knew much about him personally.

But, with the end of Peanuts, with the death of its creator, a part of my childhood died as well.

I did not read American comics much when I was a child, since I had access to Japanese comics, which I much more interesting stories than did the American comics ... except Peanuts.

There was a big box in the children’s section of my local library with many paperback books of compiled Peanuts cartoons from the 1960s and 1970s. Yet, I did not sense any “generation gap” when reading about the world of Peanuts.

My first love was Snoopy, the daring beagle (a.k.a. "Joe Cool" or "The World War I Flying Ace"), a dog that somehow managed to be a doctor, lawyer, scoundrel and writer, all the while maintaining activities associated with typical dogs: eating dog food, fighting with the neighbor’s cat and sleeping on top of his doghouse, of course.

I had no idea if the human characters could hear Snoopy “think.” I’m still not sure.

I didn’t follow the lives of the kids at first, but Snoopy, the “kid with the big nose,” as Peppermint Patty called him, always brought a smile to my face.

The first “kid” I noticed was Linus, as he is the Peanuts character I identify most closely with. I first noticed him for his security blanket and his fights with Snoopy when Snoopy would snort him from his world. Later, as I grew older, I realized that Linus was the “intelligent” one in the gang, though younger than his sister Sally, his friend Charlie Brown, the contradiction between his intelligence and his more babyish side spoke to me. I have always been the “smart one” in my family and among those of my parents’ friends as well. Yet, I can also be very immature for my age. And I tend to have older friends, too (though I never had a “crabby” older sister).

I also identified with Charlie Brown — “good ol’ wishy-washy Charlie Brown.” His life seems unrequited love is much more common than the “me-first” type.

“Charles.” Charlie Brown, of Peanuts strip has been analyzed by philosophers, inspired a concerto and received the Order of Met Life Insurance. In 1958 Hallmark put Peanuts on its greeting cards, and in 1965 CBS aired the television special A Charlie Brown Christmas, which won both an Emmy and a Peabody and has aired every year since. In 1967 Peanuts inspired the musical You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown, which was revived in 1999 on Broadway and won two Emmy Awards: Peanuts even hangs on the walls of the Louvre.

The life of Charles Schulz

Thereafter publication, including his high school yearbook. Shortly before he enlisted in the Army, Schulz’s mother died of cancer, and when, as a young man, he proposed to a red-haired woman named Donna Johnson, she turned him down for a fireman.

Charlie Brown’s love for the never-seen Little Red-Haired girl, as all the romantic love in Peanuts, is unrequited. The first Peanuts strip, which appeared on Oct. 2, 1950, featured two children on the sidewalk warmly greeting Charlie Brown. Then, as Charlie Brown walks away, they reveal their true loathing of him. The Peanuts characters’ baseball team always loses, and as he might, Charlie Brown never manages to kick the football. But somehow, as art critic Art Spiegelman points out, Peanuts remains warm and fuzzy. More than that, Charlie Brown’s failure to kick the football makes us laugh and allows us to identify with him as a flawed being. By 1953, Peanuts was a growing success and in 1955 the National Cartoonists Society named Schulz the cartoonist of the year.

Today, Peanuts is a social phenomenon as great as Martha Stewart and amazon.com. The strip has been analyzed by philosophers, inspired a concerto and received the Order of Met Life Insurance. In 1958 Hallmark put Peanuts on its greeting cards, and in 1965 CBS aired the television special A Charlie Brown Christmas, which won both an Emmy and a Peabody and has aired every year since. In 1967 Peanuts inspired the musical You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown, which was revived in 1999 on Broadway and won two Emmy Awards: Peanuts even hangs on the walls of the Louvre.

If Schulz couldn’t live without the Peanuts clan, neither can some of us. Linus and his blanket, Schroeder and his toy piano and Lucy and her famous psychiatric advice — lemonade stand style — will remain frozen in time for many years to come. Lucy once asked Charlie Brown, “After you die, do you get to come back?” “If they stamp your hand,” answered Charlie Brown. It’s easy to say that the hand of Charles Schulz — the band that steadfastly drew its way into the hearts of millions — is stamped for all time.
Students demand divestment at BMC in 1985 protest. (File Photo)

**Mid-Eighties Marked by Demands for Divestment**

*by Nicole Lewis*

All information and quotes for this article were taken from back issues of The News.

Before either Bryn Mawr or Haverford’s administrative position on divestment in South Africa had been officially decided, students on both campuses were working hard to make their voices heard against investing in South Africa.

In September of 1985, Bryn Mawr had four million dollars in companies directly involved in South Africa, Haverford had seven million dollars directly invested according to the Investor Responsibility Research Center in Washington, D.C.

Students on both campuses were writing letters to the Board of Managers. Haverford’s student-written letter appeared on the front cover of a campus newspaper, and staged a peaceful vigil outside the Dining Center before the Board of Managers met.

**Apartheid Becomes Issue at HC as AAC Presses for Changes**

*by Arthur Crane*

The Haverford student body reviewed its policy on South Africa at Plenary last Sunday as it voted on two resolutions introduced by the Anti-Apartheid Committee. The first resolution, requesting the college to divest from companies dealing in any form with South Africa, passed after a hand count. The second resolution originally asked the college to participate in a boycott of the Coca-Cola Corporation to end its involvement with South Africa. It was voted down by voice after major change and discussion.

Two years ago, Haverford divested from corporations actually employing workers in South Africa. According to the AAC, the college still holds thirteen million of its seventy-eight-dollar endowment in corporations like with “non-equity links” with South Africa. “Non-equity links” allow the corporations to export products to South Africa or profit from apartheid through various indirect means. Haverford holds money in about twenty companies with such links, including Johnson and Johnson, Coca-Cola, Kellogg’s, and Wyeth.

The resolution to cease invest-

ment in companies with equity and non-equity links in South Africa, though successful, was only a student request. It must be approved by the Board of Managers in invest-

ing with Social Responsibility of the Board of Managers.

The Haverford administration opposes further divestment from South Africa, defining divestment as withdrawn from “ownership” of South Africa, a point it attained in 1987. “We can’t turn our en-

dowments upside down over an issue that I don’t think is very effective,” said Dick Wynn, vice-

president for finance and administration.

Students met the resolution to boycott Coke with a more negative response, as debate raged over its usefulness. Shortly into the dis-

cussion, the AAC accepted a friendly amendment expunging the resolution to include products of all companies doing business in-

side South Africa. Immediately before voting ensued, the whole chorus of nays, it was all.

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Pembroke Students Organize Security

By Amy Forster

Increased concern about safety within Bryn Mawr dormitories produced a student-staffed security desk in Pembroke East. This idea was initially discussed at a dorm meeting and was developed further by Pembroke president Sharon Ross and Amy Holzapfel, both seniors. Other dorm presidents are watching the Pembroke project with interest, and are considering organizing similar programs.

Ross explained that the idea was voted on at a dorm meeting February 9, and that more than two-thirds of the residents present favored implementing the program. The program began on the night of February 18, and she expressed satisfaction with the way it has run so far.

The security desk is covered from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. every night, with residents signing up in pairs for two hour shifts. The people staffing the desk are equipped with a bell which they ring when they are worried about a visitor.

By the people staffing the security desk. Ross explained.

"We have gone out of our way to make sure that the people staffing the desk..." said Ross.

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The Bi-College News, first published on Feb. 28, 1992, once again proved that the more things change, the more they stay the same. Tuition increases and Plenary were on the agenda then just as they are now.

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Faculty Dance Concert is an emotional triumph

Katherine Hoff
Staff Writer

The audience at Bryn Mawr’s Gothic places witnessed a dazzling array of color and sound at the annual Faculty Dance Concert on Feb. 11, spanning diverse dance and music disciplines, the concert showcased pieces in six individual tracks, and a captivating evening. The audience was treated to a range of movement and strong emotion, and the program reflected the diversity of dance and music. The concert began with the opening piece, "Bach Festival of Philadelphia," and was followed by "Misa lBach," a soloist in the piece and Associate Dance Director at Bryn Mawr.

Throughout the repertoire of simple active statements and motions, the piece captured the complexity and beauty of life. This work was accompanied by "Journey," a simple movement that standing dancers silently performed. The audience was treated to a range of movement and strong emotion, and the program reflected the diversity of dance and music.

The concert was a fine performance of a genre not often performed. Three concerts are left in the program, but the "impossibilities" were overcome by the dancers during the piece left an enlarged audience with nothing but a clear sense of possibility. Awesome strength, clever partnering and stage craft, and exquisite technique made the music a wittily beautiful dance to watch, and a triumphantly humorous final note to the concert.

Dancers were: Bob Butyn, Eva Brothers, Linda Cassio Haviland, Pallab Chakravorty, Madeline Cantor, Dawn Cargallo, Emily Hulbert, Brenda Kunda, Rainey Lacey, Katie McNamara, Rebecca Sloan, Dolores Luis, Renee Baron, Katie Murphy, Jon Sherman, Laura Katz, David Brick, Amy Smith and Andrew Simouet.

2K Bach: an evening of counterpoint at Rittenhouse Square

Matt Sharp
Staff Writer

2000 is a "Bach" year: this July marks the 250th anniversary of the death of Johann Sebastian Bach. The Bach Festival of Philadelphia, however, had to start it all. So it prepared to celebrate its 25th anniversary with the coming of the 2000-2001 season, and now it’s almost half a sea¬son of "2K Bach — Bach For A New Millennium."

On Feb. 12, in the spacious, or¬nate sanctuary of the Church of the Holy Trinity on 19th and Walnut, the Tallis Scholars delivered a cappella program of luth 16th cen¬tury counterpoint. The concert included an array of works by Bach predecessors Nicholas Gombert, Josquin des Pre’s, and Orlando de Lassus.

Founded in 1973, the scholars comprise two sopranos, two altos, four tenors and two basses under the leadership of director Peter Phillips. They took center stage, performing a cappella choral music from the Renaissance repertoire. The concert was a fine perfor¬mance of a genre not often performed. Three concerts are left in the program, but the “impossibilities” were overcome by the dancers during the piece left an enlarged audience with nothing but a clear sense of possibility. Awesome strength, clever partnering and stage craft, and exquisite technique made the music a wittily beautiful dance to watch, and a triumphantly humorous final note to the concert.

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For more information, contact the Provoce’s Office.

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**ARTS HAPPENINGS**

Thursday, 2/24: Art Exhibit: Our Children Our Beauty, featuring the "High Five" After-School Program children (ages 6-13). BMC’s Perry House, 4-6 p.m.

Friday, 2/25: The Beach Boys play the Keswick Theatre, at Easton Rd. and Gladstone Ave., Gladstone, Pa. Tickets $45. Call (215) 572-7690 or visit www.keswicktheatre.com to purchase tickets.

Friday, 2/25: Musica Alta Ripa, the German chamber group whose CD of Bach’s solo concertos won the 1998 Grammies Classical Award, will perform the Bach strings and harpsichord concertos. Program is 8 p.m. St. Paul’s Church, 22 E. Chestnut Hill Ave., Philadelphia.

Saturday, 2/26: Rainbow Alliance annual Drag Ball: professional drag queen show, amateurs, too. BMC Thomas Great Hall, 9:30 p.m. Contact Goffin Boyd at gboh@brynmaur.edu for more info.

Saturday, 2/26: Musica Alta Ripa, Program II: 8 p.m., The Church of the Holy Trinity, 19th & Walnut Sts., Philadelphia.

Sunday, 2/27: Black History Month Celebration: poetry, dance, hip-hop, live jazz, the Looney Tunes and more. HC’s Marshall auditorium, 7-8:30 p.m.
Annual event returns to Philadelphia

Nicole Foulke
Arts & Living Editor

If sputtering through steamy glass in an attempt to choose between one entrée that makes you queasy and another that makes you nauseated is not your idea of a pleasant culinary experience, then perhaps you need a change of scenery. Perhaps you need to spend a day at Philadelphia's Book & Cook Festival and Fair.

Held in the Pennsylvania Convention Center at 12th and Arch Streets, as well as in several restaurants in the Philadelphia region, the annual event begins on Feb. 23 and runs through March 5.

World-renowned chefs such as Jacques Torres, Emeril Lagasse, George Perrier and Eileen Yis-Fei Lo will demonstrate their craft as numerous vendors offer samples and product information. Many local restaurants and organizations welcome the chefs into their restaurants and sponsor demonstrations.

The most accessible arena of the Book & the Cook is the Fair in the Convention Center, which takes place from Feb. 25 through Feb. 27. Here you will find all of the aforementioned activities, excluding certain demonstrations at local restaurants. This year cookbook authors like Ina Garten, owner of the famed Barefoot Contessa restaurant, will participate.

There will be opportunities to learn old facts at the American Agricultural Society booth, and the Pear Bureau will tempt you with the luscious pomegranates. You can observe cutlery demonstrations and construct little cheese sandwiches at the kiddie booth, if you so desire. Barnes & Noble sells cookbooks, and many of the authors are conveniently around to sign them.

The cooking stage demonstrations are always interesting and many chefs are kind enough to linger and answer questions. (And when the camera stops rolling you also see who transforms into a prima donna, and who keeps smiling.)

But shall we cut to the chase? Blair's Death Sauces & Spices, Canada Dry, Caviar Assolone, Dole, Fresh Samantha, Herr Foods, Inc., Ireland Tea & Coffee Company, Kebblé, LeBaus Bakery, Mrs. T's Pierogies, Nabisco, Philadelphia Regional Produce, Market, Polish Spring Water, The Perrier Group, Sun and Earth, Evian/Coke, Pepsi, FoodSource by Clemens — these booths look promising, and there shall be many more.

Think little sippy cups of birch beer (actual birch sap), bags of fresh fruit, sample bottles of all natural laundry soap, chocolates, local wines, pastries, warm sausages and crackers on which you spoon various concoctions: booth after booth with the❹❸❹ксливующихся сметаны и бутылок.

Think exorbitantly long lines for such products as micro-batch ice creams and halved pierogies. And cheese.<br><br>No matter; the hubbub, the opportunity to see this or nibble on that, the overwhelming enthusiasm for interesting, effective culinary practices have kept the Fair running for ten consecutive years.

If you would like more information on the Book & the Cook Festival and Fair, visit www.thebookandcook.com.

Right: A life-size Weisbaden Spring Water Bottle attempts a photo through the crowd undetected: it is in constant danger of being sampled.

Sean Armour — Beer Drinker — Patriot

"In Philadelphia, it's worth 50 bucks..."*
Beyond the Tenth Entry: this time, we head North

Pub Review

Jen Maloney, Erin Moran and Amy McDowell

This week we traveled to the main drag in Conshohocken (is that how you spell it?), which is easily accessible from the Conshohocken exit off the Blue Route, traveling towards the city from Lancaster Avenue. There is a faster, more pleasant way to drive to Conshohocken, but it’s all too complicated for this article (not to mention a bit hazy after a long evening out).

We started our evening at Flannigan’s Broughthe, the first bar we came to on the main drag. There was plenty of street parking available when we got there, but then again, it was a Thursday night. On weekends, leave time to circle. Of course, parking is never as big of an issue, stress and/or expense as it is in Old City. But back to the bar. Flannigan’s Broughthe features a long bar and plenty of booths, and “tons of beers on tap.” So many, that we couldn’t be bothered to write them all down. One of them had a goatee-head as a tap. There are a bunch of TVs behind the bar, playing the requisite sporting events, and a downstairs room with pool tables and an upstairs room as well. We couldn’t be bothered to check the upstairs out (sorry for being lame reporters). We do know, however, that the upper deck is smoke-free.

The scene was definitely local and the music was Top 40 with a dance beat. Surprisingly, everyone knew the words to “Funk Soul Brother.” check it out now, funk soul brother, right about now … You know the rest (so you, too, can join the Flannigan’s family). The specialty night in Flannigan’s is Wednesday, when you can get 10 free chicken wings with every pitcher, and we had all just missed the Broughthe Pajama Party, featuring Bud Light Specials.

To sum up this none-too-exciting edition, Flannigan’s is definitely a good hang-out place, but not a big pick-up bar. Of course, if you’re looking to pick-up (and you are a hetero-female), all you have to do is go next-door to the American Brew Pub, where there are three guys to every girl, leading to the formation of a “male gauntlet” for each aspiring female. The official theme of the bar really is “How yooos doing?” Oh, yeah. We’ll be reviewing the American Brew Pub soon; and we’ll be bringing lots of “single for a night” women. Research is research, and we’ll do anything for the Bi-Co.

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REALLY IS “HOW YOOOU DOING?”

Beyond the Tenth Entry: this time, we head North

pop unknown: if arsenic fails, try algebra

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CD Review

Burke Nagy
Music Critic

It’s getting tougher and tougher to rock out these days, mainly because it’s getting tougher and tougher to figure out if it means to rock. It seems as though the dominant paradigms of rock music continue to become subverted by both the cookie-cutter permutations of the corporate machine and the multimorphous, sonic swarm of less “Fortunate,” though often more authentic, rock bands.

These latter ones are often lumped collectively under the moniker ‘indie rock,’ though the boundaries of what counts as ‘rock’ seem to have been blurring to include any kind of primar-guitars music with a backbeat. Contrast this phenomenon with the proliferation of ad hoc labels for the diverse species of today’s rock bands: alternative, lo-fi, acid rock, emo, garage, post-punk and power pop, to name a few.

Emergent rock bands these days thus find themselves swimming in a torrent sea of pruductive confusion, faced with the challenge of creating truly original music that can both dig itself out of a pigeon hole and still lay claim to the rock. The latest, and first fall-length album from pop unknown, if arsenic fails, try algebra, does well to meet this challenge here.

It would be too easy to classify pop unknown as just another emo band, since so do so would be to overlook the subtleties of its project. It doesn’t help, of course, that pop unknown is signed to deep elm records, which is responsible, in part, for the cultivation of other bands heading in a similar direction: appleseed cast, cross my heart, camber, and planes mistaken for stars, for example.

But pop unknown, while inded hovering in the emo category, at the same time launches itself into an unexplored, indeed unknown, cosmic musical space. Witness, for example, the mesmerizing guitar swirls and break-in drumbeat of “tattoo your image (on the world),” the ethereal soundscapes of “an offering,” and the dynamic, lunar module ride of “last to know.”

The sound of pop unknown has been defined on this album is built around the dual guitar modes of slow chugs and overlay­ ing harmonic patterns, palpitating rhythms and tempered vocals that ride on a rolling, mid­ ocean wave. The sound is all at once a reversion to the more ambient and substantive moods of new wave, an encompassment of the rock drive and a progression towards an autonomous, synthetic blend of these, and other, conver­ sant elements.

Much of pop unknown’s for­ titude can be attributed to its members’ tried and true histories as veterans of the Austin, Texas independent music scene. They come extricated from such bands as mineral (a highly seminal early emo band), imbroglio and feed lucy.

The lyrics concocted by vocalist/guitarist Tim Lasater betray a pensive cynicism and stout honesty gained through what might have been a period of for­ tounous self-reflection. “It’s so funny how my whole world is made up for you...” he quips in “I...png unknown is one of those bands that reminds the listener of the transcendent powers of rock.

What’s more, by taking this transcendent power in a new direction, pop unknown is taking part in conducting a definitive progress of the art form. If arsenic fails its own mission for aesthetic development, then the chance of finding similar growth in this sort of rock out cropping looks bleak. We might as well attempt tediously to find an algebraic formula for the rock identity and forget about the numerous aspects of rock, en­ tirely.

If you’re interested in more information, take a look at http://members.tripod.com/~popunknown/index.html and http://www.reporerecords.com
HC men’s basketball edges out Swat in dramatic fashion

Andrew Prazar
Staff Writer

In perhaps the most memorable basketball game in recent history, the Fords edged out the Swatting team’s basketball team to overcome a 14 point halftime deficit to beat the Garnet Tide at Swarthmore Saturday night. The Fords opened the game with a swift hook shot by forward Malik Kanabar (18 points, 5 reb) but then fell behind when center David Gammill (18 pts) began to heat up down low. Then guard Greg Holmener got into the action, driving 36 of his career high three pointers midway through the first half and igniting the Swat fans. At halftime the score was 36-22 in favor of Swarthmore and it appeared as if the Fords were heading towards their second embarrassing loss of the season to their arch rival.

Matt Duffy, Swarthmore held for the last shot, but Haverford’s tenacious defense smothered the Garnet, setting up a dramatic overtime scenario. Late in the first overtime period, with the score tied and Swat ready to drive the nail through the Ford coffin for a steal at half-court and drew a big foul, giving the Fords possession and an opportunity to steal the win. Haverford inbounded the ball to Kanabar who drove to the hoop. His shot refused to fall, however, and tipped by Maggiotto (7 pts, 1 reb) and Scribner fell short. The emotionally drained crowd caught their breath as the teams once again took the floor for double overtime. A rivalry opened up the period with yet another clutch three.

Swat refused to quit, however, and regained the lead thanks to Haverford fouls and stellar free throw shooting. Haverford responded and with a one-point Ford lead junior Alix Evans drew a foul and converted one of two, making the score 78-76.

After a nice defensive stop, Haverford opted to run some time off the clock, and with the shot clock running down, Mulvaney hit a floater on the baseline to put the Fords up by four. However, Swarthmore took the ball quickly down the court, buried a three, and promptly called a timeout. With 18 seconds remaining and the Fords up by one, Haverford simply needed to hold onto the ball and run out the clock, or at the very least draw a foul. The Fords turned the ball over, however, and gave Swat the final say as to the outcome.

With nine seconds left, the Garnet inbounded the ball, but Haverford’s swarming defense again came up big, forcing Swat to put up and miss a weak shot. The buzzer sounded and Haverford fans poured out of the stands and onto the court, at the dismay of an incredulous Swat crowd.

The 80-79 loss broke Haverford’s 11 game losing streak and represented the first time the men’s team had won at Swarthmore since 1994. In the improbable second half, the Fords shot 54 percent from the floor and made an incredible 79 percent of their three-point attempts. Tim Mulvaney scored his career high 18 points, as his six rejections fueled a Ford blocking season ever for a Ford.

Bryn Mawr alumna continues to crusade for sportswomen

Tracey Podolszyn
Sports Editor

After graduating from Bryn Mawr last May, field hockey player and history major Libby Sander went on to intern for the Women’s Sports Foundation where she sought to play an influential role in the development of women’s sports.

Sander’s participation in an internship at the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta fueled her interest in women’s sports. At Bryn Mawr, she and three other students worked closely with President of the United States Field Hockey Association and former Bryn Mawr Athletic Director Jen Shillingford, to ensure that all the appropriate preparations were made for the Olympic field hockey games. Through this experience, Sander gained an enlightened perspective on women in sports. Although women’s sports are not far from her hand, she soon stumbled upon the Women’s Sports Foundation, the organization she interned with.

Sander attended the Women’s Sports Foundation, which was established in 1974 by Billie Jean King, Donna de Varina, and other champion female athletes, is a national nonprofit, educational, member-based organization located in Long Island, New York. It serves to promote the lifelong participation of all girls and women in sports and fitness, and to create an educated public that encourages females’ participation and supports gender equality.

Sander is an Advocacy Intern. Sander was responsible for responding to all telephone, mail, and email inquiries and requests for information that related to Title IX and other gender equity situations in women’s sports. There is both a business line and an 800 number that people can call with concerns ranging from “blistering on their heels from their running shoes” to unfair treatment in the school system. Sander dealt with all ends of the spectrum.

Sander is proud to have done her part to help women get ahead. She is particularly interested in learning more about other non-profit organizations like the Foundation, before going to bed each night, she wants to be able to “put [her] finger on how [she] has helped people.”

Not having a set plan after graduation, Sander began looking on the Internet for possible job placements, keeping her interest in women’s athletics not far from her hand. She soon stumbled upon the Women’s Sports Foundation, where she spent from May to November working as an Advocacy Intern.

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As an Advocacy Intern, Sander worked with people to explore other areas of interest while keeping women’s sports close to her heart. She is particularly interested in learning more about other non-profit organizations like the Foundation, before going to bed each night, she wants to be able to “put [her] finger on how [she] has helped people.”

Women’s sports on the rise, Sander hopes that more young women will recognize and address their potential in the world of sports. It is “a tough battle ... but girls deserve a fair chance in sports.”
Bi-College Sports Schedule

Ford Baseball Team maintains title hopes

Dan Silver

Staff Writer

March is almost upon us, spring training has already started in the MLB, and the Haverford College baseball team is gearing up for their upcoming season.

In addition, we've hoping that this year's squad avoids the path taken by last year's. Matt Popowski, one of the three captains along with senior Tim Mulvaney and junior Dan Kirsch, has developed a sneaky slider to go with his already powerful fastball, but his arsenal also includes a tricky curveball and a change-up in which he says he is gaining more and more confidence. Big things are expected this year as well.

The main reasons for optimism are the strong pitching and defense the Fords should have. Popowski, who is only one of the three best defensive third-basemen, if not the best, in the Centennial conference, went as far as saying that he thinks the team is "capable of playing virtual defense for four straight games." In addition to defense, pitching figures to play a determinative factor in how the team fares in the league. According to Popowski, "(Coach) (Ed) Molush has gone as far as to predict it could be the best staff we have had in those two years as head coach." One of the key pitchers which must have a great year for the team to have a shot at the league title is senior fire-baller Jeff Lezinski. Last year, mainly serving as a closer, Lezinski made a name for himself as a reflection on Kirsch himself. Last year Kirsch lead the team in wins (4) and was named the MVP of the team. Unlike Welles and Lezinski, Kirsch relies more on placement than power. The accuracy with which he is able to throw his three pitches (fastball, curve, and changeup) is astonishing. His style provides a nice contrast to that of Lezinski and Welles.

Other pitchers who figure to contribute often are junior Josh Baker, sophomore Ned Macey, and junior Chris Huffman, who also plays shortstop. "Our (pitching) staff has matured into one that is concerned with hitting spots, not making mistakes, and battting it out in tough situations," said Popowski. "If there is one thing that would allow us to win a league title, it would be that all of our pitchers would consistently throw strikes, which would allow our strong defense to make the plays we know they can make." Even though pitching and defense are the strongest aspects of the Fords' game plan, they still boast a solid offense shortstop. "This season, we have an answer for every threat we ever face," said Popowski. "The fact that Dan Kirsch might not be the best hitter we have, doesn't mean we won't have an answer for him. We have an answer for every threat we ever face," said Popowski.

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The Haverford baseball team was unable to pull off an upset at Swarthmore's Tarbell Pavilion on Saturday. However, the Gamet proceeded to three bouts for each fencer. In the St. John's victory, the Fords were paced by a stellar 9-0 performance by the foil squad, and picked up eight wins in epee as well.

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pen to newspapers since people thought of letting puppies peen
on them, or "Galvin Chow is such a damn good writer that I, a
former blind person, actually learned how to see just so I could
read his articles."? What do I have to do here, people - beg? Because I'm quite
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much more than friends, but that's another story). I
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ratings up, my column might get yanked in favor of a weekly fea-
ture entitled "Villanovans: They Sure Am Hot!" And I don't think
anybody wants that to happen.

Actually, now that I think about it, my biggest competitors
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nically write for the Bi-Co News! Go on, look through this issue, and see
if you can tell which gets the most space out of what gets the most
attention. If this week's issue is anything like the last six dozen, then the answer is
the INCONTINET DONKET!

Tell you what, I think it is that I, a
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ject of two letters to the editor ever, whereas every week the
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Dear members of the community,

The Bi-Co should be truly proud of itself, for it has surpassed the standards of a college newspaper and achieved the highest level of professionalism, surpassing the characters of people who hold the same title. I found last week’s article “BMC seniors unhappy with presidential election,” which was written by two senior class presidents, to be a finely crafted piece of writing that in no way resembles the wanton, thoughtless polemics of the kind that one so often finds in the student press.

I read with interest the paragraph on page 2 of the Bi-Co News that begins, “Dear community.” It is a touching letter expressing the community’s desire to communicate with the author of the article. It is a sign of the respect and appreciation that the community has for the students who have written the article.

The article itself is a fine piece of journalism, well-written and well-researched. It is a shame that it has been overshadowed by the insensitive comments of some of the students who have written it.

I have been a member of the Bi-Co for many years, and I can say with certainty that it is the finest student newspaper in the country. It is a mark of the highest level of professionalism and dedication that the students who have written this article have shown.

I would like to encourage the students who have written this article to continue to write with the same level of professionalism and dedication that they have shown in this article. It is a fine piece of work, and it is a sign of the respect and appreciation that the community has for the students who have written it.

Sincerely,

Bernie Fischlischwitz-Roberts
HC ’00

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The Bryn Mawr and Haverford Bi-College News

Dear community,

While Pennsylvania’s death penalty is still in effect, on Thursday, Feb. 22, the City Council made Philadelphia the nation’s largest municipal authority to call for a moratorium on capital punishment, passing the resolution 12-4. In doing so, Philadelphia joins the city of Charlotte, N.C., the American Medical Association, the American Bar Association, and Illinois governor George Ryan. Many of these bodies are well aware of the inequities in legal representation that have been revealed to a nation of capital punishment advocates. To date, there have been 85 innocent people released from America’s death row in the last 40 years, 57 of whom have been people of color, and since 1997, 75 percent of the executions were of African Americans. Of the 126 people currently on Pennsylvania’s death row, 62 are people of color (82 percent) are Black.

On Jan. 31, Governor Ryan suspended all executions in Illinois, saying, “There is no margin of error when it comes to putting a person to death.” Philadelphia City Council members Frank Rizzo (D), W. Thacher Longstreth (R), Joan Krajewski (D) and Richard Mariano (R) voted against the resolution, choosing to support the continuation of executions. The resolution’s supporters included council members Jamie L. Blackwell (D), Michael Nutter (D), Darrell Clarke (D), Blondell Reynolds Brown (D), Mary Pat Clarke (D), Martha awesome (D), Marian R. Barry (D), 277, (D), Marion R. Barry (D), 277, (D), and W. Wilson Goode, Jr. (D). They also include James Kenney (D), Angel Ortiz (D), Frank DiCicco (D), Council President Anna Verda (D), and of course the resolution’s co-sponsors, Donna Reed Miller (D) and Margaret McInerney (D). Councilman Brian O’Neill (R) was not present and did not vote.

You can reach Philadelphia’s council members, it’s worth thanks or concern on this and other issues using the following phone numbers:

City Council Member (Last Name)
(Room Number), City Hall
(Phone Number)

To express your opinion on the death penalty, you can also contact Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham at 1241 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102, (215) 686-8703. Abraham has called for and used the death penalty more often than any other prosecutor in the country.

(My sources are the Pennsylvania Abolitionists United Against the Death Penalty, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, and the Philadelphia City Council Office).

Susanna Thomas
BMC ’02

Got an opinion?

Post it, and students will see it.

Put it in the Bi-Co News, and students, parents, alumni, spokes, faculty, staff, administrators and trustees will see it.

Contact Janet at jbuende@haverford.edu or Sarah at snoreika@brynmawr.edu about Perspectives submissions, or send letters to the editor at biconews@haverford.edu by Friday for Tuesday publication.

Submissions welcome from all readers. See staff box for further contact information.

Hell fires keep burning

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making things out of construction paper and watching movies. That night was the official night of performances, but I didn’t participate because I was just learning to appreciate the way I was going to spend the rest of my life in prison.

Instead, I read the latest stories and waited. The readers read us bedtime stories and then they ran us around the gym to run off our energy. The next morning, I woke up at 5:45 a.m. and still couldn’t believe it. I never said it before, but I never said it because I didn’t believe it.

The rest of my Hell Week was a blur of homecoming pictures, the mall, and the relief I felt when it was over.

At the end of Hell Week, I feel much like I learned something in unique. It made me realize that Bryn Mawr was where I belonged. It’s that sense of belonging that I’m putting on all over the fashions I found.

* Last year I was a believer, a small, small, wonderful, and this year I’m a sympathetic, junior, nice thing. I'll have one of my 100s of successes in 2004. It’s a real pity that not everyone can appreciate it when it was our turn. I never said it before, but I never said it because I didn’t believe it yet. It means that every time I see a picture of me, it’s all much like the first time. When I think of it like that, it makes me appreciate where I am and just how special Bryn Mawr is.
Another look at the past
Conference on nonviolence provides opportunity for reflection on Haverford's Quaker heritage

In any given college guide's description of Haverford one is confronted by the ubiquitous reference to the Honor Code. Peterson's website has this to say: "An Honor Code is created and directed by students and is an important element of the Haverford community. The Honor Code allows students to directly confront academic and social issues in a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect."

Looks good, right? On paper Haverford is such a place where it wants to be or not. In material released by the Admissions Office, and in profile after profile, the college takes shape in accordance with a strong connection to its Quaker past and to the academic and social expectations engendered by that legacy. Still sound right?

In truth few students at Haverford have not heard the familiar anti-Code rhetoric that is thrown around from dorm rooms to the bonanza that is Plenary. There are the guys sitting next to you in the bleachers muttering "screw the code" before they hurl yet another roll of toilet paper at the clowns dancing stage center. There are those who tell you down and argue convincingly that the foundational principles of respect and concern don't work in the "real world." There is the unfortunate individual who, with a look of utter indifference, announces during customs week that he wasn't aware that Haverford has Quaker roots.

And let us not forget that the Honor Code was ratified by a mere five votes on Sunday morning.

In spite of what a thousand college guides put forth so convincingly, Haverford often fails to live up to its esteemed reputation. We must tread lightly though, when expressing our frustration, lest we forget that there is much to celebrate. First and foremost, we still discuss these matters. The seed of indifference, and in some cases contempt, has not yet germinated. As is the case with so many difficult yet worthwhile challenges, most people know something is wrong. The only problem is figuring out what to do about it.

There can be no doubt that Haverford can no longer be the school for white Quaker boys that it once was, which is surely a very good thing. There is no doubt that with an ever-increasing diversity of viewpoints and changing educational expectations, a unifying message of faith and conduct becomes more and more difficult to maintain. No one can reasonably assume that a diversity is bad, or that the curriculum that was required of students here in 1890 should have read, "In addition, there was, according to the letter writers, a lack of acknowledgement from the president ..."

Corrections for February 15:
Due to editing error, the article on the Bryn Mawr senior presidents (page 1) incorrectly referred to the seniors' letters as protests rather than letters. In addition, there was, on the part of the letter writers, a lack of acknowledgement from the presidents ...

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