Crowd gathers to protest fatal police shooting
Protesters demand “Justice for Erin”

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Staff Writer

Over 100 college students, family friends, relatives, Philadelphia activists and other citizens lined the sidewalk outside of the Lower Merion Public Safety Building on Thursday to protest the shooting death of Erin Forbes.

Supporters stood at the edge of the road, holding banners, placards and flags. From the rally’s start at 4 p.m., participants signed petitions and distributed fliers to drivers stopped in the rush-hour Ardmore traffic. The heading of one flier read, “Concerned Citizens Seek Justice for Erin Forbes.”

Forbes, a 26-year-old African American man and area college student, was killed on the morning of Jan. 10, when police pursued him as the suspect in a robbery of a Sunoco A Plus in Bryn Mawr. Police officers blocked his car on City Ave., where he allegedly pulled out a shot to the chest, fired by Officer John Salkowski.

Police officers blockaded his car on City Ave., where he allegedly pulled out a long object to be a walking stick. Police later determined the object to be a walking stick. Police “rushed to the Medi­cal College of Pennsylvania, where he was pronounced dead,” said an offi­cial press release from the Office of the District Attorney of Montgomery County.

On the Tuesday prior to the peaceful demonstration, Forbes’ parents, Ella and Lorenzo Forbes, filed a civil lawsuit in U.S. District Court, charging Lower Merion Township, the superintendent of Lower Merion Police, Officer Salkowski, and all other officers present with violating Erin Forbes’ civil rights.

Supporters in the Forbes’ case gathered from Bryn Mawr, Haverford, and Temple Universi­ties, as well as other schools, and represented various social and political groups, such as the Mumia Abu-Jamal movement and the African-American Freedom and Re­construction League.

Members of Gladwyne Pres­byterian Church, where Forbes sometimes attended services, served as the main organizers. In all approximately 130 people participated in the rally.

Many who were there charge that Forbes’ death came as a result of racial profiling and excessive police force. They demand the pub­lic release of the Lower Merion Police policy on deadly force; an explanation as to why Salkowski remains on active duty; and, in gen­eral, more information on the case. Because the case is under inves­tigation by the District Attorney’s Office of Philadelphia, all offices involved – Lower Merion Police, the Philadelphia District Attorney and the Mont­gomery County District Attorney – refuse to release any information at this time.

Some area residents were in attendance to protest what they see as a non-investigation by Lower Merion Police. Bo Bartlett of Belmont Hills, who knew Erin from Gladwyne Pres­byterian Church, noted that “the Lower Merion Police [have] yet to divulge what their policy is” on the use of deadly force. Melanie Bartlett commented that when such inci­dents occur, it is the responsibility of the police adhered to policy. “There is some obvious concern about whether procedures were properly followed,” she ex­plained. She added that Lower Merion “has to put forth a state­ment.”

The fact that there is an ongo­ing probe does not excuse the police from not publicizing the policy, said Mr. Bartlett: “A policy should be made available to me here,” he said. “It gives me as well as my family an oppor­tunity to move into a new phase of our life.”

Outlaw has made it clear that he wishes the very best for Haverford, which has given him much in terms of his career and his personal life. He expressed frustration, however, over the difference between his own vision of what the academic and so­cial development of the college should be and the direction in which he feels it is currently heading, specifi­cally as it pertains to the Russian graduate program, the Russian program, according to Out­law, more information on the case.

Russian graduate program may be terminated
Faculty and students defend the renowned program

Christine McCluskey
News Editor

Bryn Mawr’s graduate program in Russian, one of the best in the country, may be terminated as part of the possible elimination of the Russian program, according to Professor of Russian Dan Davidson. Professor Nancy Vickers said, however, that her office has not yet made any “formal recommen­dations.”

The proposal is based on a survey of faculty in all depart­ments, including those without graduate programs. The survey was conducted by an Ad Hoc Commit­tee on Graduate Programs released in early February. Davidson said via email.

“The Ad Hoc Committee made no recommendations in its report,” he wrote, “but we in the Depart­ment found its report on Russian to be very superficial and an ex­ceedingly weak basis for recom­mending anything.”

“The proposal will be reviewed soon by the faculty Committee on Academic Planning (CAP) and the Graduate Council Committee (GCC), which work together to evaluate all of the College’s graduate programs.”

The decision will ultimately be made by President Vickers and other members of the administra­tion. The dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, James Wright, commented, “This is a fac­ulty matter at this point.” He em­phasized that the administration has not started to make any final decisions on the matter.

“Without the Department’s input, there is no decision here,” he said. “We’re looking to bring it to a resolution, either a positive or negative resolution – out of the limbo it is in now.”

Although Vickers has not com­missioned a special task force to investigate the department alone, “there is a discussion,” she said, “among the faculty.”

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Read about the science of ice cream, and an indict­ment of spicy frozen milk, in this week’s Arts Sec­tion.

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Tuesday, February 29, 2000
China warns Taiwan that it means business

As Taiwan prepares for its second direct presidential election, China threatened on Monday to use force against the island if it continues to avoid negotiations with China.

The policy paper issued by China's State Council reinforced old warnings that it would implement military force should Taiwan declare independence, but said for the first time it would also take such action should Taiwan continue to dodge talks about political reunification.

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UN predicts another year of extreme starvation

The United Nations predicted last Wednesday that 8,000,000 Ethiopians—about one-seventh of that country's population—will suffer from hunger or starvation this year. UN aid experts encouraged all elec­tions of Ethiopia not to delay in taking action, as they did in 1985 when the death toll from famine in Ethiopia reached over 1,000,000.

Save the Children, an inter­national aid organization, an­nounced Thursday that it has established an Ethiopian famine fund, and on Friday the UN World Food Program began its worldwide campaign to raise $50 million for the Ethiopians.

The UN and private organi­zations are working in the most devasted region of Ethiopia this week,, where an estimated 2,000,000 people are in need of emergency assistance. How­ever, the nation's poor transpor­tation system means that it may take weeks for workers to get aid to the hungry, and officials fear that for many Ethiopians it is already too late.

Officials confirm election results in Iran

The Chairman of Fox Tele­vision Entertainment, Sandy Grushow, canceled the network's "Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire?" last Monday afteretwork's "Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire?" last Monday af­ter the show incited a national debate over marriage and money. Grushow had already decided not to re-broadcast the show's premiere after it was discovered that the millionaire groom, Rick Rockwell, was the subject of a 1991 restraining order for threatening his former fiancée.

Grushow said that the can­cellation was one step toward weed out shows that he calls "reality specials," such as Fox's "What Good Pets Ero Bad" and "World's Scariest Police Shootouts.

The Bi-College News will not be published for the next two weeks due to spring break. The next issue will be on March 21st.

The Bi-Co has a new home on the web! http://biconews.haverford.edu or http://biconews.brynmawr.edu

Along with a different design that can be more easily navigated, we have added online discussion groups where students from both colleges can share their ideas and opinions. At 11 p.m. today, when you are sitting in your room mulling over all of the things you're supposed to be doing, surf on over and visit us. We even may have edited out some of those errors you saw in the print version.
Students discuss future of Honor Code

Tom Goodhue  
Staff Writer

Students filled the Common Room of Founders last Tuesday to discuss the future of the Honor Code. The discussion was sparked by the wake of Sunday’s Plenary, where the Code received a 96.67 percent “yes” vote, after it had already been ratified by the 66.667 percent needed for quorum.

The discussion was broad and covered a number of issues, including the procedure for a Special Plenary and the philosophy behind the Honor Code. Much discussion focused on how the Honor Code affects Haverford.

Afterward, sophomore Jess Latterman said, “We need perspective. I think the Code works much better now.” Jess also noted that “Haverford students sometimes feel that they have been granted. Colleges without honor codes are much different places.”

Several other students argued that without an honor code Haverford would lose its mettle. Several suggested that many students choose to come to Haverford because of the Honor Code, and that in the lack that the Code provides people think they will it.

The involvement of the administration and faculty with the Honor Code was also discussed. Some concern was voiced because faculty have the choice to ignore the Honor Code. Others believed that the faculty and administration should be engaged in discussion regarding the Honor Code.

Sophomore Travis Combs argued, “We look to our teachers and our administrators for guidance. I think we need their input in the Code.”

The ability of the administration to overtrust any Honor Code approved by students was noted. In an email to students, President Tom Goodhue Tritton tried to lay such concerns to rest: “Please know that I stand ready to answer any questions. Whatever is possible, including keeping out of the way. The honor code belongs to students and you have the opportunity this year to craft it into an even more meaningful presence in your lives.”

Another controversial topic was student adherence to the Code. Some argued that the Code was being violated regularly, and should be changed to better track the mis­perceptions of Haverford students. Others argued that the Code is not a set of rules, but a set of values to be interpreted.

Ray claimed that the Code was being broken daily, and used con­frontation as an example. In a letter to the Haverford community he discussed the failure of people to confront him following his violation of the alcohol policy at Fall Plenary. “The fact that my actions at Plenary went unchallenged for 22 days is indicative of a significant problem within this community. Not only does our confrontation policy require reevaluation, but also, the sense of curiosity and exploration must be reinvigorated.”

Sophomore Elena Guarcello, however, believes that the Code can be interpreted in a number of different ways. “You cannot ever have absolute understanding of the Code because there is no such thing as valid understandings. Where there’s an overtrust is where there’s an underserved community. You can’t expect everyone to have your understanding.”

Overall, students seemed very pleased with the discussion. Latterman felt that, “For a Haverford discussion, it went really well. People seemed to be really focused.”

Student Council Co-President Wheaton Little was also pleased with the discussion, and hopes that “discussion continues with active involvement. He sees the Honor Code discussion as a chance to test the limits of the code, understanding and community. “I think this is the opportunity to be a community or not be a community. I have a lot of faith in Haverford. I came here because I saw amazing students and faculty.”

Discussion about the Honor Code will likely continue for several weeks. Under the Constitution, a Special Plenary may be called if a petition with signatures from 20 percent of the student body is submitted to Executive Council. For quorum to be reached at a Special Plenary, 75 percent of the student body must attend for quorum, and two-thirds of the assembled body must vote in favor of the Honor Code for it to be ratified.
Freshman SC Co-Treasurers revamp budgeting system

Bryn Mawr College

Monday, Feb. 7

8:27 p.m. Computer Services staff reported a student attempting to utilize the computer system in Gould Hall over the weekend to create false identification. Matter referred to the Dean's Office. 2:23 p.m. Report received of a visitor, previously prohibited from being on campus, seen in Radnor Hall. Investigation continuing.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

9:07 a.m. An unregistered vehicle, believed to be a resident student's car, had been activated by a portable electric heater. The heater was later extinguished by a nearby resident. 2:23 p.m. A small white dog was discovered wandering in the area and had been activated by a portable electric heater. Facilities Services staff responded to deactivate heater. 4:49 p.m. Four incidents of theft from a student's car were reported by a resident of Pem搏ke East. Investigation continuing.

Wednesday, Feb. 9

8:41 p.m. A driver was involved in a two-car accident between a member of college staff and a graduate student at the corner of Wyndon and North Roberts Roads. No injuries. Parties exchanged necessary information. 1:40 p.m. Report received that the south gate post on campus was broken off, and a gun was stolen from a gun case. No injuries.

Thursday, Feb. 10

5:09 p.m. Office staff reported a bicycle that was chained and blocked an emergency exit door at Ritter Center. Bike taken to Public Safety.

Friday, Feb. 11

6:24 a.m. Staff at the Health Center reported a suspicious case, possibly from a Bell Telephone repairman. The staff was able to identify the caller as an attempt by the caller to fraudulently charge the college system. 9:11 a.m. Officers investigated a minor disturbance on the campus when a student was approached by a group of students near the corner of Linton Lane and that he was being activated by a portable electric heater. A residents' window was robed.

Haverford College

Monday, Feb. 7

10:57 a.m. Theft - Ryan Gym Hallway. A student's backpack was stolen from the floor near the locker room on the first floor of the Ryan Gym between 5:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. 7:25 p.m. Theft - Haverford Road. A bicycle was stolen from a bike rack in front of Haas Library between 3:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. A fire alarm was put in place when the door did not open. 1:35 a.m. A student was seen wandering around the campus with an open book in her left hand.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

4:19 p.m. A member of Wyndham staff reported that her injured ankle was being activated by a portable electric heater. They attached a note to the returned instrument.

Wednesday, Feb. 9

1:50 p.m. Theft - Undergraduate Student. A student reported that his//her credit card was stolen from his//her wallet while he//she was at the Health Center between 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. 2:14 p.m. A resident student reported that he//she had been activated by a portable electric heater.

Haverford College Blotter

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8 to 10:30 p.m. South Asian Women Video: The Crying Game. Carpenter 25.
7 to 9 p.m. Environmental Discussion, Globalization: Beyond Se- 8 to 10:30 p.m. Peace Corps Information Session sponsored by Career Development. BMC Campus Center 105.
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"It's just not something you'd expect," Kayan Clarke (BMI '02) organized Haverford's visit to Bryn Mawr. She worked with Hawkins last summer at the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty in Washington, DC, and she said that her experiences there about the situation of black women in the justice system made her decide to bring Hawkins to Bryn Mawr this month to speak about her work.

"I really thought it important for women at Bryn Mawr to know of these things - I thought they'd be interested in knowing about a community, a group of people, very different from our own here at Bryn Mawr, but yet so close to us in Philadelphia," she said.

Hawkins discusses black women on death row

Christine McCluskey
News Editor

Steven Hawkins, the Executive Director of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty and a lawyer who has represented many death row inmates, including Miriam Ab-Jamal, visited Bryn Mawr last Wednesday. Calling herself "Black Women on Death Row: Sisters on the Inside," he explained that the story of several of the black women on death row, including a woman who is mentally ill, a woman who killed her husband in self-defense, and a woman who was not as involved in a drug crime as her boyfriend but was still sentenced to death while he was not, is a common theme in the cases of black women on death row that engender interest in working at an academic institution. A student at Bryn Mawr, who works at the Wistar Institute in Philadelphia, said, "You cannot keep raising the death penalty while you are not (a component of) a philosophy program," she said. "That's why we're here as an expert in African-American Studies and women's rights to talk to philosophy," she said.

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Such organizations as Amnesty International have tried to bring this disparity to the public. "If there is one theme in the cases of black women on death row it is engenderment of interest in working at an academic institution. A student at Bryn Mawr, who works at the Wistar Institute in Philadelphia, said, "You cannot keep raising the death penalty while you are not (a component of) a philosophy program," she said. "That's why we're here as an expert in African-American Studies and women's rights to talk to philosophy," she said. Hawkins said that the unique situation of black women sentenced to death, which is different from the situations of white women and black men, are not often addressed by the judicial system or by the media in this country.

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Gender identity is often confused with the concept of sexual orientation, an issue with which the Latino community is more familiar. In fact, the difference between gender identity and sexual orientation is manifold. Gender identity is, essentially, "who I am regardless of what you or I think of me." It is "My body, my choice." On the other hand, sexual orientation is a question of desire and attraction. The confusion that exists in our schools, our workplaces, and in our everyday life is due to the lack of understanding of the distinction.

It is imperative that we remember that gender identity is a complex and multifaceted concept that cannot be reduced to a simple "male" or "female" label. It is important to recognize that gender identity is not fixed and that individuals may identify as a gender that is different from their assigned gender at birth. This is particularly true for trans and gender non-binary individuals, who may experience a range of identities and expressions that do not conform to traditional gender norms.

Transgender individuals, who are people who identify with a gender different from the one assigned to them at birth, may face discrimination and prejudice in many aspects of their lives, including access to healthcare, employment, and social acceptance. It is important to ensure that they have access to legal and medical services that respect their gender identity and needs.

The St. Mary's Community is committed to fostering an inclusive and equitable environment for all students, regardless of their gender identity or expression. We encourage everyone to educate themselves on these issues and to support our students and colleagues in their journeys of self-discovery and self-acceptance.
Young artists from Philadelphia visit Perry House

Aliya Mathews
Staff Writer

Before, there were eight, including Jesus, Buddha, Krishna, Moses, Aliya Mathews, who participate in the program regularly tutor in all school-related subjects, they also play games with the students and work with them on various art projects.

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Baha‘i believers bring tradition coupled with awareness

Jessica Richter
Staff Writer

Young, smiling faces greeted visitors to Perry House, when children involved in a campus tutoring program came to Bryn Mawr, enjoying the praise of students for an exhibit of their artwork. The Thursday afternoon reception was the opening of the exhibit, which is publicly displayed in the House, the African-American cultural residence. This artwork will be shown there until Feb. 29.

The children, who ranged in age from 4 to 12 years, were invited from the High Five school tutoring program. Bryn Mawr students, who participate in the program regularly tutor in all school-related subjects. They also play games with the students and work with them on various art projects.

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The Baha‘i faith is expected to engage in daily contemplation of the teachings of God and to engage in an annual fast. For followers of Baha‘i, the Fast occurs for the nineteen days from March 2 to 20 every year.

For nearly 30 years, the Lower Merion Township’s Baha‘i Community has been in existence, helping to organize activities and speakers for the bi-college Baha‘i Club. Some recent speakers include a local Philadelphia artist who was invited to discuss how his religion influenced his artwork, and a psychologist from Franklin & Marshall College who spoke about spirituality and the mind, as well as how his religion has influenced his profession. In addition, Baha‘i children from Philadelphia were invited to an open party on campus for Nawroz, the Baha‘i New Year.

Other activities allow members of the club to protect and celebrate the faith. They have written to the Iranian government regarding the persecution of Baha‘i followers in Iran, and the Philadelphia Baha‘i Center in Overbrook is giving classes every Sunday morning in order to provide information and more understanding about the Baha‘i Faith. There is a dinner every second Saturday for the Baha‘i of the Tri-State area; deepening is provided in West Chester every month. Fire Side is provided in Lower Merion, where there is food to accompany discussion of issues surrounding the faith.

In short, Baha‘i seek to increase awareness of their Faith and promote unity and spiritualuity among all. They believe that the world is a global community, compromised of a unified humanity, in which individual differences are valued as qualities of one God. Perhaps it is for this reason that the Baha‘i Faith has flourished, spread and endured.
On the verge of a Special Plenary, a look at the history of the Code

A two-part series to set the record straight

Sonia Dubielteig
Guest Writer

Haverford College students have a terrible collective memory. Every year one-fourth of the school leaves and another one-fourth arrives, making it difficult to recognize our college as a historically changing institution.

This is especially true of the Honor Code. How many times have we heard that the Honor Code is a document "written by dead white men," as if it has never been revised in its 102-year existence? How many times have students said that "our community doesn't live up to the Code," as if this was a new problem? As noted in the Haverford College Archives, this same error came across documents that reveal the many forms the Honor Code has taken since 1875. In this two-part piece of the code, I hope to show that many of the values we take central to "The Code" are not those of dead white men, but are the values we still live in the early 1980s. I also hope that any effort to revise the Honor Code makes its history and consideration.

The following article covers the student self-governance and discipline, and the history of the Honor System. The effectiveness of student government and the student self-governance system is often questioned by faculty and students alike. In the early years of the Honor System, the first 1897 system applied more or less at the mercy of a group of unguarded students. As president, Sharpless sought to eliminate petty rules and laid down broad principles, and fostered a sense of personal responsibility. In the future, "Committees of 5" decided to form the Student Council. The Council would have the right to delegate "any thing that the welfare of the College is worth while to report on another's work," and only to mid-year examinations. In 1974, 44 students were administered solely by "Committees of 5" appointed in each class (out of a class of 20-40 students).

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Each year, top horticulturists from around the world gather to fill 10 acres of the Pennsylvania Convention Center with all sorts of imaginative botanical designs, exotic plants and new breeds of more familiar ones. Visitors to the Philadelphia Flower Show have the chance to witness interpretive meldings of nature and art, as well as take afternoon tea, play with the latest horticultural gizmos, attend lectures and demonstrations and browse the wares of the 100 vendors at the Show.

In honor of the year 2000, this Show’s theme is “Gardens for the New Millennium.” It will be held Sunday, Mar. 5 through Sunday, Mar. 12. The Show is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and has been a Philadelphia tradition since 1829. It is the world’s largest indoor flower show and the oldest one in the nation. Its proceeds help benefit Philadelphia Green, a horticultural community outreach program that aids in urban gardening and landscaping; last year, over one million dollars were raised.

This March, “Gardens of the New Millennium” will portray a vision of Philadelphia in the year 2100: “a space age city of monorails, solar panels, windmills and electronic communication will be connected to the planet with backyard organic gardens, recycled construction, grape arbors and bordering bucolic meadows.” Futuristic elements will be combined with Victorian, lily pond, working timepieces constructed of cacti, tropical orchid settings and the “hottest new roses,” among other elements.

Included is a marketplace where vendors hawk such things as Bougainvillea, gardening clothes, topiaries and flowers, and Barnes & Noble will be selling related books. The workshops and demonstrations cover everything from Ikebana (a Japanese art of flower arranging) to cooking with Francisco di Montemillo of Brasserie Perrier. A long food marketplace extends the Show’s hours to 9:30 p.m.

Many of Philadelphia’s restaurants, museums, shops, hotels and theaters are participating in the Flower Show Week festivities, during which they will offer discounts and specials. A Bloomin’ Fun Pass is needed — visit the Show’s website to obtain one. The Convention center is located at 12th and Arch Streets. Tickets are $18 on weekends and $16 weekdays. Advance tickets may be purchased for $15.50 and are good any day. The best viewing hours are weekdays from 3 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For more information on tickets and Flower Show events, go to www.philflowershow.com.

The runner-up was the Yellow Jackets, and they have the very important duty of sitting around waiting for one of these two groups to get sick (maybe they’ll catch something from us). After the winners were announced, the Buffalo Chips gave us an encore of surprise — “I Want it That Way.” Night Owls — you were pretty good with this one, but what can we say ... they’ve got the testosterone advantage.

We’d like to thank the Extreme Keys for hosting this awesome event (and getting us out of our rooms!). We’re sure it was a lot of work, but we’re glad the bio-god got to hear some outside talent.

In the local scene, the Luoney Tunes had a concert on Thursday night to benefit HOAP and the S-Chords and Oxford Blues had a concert earlier on Saturday. Unfortunately, we couldn’t make it to either concert, but we’ve heard that they put on great performances. Don’t blame us — a cappella seems to come in waves of multiple concerts following long dry spells. Hopefully, these concerts will continue, and we’ll be here to report!
Welcome back, beer compatriots! This week, in celebration of my fortieth beer review in the Bi-Co, we will be exploring another fine Belgian White Ale. Just kidding – instead I have decided to compare and contrast the wonderful world of malt liquor.

To begin, it is obvious that malt liquor targets the young black community. Law suits were taken out recently by rapper Chuck D against McKenzie River Corp., the producer of St. Ides, for displaying advertising containing prominent rap figures such as Snoop Dogg, Eazy E, Ice Cube and others.

The suit mentioned that using such high profile music stars targets young black men, encouraging them to drink the ‘deadly’ forty ounce liquor, also known as liquid crack. We also cannot forget Billy Dee Williams’ gigantic campaign for Colt 45. To say the least, the forty has become a staple of the forty has become a staple of the young hases in my excitement. Thank you, Edy’s® Dreamery™ ice Cream with Spicy Nuts and a Mole Swirl. “I practically wrangled the freezer door from its hinges in excitement. Thank you, Edy’s® Dreamery™ ice cream for at least attempting to introduce this anomaly into a food genre dominated by pure and uninteresting hedonism. But this flavor was not what I was looking for.

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Food Review
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Katherine Mansfield’s Bliss is pure bliss

Seldom will I be able to say this without sounding like a pompous tart, so let me say it once and say it clearly: Bliss is what this review is all about. Now the reason I can pull off such a statement is because Bliss is the title of an absolutely mesmerising novella written by New Zealander Katherine Mansfield, on which I am writing today’s review.

For those of you who have been scared away by the atrocious length of the books I usually recommend (i.e. not any more than 150 pages) here is your chance to put my advice to the test. The worst that can happen is that you will have read—more or less—thirty pages. Even if you don’t appreciate those pages, at least you will be able to say that yes, you know of one woman writer from New Zealand (which is always a useful thing). And the best that can happen is that you’ll just have to read her other stories held in whatever edition you’ve been reading from.

Back to Bliss, this is the story of an afternoon and evening in the life of a woman named Bertha. During this time everything changes and stays the same. Bertha is a well-to-do Londoner like Mrs. Dalloway, who, like her, is preparing for a party at her house that evening.

That day, which was supposed to be just like any other, is different; she feels an uncontrollable bliss, which taints all of her activities, from arranging the fruit she has bought into a bowl, to feeling a strange bond with Pearl Fulton (her latest find). That evening at the party her life will change, and yet she will realise her strength, which is contained in her capacity to feel and embody bliss.

Mansfield expresses this through the smallest details, and a most striking metaphor of Bertha as a gleaming silver pear tree. In her journals, Mansfield wrote that she desired to be as limpid as crystal, so that the world could shine through her; I believe that this small novella is the perfect example of her succeeding in her ambition.

Ah, more a cappella

The Oxford Blues performed at Saturday’s a cappella fest in Founders Great Hall.

Arts HAPPENINGS

Tuesday, 2/29-Sunday, 3/6: Louis Finkelstein, artist and educator, displays his collection of paintings entitled, “Louis Finkelstein – Paintings 1971-1999,” in the HC Cantor Fitzgerald Gallery in the Campus Center. The exhibit is a culmination of Louis’ work over three decades and reveals his interpretation of how color is used in nature and the world around him. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on weekends from noon until 4 p.m. For more information call (610) 896-1287.

Thursday, 3/2: Judy Paster, the Main Line’s “Petite Powerhouse of Sound,” and band play @ The Point. Paster has just released her Judy Paster CD. Show starts at 9 p.m. The Point is located at 880 W. Lancaster Ave. Call (610) 527-0988 for more info.

Friday, 3/3: Amy Carr and guest Christine Moll play @ The Point. Carr has been compared to Ani DiFranco and Sheryl Crow, and is known for catchy songwriting and extraordinary live shows. Her latest CD Blink is receiving Y-100 FM airplay. Show starts at 9 p.m.
Swimming comes to climactic end at Centennials

Tracey Posluszny
Sports Editor

The Centennial Conference Championships, held at Franklin and Marshall Feb. 18-20, was the culmination of an exciting and rewarding season for 40 Bryn Mawr swimmers. The swimmers earned 28 personal bests, increasing the total of personal bests after winter training to an outstanding 91.

Due to predicted inclement weather conditions, the group of BMC swimmers was forced to leave late Thursday evening rather than Friday morning. What had the potential of disrupting spirits did just the opposite, which was evident throughout the swimmers’ performance in the pool.

Senior Kathy Olson kicked off the meet with a great start Friday morning when she dove into the water for her 500-yard freestyle. Seeded third in her heat of three, this aggressive swimsuit took control and led the heat for the entire duration of the race. Olson finished first in her heat with a time of 5:59.71, dropping roughly 20 seconds off her personal best time.

Bryn Mawr led the lanes in the 50 freestyle. While each swimmer climbed out of the pool with a time, the biggest surprise came from breaststroke, where Felicia Munion who matched her personal best time exactly; a quick 27.76.

The senior freestyle relay team of Tracey Posluszny, Sennah Lofthus, '00, Julia Stitch '03 and Erin Aspden '02 swam the 400 medley relay (Olsen, Iida, Loftus and Bond) with a time of 4:15.82, breaking the team’s record. The 400 medley relay is their best performance on the season, finishing eighth overall at that night at finals, where the 400 medley relay (Olsen, Iida, Loftus and Bond) swam the 400 medley relay at the team's record of 4:15.82, breaking the team's record.

After getting over first-day jitters, BMC swimmers entered the pool ready and excited for the opportunity to go. Excitement spread through the locker room out onto the pool area. The first race to include Bryn Mawr swimmers was the 100 yard fly, Senior Captain Masumi Iida swam a personal best and advanced to the consolation finals, finishing eleventh overall. Beth Varadian '00, seeded nineteenth, didn't get to obtain sixteenth place in the morning to go to consolations that night. She came to persevere that night, moving up from sixteenth to fifteenth place in the pool area. The, sixth place in the long jump Saturday.

Haverford entered Saturday’s action with 71 points—a 39 point advantage over Dickinson. The first relay to participate was the 4x800, in which freshmen John Frisbee and Gregg Bielecki and sophomores Tyson Kung and Doug Bennett took home gold medals with a team record of 8:36.90.

The Goats failed to place in the 55m hurdles, so the next race of interest was the 200 yard backstroke, in which Ma Mu Quan placed third with a time of 1:51.13 seconds. Duques also brought home a silver medal in the 200m later in the day with a time of 22.13, second only to Dickinson’s Chavalon Johnson (22.74).

In the 800m, Chris Johnstone made up for Friday’s disqualification, winning with a vengeance in 1:57.29 ahead of fellow Goats (1:57.18), Haverford (1:59.23), Ben Sesler '00 (2:00.42) and Doug Bennett (2:00.76), who placed 2-3-5 for Haverford.

Despite these outstanding performances, the Goats found themselves three points behind Dickinson coming into the morning and first and second place finishes in the 200m backstroke, followed by first and third place finishes in the 50m backstroke, finishing the Goats’ total of nine in the 50m backstroke. Mike Dwike’s second place finish was very exacting.

With six runners from Haverford, four from Dickinson, and one from Swarthmore all competing in the fast heat, it was quite a race, with a time of 55:00 to be a pivotal race.

The Goats responded to the challenge by placing their first swimmer, Erich Frisbee, second in the 100m backstroke (48.70). Swarthmore’s Marc Jueland (15.20.87) took second, and Goats Garth Terry (15.22.20), followed by third, in the 50m backstroke (15.31.86), and Nathan Wright (15.33.38), who surged past Dickinson’s Andrew Shuler. The home stretch, placed third, fourth, and fifth, respectively. This gave Haverford a total of 22 for the race, and with Dickinson in on one point on a sixth place finish, the final tally of the meet was Haverford 4 - 0-0, Goats 3-1. This victory allowed Haverford to clinch the championship.

Dickinson just outran the Haverford squad of Chris Ward, Chris Johnstone, Peter Rook and Matt Duques in the final race of the day, the 4400m relay, but it proved too little, too late for the Red Devils.

The longer distance races proved pivotal for Haverford, as the Goats' dislodged points in all but three possible scoring spots (i.e., 21:24) in the 800, 1500, 3000, and 5000 yards freestyle races, bringing the running total of 105 points gained for the four races to 113, representing Haverford's 25th victory out of the 36 meets this year. The 5000m Freestyle relay outdoors and out door track champi onships since 1991.

Boehner shines at Northeast Regional Tournrey

Rachel Ticktin
Guest Writer

This season, the members of Bryn Mawr's badminton team have been working hard to prove themselves to all that they are capable of with. Their performance at last Sunday's Northeast Regional Tournament proved just that. The Goats entered into the 2002 Northeast Regional Tournament, where they competed against seven other teams, including Albright College, Howard University, William and Mary, UConn, the University of Maryland, Swarthmore and Haverford. They returned home with four first place overall, three second, and one from Swarthmore all

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Haverford College sports briefs: basketball, squash, track and field

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Centennial Conference Championships (Day 1)

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Men's Indoor Track and Field

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NEW HAVEN, Conn. (Feb. 18-20) — First-year sprinter Elizabeth Markham won the 5000 meters in 16:51.88 and the 3000 (in 9:24.4) to help Haverford win the Centennial Conference Championships by 33 points over Swarthmore.

Squash

Howe Cup at Yale

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Haverford 7, Colgate 2

Haverford 8, Bard 1

Vassar 6, Haverford 3

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (Feb. 18-20) — First-year Meredith Shuford and sophomore Liz Young were undefeated in the Centennial Conference, leading the Fords to a second-place finish with 96 points. Shuford won the 3000 (in 10:11.75) and the 5000 (in 15:11.75) to lead the Fords to victory in both events.

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Bi-Co Rugby gears up for spring season

Chien Suzuki
Guest Writer

After finishing a tough fall season with a 2-1 league record and qualifying for the Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union division II playoffs, the Horned Toads, Bryn Mawr and Haverford’s women’s rugby team, are looking forward to the spring season which has already begun.

In speaking of the fall season, coach Alissa Wykes noted, “Everyone was gunning for us and we put ourselves under a lot of pressure.” This is not particularly surprising since the Horned Toads qualified for the National Tournament last year, eventually finishing third in Division II. Despite the pressure, the Horned Toads worked hard throughout the fall and grew a lot together.

Coach Wykes thought, “I promised them how hard they worked.” Qualifying for the EPRU (Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union) playoffs is a testament to the team we have now,” she added.

While much of the focus on the fall season is on league play and qualifying for spring tournaments, the spring season is devoted to individual development and skill building all leading up to April’s West Chester Tournament which will feature 25 teams from all three divisions. In addition, this spring the Horned Toads will compete against a number of teams they do not play during the fall including the University of Delaware, who lost to us on Saturday.

“It was a hard game to have as the first game... not a bad place to start, but a hard place,” said returning player Steph Aduso. University of Delaware is a Division I team who is right now trying to make it to nationals. However, in a side-play “all the rookies played and did an amazing job,” continues Aduso.

William and Mary, a team with whom the Toads have developed a good natured rivalry, is another team the Toads do not see in the fall. The Toads will also be sponsoring a May Day Alumni Tournament this spring inviting back some 300 former players for a weekend of rugby and fun. The Horned Toads, who normally play on the rugby pitch at Haverford, will be playing at various sites including Brecon Field, Fairmount Park in Philadelphia, and the Swampmore rugby pitch this spring due to construction to come out and watch.

BMC basketball learns lessons and looks to the future

Emily Engler and Hillary Pflunker
Guest Writers

The Bryn Mawr basketball team finished up last year with a tough home game against Beaver College, 28-85. Although the Mawrters lost the battle, they succeeded in tripling the number of wins from the previous year, finishing 3-16, in a strong rebuilding season with new coach Jim Buckley at the helm. This year’s young squad sported no seniors and looked to junior captain Meredith Unger and sophomore captain Katie Murray for leadership to carry them through the season. Murray was the team’s high scorer with 179 points and covered most of the team’s ball-handling. Second in line was junior Thaly Germain, who played a great aggressive game. Freshman Kim Showell got off to a promising start, but unfortunately missed the second half of the season due to injury. Sophomore Mel Rohal contributed numerous three-pointers and had some phenomenal dives in her transition from the soccer goal to the basketball court.

A talented group of new players added their hands to the team. Freshmen Rachel Persico, Mary Kutterf, Ryan Miller, and sophomore Katie Littelfield saw considerable playing time, honing their skills for the team. Sophomore Kate Milholland saw considerable playing time, honing their skills for the team. Sophomore Kate Milholland saw considerable playing time, honing their skills for the team. Sophomore Kate Milholland saw considerable playing time, honing their skills for the team. Sophomore Kate Milholland saw considerable playing time, honing their skills for the team. Sophomore Kate Milholland saw considerable playing time, honing their skills for the team.

Highlights from the season include the promising play of St. Elizabeth’s and Chestnut Hill. The Mawrters finished first in Chestnut Hill and St. Elizabeth’s second. The Mawrters are looking to hit ‘em hard this season. After finishing the fall season with a 2-1 record the team qualified for the Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union division II playoffs.

HC women’s tennis hungry for another successful season

Jay Koransky
Staff Writer

Athletes who are proven winners, who consistently outperform their competition, frequently refer to having a big letter X on their backs. If you want to be the best, you have to beat the best, the old sports adage goes. Such is the fate of this year’s Haverford College women’s tennis team, who will undoubtedly be tagged with such a target after last year’s outstanding season, a season which saw them finish with a 16-3 overall record, and a 9-1 Centennial Conference mark, placing them a lofty second.

Coach Ann Koger, who has led the team to the promised land of the NCAA Championship, has guided the fortunes of the program since she initiated it in 1981, knows how hard it is to get there. One of our main goals was to beat the Fords of 2000, who will look to do some serious damage come tournament time.

C. Ellison Dial ’99, Lindsay Bremley ’99, Jen Jacobson ’99, and Karin Werner ’99 — a large crop of talent that will be sorely missed. Coach Koger, ever the optimist, views the loss as more of an opportunity for this year’s team to test its mettle.

“This year should be a real challenge on both the team and individual level,” states Koger. “Expectations and pressures will be high on our whole line-up.”

Leadership, though, is one area the Fords of 2000 will not have to worry about, as tri-captains Sarah Hanck ’00, Kalee Klancha ’00, and Alyssa Kennedy ’02 bring an even combination of experience and talent to the mix.

Hanck, a natural-born leader who captained both the tennis and basketball teams, feels that despite the losses, the Fords are still a team to be reckoned with. “It may seem like a rebuilding year because we lost so many people, but I think we have enough talent on this team to have another great season,” says Hanck.

The upcoming season kicks off on March 2 with a home match against Coach Koger’s alma mater, Morgan State University. From there the team takes off for its annual spring break trip, this year to Kissimmee, Florida instead of the usual destination of Hilton Head, South Carolina. The team decided to follow the suggestions of the NAACP to boycott all travel to South Carolina, which still flies the Confederate flag over its state capitol. The quality of the tennis will not suffer, though, with three matches on the docket, as well as a day of practice at the Nick Bolletteri Sports Academy (which has produced the likes of Andre Agassi and other star tennis players).

The remainder of the season consists of thirteen matches, eight of which are at home, and nine are Centennial Conference match-ups. The season culminates with the Centennial Conference Championships on April 28-30, so keep an eye out on this year’s Fords, who will look to do some serious damage come tournament time.
HC men's tennis ready to swing into action

Jay Koransky
Staff Writer

The gradual melting of snow and rising of temperatures can only mean one thing: it's time once again for some exciting action brought to you by the Haverford College men's tennis team.

This season is shaping up to be a strong one for the Fords, as head coach Sean Sloane guides an experienced line-up led by co-captains Matt Bernhard '00 and Brian Simms '01 into the fray of the always competitive Centennial Conference. With the loss of only two players - Matt Benedict '90 and Ross Fetterolf '99 - from last year's team, Sloane has built a solid nucleus of young talent to challenge for conference supremacy.

"If everything breaks right for us and we don't have any injuries and we click as a team," says Sloane, "then we can make a serious challenge for the conference championship." 

Injuries may indeed present this year's squad with its biggest challenge, as sophomore Peter Law (knee) and Simms (shoulder) have already sustained minor knocks. These setbacks the Fords simply cannot afford when going up against the likes of Franklin and Marshall, Johns Hopkins, and perennial conference powerhouse Washington (Md.), which has won the league every year since its inception in 1994. As coach Sloane puts it, "The only problem is we don't have a lot of depth."

Bernhard, though, likes the Fords' chances if all goes according to plan.

"If we pull ourselves together," he says, "we can go Washington on a good challenge. The difference is that they were a little more match-ready last year."

In an attempt to get his troops to that same level of readiness, Sloane arranged a trip to the Bahamas over spring break for the team to compete against the Bahamian Davis Cup team. "I think this is something we all really excited about," says Bernhard regarding the trip.

As a senior, Bernhard would like nothing better than to go out on top and "definitely within reach." With any luck, this year's Fords may well prove him right.

Ford fencers embarrass competition at Drew Multi-Meet

Mikael Hadby
Guest Writer

Following a somewhat disappointing 2-2 multi-meet at home last weekend, the Fords traveled to Drew, in New Jersey, to battle conference foes Drew, NJIT, Yeshiva and Stevens. The Fords came into the day 4-5 in conference competition, paced by identical 7-2 records by the foil and epee squads.

In the 10 a.m. meet against Drew, the Fords had a score to settle, as Drew was scheduled to meet Haverford at a January event, but backed out for vague reasons, protesting that some of their best fencers were out due to injury. With these top fencers back for Drew, Haverford still wanted little time to be disputing them 15-12, led by 7-2 victories by both the foil and epee squads. Mikael Hadby '01, Asia Hopkins '01, S. I. Newhouse '03 and Sam Cone '03 scored perfect 3-0 records for the meet.

NJIT and Yeshiva, neither typical contenders in the MAC Conference, took 18-9 and 15-12 defeats, respectively. Foil's 5-1 win over NJIT that led victory, and a balanced 6-3 foil, 6-3 epee, and 6-3 saber record kept Yeshiva down. Stevens Tech, from Hoboken, NJ came next, a team to whom the Fords took a painful loss last year, and the Haverford, pumped from their 15-12 victory over Drew. Another powerful 8-1 foil victory, consolation play, led the epee squad to a decisive 16-11 meet victory, capping an outstanding day. The 5-4 tally for the day placed the Fords' overall record on the year to 8-5, a significant improvement from last year, and the season-less team expects to further improve from this season. The epee and foil squads also took 4-0 records home, upping already impressive statistics to identical 11-2 marks, good for the top two or three in the conference in each category. Haverford and NJIT took 10-2 records away from Drew, while fellow foilist Darren Bauer '02 had his own 9-3. Hopkins led all fencers with an impressive 11-1 bout tally, and Cone added a 10-2 mark. Nathaniel Rounds '02 led the saber squad with a solid 5-7 showing. The Fords look forward to conference championships in one week. The team is wild-eyed and optimistic about its chances.
Acquittal condones unconscionable actions

Kate Antoniades
Guest Columnist

“I ask for your calm and prayer.”

This statement, made by the late Amadou Diallo’s mother after Friday’s acquittal of her son’s killers, is one of the most tragic ironies in recent history. It seeped from the mother of a man who died needlessly and brutally one year ago.

Diallo, a 22-year-old Guinean immigrant, was killed by four police officers in New York City on Feb. 4, 2000.

The Bullets

Several days prior to his murder, Diallo unknowingly got onto an elevator with the officers. Diallo ignored their commands to get out. The officers, believing him armed, shot him 41 times. The real story is considerably more complex, involving questions of race, class, and police brutality.

Diallo did not die a victim of racist police brutality.

It is inconceivable that these four officers were acquitted of charges ranging from criminal negligence homicide (“failing to take reasonable care to avoid death”) to first-degree murder. One of the charges, pursuant to a theory of voluntary manslaughter, is defined as “recklessly causing death.” To acquit the officers of charges this bad is ridiculous. The officers were reckless; they caused Diallo’s death.

It is difficult to understand how the jurors found the police officers’ reaction as anything but appalling. Diallo was an unarmed man—he only carried his wallet, beepers and keys. Had he been armed, however, this violence still would have been unnecessary. Any police officer should be able to apprehend an unarmed man with far fewer than 41 bullets. Not only was the number of bullets fired excessive, but, increased speed of gunfire, the coroner’s testimony indicated that some of the shots were fired when Diallo was already lying on the ground. Even assuming he did run from his apartment, the real mice that I presumed lived in the depths of the bin. I didn’t care. I couldn’t resist acting as the県’s destination where the whole campus was terrorized by the officers. I was greeted by their smiling mayor, Kate Antoniades. There, I learned that the city was founded on a street with the same name as the county seat. That was strange, but I assumed it was a coincidence. However, when I got back, I was surprised to find...
Russian Graduate Department deserves recognition of worth

Dear Editor,

Recently, Bryn Mawr College has been taking a critical look at the ways in which it spends its resources. It is my sense that the administration seeks to make the college more competitive with its peer institutions. I believe that this is in the best interest of Bryn Mawr College, as an undergrad student.

In my experience studying Russian, I have been fortunate enough to present the results of my original research (on the study of Russian at the undergraduate level) at five conferences during my six-year tenure at Bryn Mawr. Thus, I can attest to the fact that the presence of Bryn Mawr’s graduate students at these conferences only increases the college’s reputation as an institution that provides its undergraduates with a truly outstanding foreign language education. And I am afraid that the termination of the graduate program would not only affect the reputation of the college, but more significantly, it would destroy the critical mass of individuals engaged in the study of Second Language Acquisition and result in greatly diminished levels of energy and academic inquiry in a field that is critical to the health of the undergraduate program.

Undergraduate classes that are currently team-taught by professors and graduate students would no longer benefit from the participation of those graduate students who have expertise in the study of languages. Undergraduates would no longer have the opportunity to interact daily on a personal level with those native speakers of Russian and with those who have spent considerable time abroad in language study programs identical or very similar to those that undergraduate students have used. In fact, what might look to the administration like an effective cost-cutting move may do tremendous harm to the undergraduate students, in whose name the decision to terminate the program is apparently being made.

I understand that the decision may seem easy to make, particularly because of the relatively low-level of visibility of departmental representatives on the main campus. And in some ways, the administration’s critical examination of the graduate program is just the motivation that the department needs to consider how the graduate program can be of service to a greater proportion of the student body. However, I would suggest that the termination of the graduate program in Russian would be the wrong decision for Bryn Mawr.

Dear Editor,

The article appearing two weeks ago in the Bi-Co News concerning the recent budgeting session at Haverford College concerns me. I have been an enrolled student for five years and was native to Russian, the journal of which I always read with interest. I have a sense that the decisions made by the administration and the College Executive Council concerning the Zymurgy Club are both effecting the quality of education to all those who qualify, regardless of financial status.

Though Haverford will be financially strapped for another year, I think it is still important to determine not only how many students will not be able to attend Haverford for financial reasons. For example, increased spending means that even fewer foreign students will be able to afford attending Haverford since Haverford does not provide financial aid to more than 5% of the student body.

When I visited Williams College, I was continually struck by the number of students I saw in the student body. The whole of their education at the college, I am sure, is more than something to be measured by the number of dollars spent on the Zymurgy Club.

I large Haverford to stop thinking about itself as an elite institution that can afford to come here? Some few more have reason to think about the world in which the divide between rich and poor continues to grow.

Dear Editor,

During the recent budgeting sessions at Haverford, officers of the Zymurgy Club were forced to cut the funding of Zymurgy Club must stop, because SC can’t be associated with alcohol. When we asked Vazquez to produce the minutes of that meeting, he was unable, because that meeting was never recorded. The club’s activities are not reported in the minutes. It is His time to ask who Executive Council really represents. Do they represent us, and distribute our student activity fees, as we would want them to? The answer, sadly, is no. They represent themselves, and the interests of the deans and the administration. We challenge the Executive Council to take responsibility for their actions. It is clearly made this decision without our input or knowledge to defend ourselves against this claim. And we challenge Danaher and Vazquez to be trueful about this type of budgeting. We elected them and they should be bound to represent us, not some other college body. Council met and decided that the Zymurgy funding was no longer exist.

Haverford: more than money?

Dear Editor,

The recycling bin outside of the Cosmic Cup on the third floor seems to be the site of a constant scavenging. I have often seen my roommate or the Jack of my roommate or the Jack of my roommate collect things from the recycling bin outside of the Cosmic Cup then put them in the orange container, and throw it away or sell it afterwards.

I am a member of the Bryn Mawr Community, and I have received my MA and am pursuing my Ph.D. in Russian Language and Second Language Acquisition.

Beer-brewing club demands forthright response from Executive Council

Dear Editor,

The Beer-brewing Club demands an answer from the Executive Council.

Sincerely,
Jamie Carr
Co-President, Zymurgy Club

Cheese

from page 17

Kraft, I knew without a doubt that somewhere within the pockets and folds of their coats or tucked inside their bags and backpacks, every member of the world, even the vegans, had the cheese.

Maybe one day we can all dress up like gypsies and stretch down Lancaster or the supermarket’s pizza to cover the wrestlers. But I’m currently satisfied with my lone blue and orange container, occasionally mixed with the Colby Jack of my roommate, the blue cheese of my mother or the brie of the lacrosse team.

I’d like to give the cheese box now lies at the bounds of the recycling bin outside of Cosmic Cup, I’ll have to get it, get it, get it, get it, get it, get it.

Got an opinion?

Post it, and students will see it.

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

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Just last week Texas executed Betty Lou Beets, a woman who stood convicted of murder. As a result of statements of the rights of battered women and the principle of self-defense, Beets entered into the nationwide debate over the death penalty. In the following perspectives piece, from the Feb. 25 State News at Michigan State University, the writer addresses broader ethical questions. His column challenges the idea of the acceptance of capital punishment as a means of justice.

From the inside: Inside on death row reveal system's faults

Adrian Doerr

(U-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich. — In this prison you con­
vinced of a crime you didn't com­
mit. North Carolina now lives in a state that has the death penalty. Although you committed no crime, you are on death row. If exe­
ction day approaches, your last ap­
peal has been denied and your death seems imminent. Would you say justice has been served?

In light of the recent moratori­
ums on the death penalty, I think it's important to revaluate why our country continues this inhumane action, which more than 100 coun­
cies throughout the world have prohibited.

One recent interest in moratio­
nums was started in Illinois by Gov. George Ryan, whose state has one of the highest number of fewer people under the penalty (12) that are scheduled for leas­
ed for their inno­
ence. What was the main reason that passed or pro­
posed legisla­
tion elsewhere in the country, such as in Pennsylvania, has led to similar mora­
toriums. Since 1973, 183 death row convicts were executed because they were found innocent.

These troubling figures lead me to question the very nature of an obviously flawed system, and why our society feels the need to perpetuate it. Given that this process deals with something as fragile as life, the realization of errors in par­
ticularly horrifying - especially because an innocent person is as young as 18.

And the awesome spectre about innocent citizens sentenced to death only go on.
Florida leads the nation in death penalty convictions, but Gov. Jeb Bush this year will be issued. He is convinced that no innocent people have been executed in his state.

Bush's statement contradicts applications the death penalty to people younger than 18. This action runs against several international hu­
nan rights laws, including the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

These cases often have as many fundamental flaws as the adult cases. There have been in­
stances of juvenile delinquency and serial murder are horrific and of the human race learned anything.

It seems that violence rarely, if ever, is a prevention, like torture and terrorism.

Even more disgusting is that the United States is allied with 95 countries in the world that still
tions. I agree that crimes like rape and serial murder are horrific and have no place in society. And yet, I feel we must pursue to prevent these crimes from hap­
pening or, if the death penalty is a deterrent, as many of the penalty's supporters insist, then it's definitely a death penalty that will not stir up murder and torture and terrorism.

Whether it may intimidate a would-be criminal into not commit­
ing a violent crime, forcing a con­
fession from a suspect or bombing a building to promote the release of a political prisoner, each uses vio­

lence and fear to coerce a desired result. And when the answer is vio­

lence, it's usually met by a violent response and nothing is resolved. If we are to do anything constructive, yes, we should deal with the course of history, it should be that violence rarely, if ever, solves a problem.

In the end, it's tragically ironic how poli­
citicians and citizens lamento all the gory words, etc., while ignoring that we continue to allow state-sponsored killings. Could the death penalty be a contributing factor in these shootings? It seems too convenient that we forget our government plays a major role in developing cultural ideology.

In the novel "Naked Lunch," William S. Burroughs wrote, "America is old and dirty and evil," sometimes I think he's right. So maybe all these executions are OK in the end, and we'll keep on living the same life. America is free and the home of the brave.

We need to be able to realize that our government plays a major role in developing cultural ideology.

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Corrections for Feb. 22:
The subhead for article "Anti-sweatshop sit-in wins out" (page 1) wrongly indicated that UPenn had signed on to the WRC. In fact, they have only withdrawn membership of the PLA; they remain in negotiations about joining the WRC.
The picture of the Blue Bus (page 1) should have been credited to Rachel Fish.
The picture of the PECO Energy building on the fifth page should have been credited to Jess Rosenzweig.
The quote accompanying the headline of Sean Armour's column (page 13) should have been credited to Bo Didley.

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Bryn Mawr’s Drag Ball was good, unwholesome fun for all

Nicole Foulke
Arts & Living Editor

Drag balls are known for their celebration of diversity, be it sexual, racial, musical, etc. Bryn Mawr’s Rainbow Alliance Saturday night ball was no exception, as there was plenty of it: all of the aforementioned ones, as well as the diversity concerning Hanes,™ Victoria’s Secret,™ Fruit of the Loom™ and other items that were a testament to creativity.

Drag queen Brittany “I schedule proctology exams about 27 times a month” Lynn entertained the crowd in Thomas Great Hall for more than one and a half hours, along with seven other talented drag queens. The performances began around 10:30 p.m. and finished a little after midnight, when the amateur transvestites began to strut their stuff in order to win the honor of performing once with Lynn and her cohorts at 15th and South Streets in the next few weeks.

Bryn Mawr freshman Lyon Vick won the amateur contest, rousing the audience and the drag queen judges by ripping her public safety uniform (the officer who lent it to him was in attendance) off to reveal a translucent, strap on penis. (He wasn’t the only amateur drag king with a strap-on). Vick’s musical choice of Hot Chocolate’s campy “You Sexy Thing” and his liberated, jovially nasty demeanor allowed the audience to cheer with him.

This was unlike what happened with an earlier flesh colored strap-on episode, during which its bearer lectured a slightly conflicted audience instead of doing a typical physical performance.

Surprisingly enough, many of the six amateur performances were as raunchy as—if not raunchier than—those performed by the professionals.

Among the seasoned performers, most notable were Ginger Snaps, “Philadelphia’s number one Cher impersonator,” and Miss Alona, who pulled a devil-clad young man onstage to dance with. Satan wore a nifty chain mail brassiere.

Miss Brenda thoroughly mocked Whitney Houston’s lower lip quiver and Andrea’s luscious two foot afro wig was a source of constant delight, especially when she whipped it off and swung it lariat style.

Brittany Lynn, eye catching in a metallic Carmen Miranda dress, lip-synched to a little ditty about promiscuity: “I could never be a cowboy’s girl— I could never keep my calves together.” It was well received.

Bryn Mawr sophomore Abby Mathews definitely enjoyed herself: “Check out the guy with the towel on—very sexy!”

Alicia Brooks (BMC ’01) was excited that her friend—devil boy—was pulled up on stage “...that was a highlight!”

The ball is both Rainbow Alliance’s and Bryn Mawr’s third annual one. Said sophomore Sarah Harger, an organizer, “Last year’s was so good and so well received that we had to do it again. It’s our biggest social event all year, and one of the most popular on campus. It’s also a big draw for other schools’ students.”

Other involved Mawrters were Jenny Stoffel (’00), Gifford Byrne (’02) and different members of Rainbow Alliance’s E-board. Sophomore Laura Kim spearheaded the preparation. According to Stoffel, they “went to drag clubs in Philly to find performers and watched their shows, and went backstage with them to recruit them.”

She adds, “one point of the drag ball is to provide a space in which people can explore their genders and gender identities and celebrate all of the different things a body can be and express—and hopefully have fun while doing it.”