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Clockwise from top left: Lucy Lyon, (’01), Jenn Louise (’02), Wheaton Little, (’02) and John Silson (’02) celebrate the passage of the HC Honor Code.

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In response to Registrars Julie Painter’s call for change in Bryn Mawr’s self-scheduled exam system, the Student Curriculum Committee announced in the beginning of this semester that the self-scheduled exam system was not sustainable in its present form. Painter had said the amount of time students were putting into her job every exam period was much more than she thought it should be, and that she would not mind seeing the entire system eliminated. Painter has maintained that students were willing to sacrifice time in order to save the system, as reported by Heather Grigo.

HC Honor Code ratified

Heather Grigo

The five-week effort to convene a Special Plenary and deal with the non-ratification of the Haverford Honor Code almost met with an abrupt end Sunday night, with the count of students failing to achieve quorum. Following this aborted initial session, however, the signatures of more than 500 students were collected and a Special Plenary was assembled in the Alumni Room. The assembly ratified the revised version of the Honor Code.

Because of the occurrence of two Special Plenaries in one night, question period continued until 9:20 p.m., despite the fact that the Fieldhouse doors opened at 6:45 p.m.

Quorum demanded the attendance of 833 students, or 75 percent of the student body. At the first session, after two 15-minute extensions had elapsed by 8 p.m., the count came up short by 97 students. Students’ Council Co-President Wheaton Little ’02 and John Silson ’02 declared that Special Plenary officially over. This would have resulted in the elimination of the Honor Code for the upcoming semester.

Student opinion at that moment reflected the bleak outlook for holding discussion and voting on the Code. Said sophomore David Kellen of after the failure to meet quorum, “I think it’s pretty clear indication about what people at Haverford think about the Honor Code.”

When asked to offer an explanation for the failure to meet quorum, sophomore Daria Ovide speculated, “I think people aren’t coming because they think their absence will speak louder than their ‘no vote.’ If they mean no, then they should come here and say it.”

Freshman Adam Berg noted the night’s unfortunate proximity to the deadline for major academic tasks, suggesting that the large majority of absences were students finishing their theses. “If it were a choice between being here and finishing my thesis, I’d probably finish my thesis.”

Despite the apparent failure to successfully convene Special Plenary, procedure allowed for a second Special Plenary to take place that night. If the student assembly demanded a petition requesting ratification of the Honor Code, the assembly demanded a petition requesting ratification of the Honor Code.

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Across country students protest sweatshop labor

Members of the Students Organizing for Labor and Economic Action (S.O.L.E.A.), an organization that is designed to enforce labor codes in the production of college-label apparel. Though it started with only six small schools, including Haverford, the WRC now has membership at over 35 schools, including the University of Michigan, the University of Wisconsin at Madison, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the University of California at Berkeley, and Indiana University.

Meanwhile, across students have been sitting in at their respective colleges, encouraging the administration to use the WRC as their sweatshop monitor. Students have been arrested at the University of Pennsylvania, the University of New York at Albany, and the University of Arizona. Students at Purdue University are in the second week of a hunger strike, and say they will continue as long as the administration joins the WRC and promises not to join the Fair Labor Association (FLA). A White House sponsored rival sweatshop monitoring group, membership in SOLA and other protesting students say is ineffective.

Locally, students at the University of Pennsylvania have reacted strongly to the university's decision to refinance from joining either the WRC or the FLA, saying the university is not working hard enough to choose a monitoring organization. University of Pennsylvania administration officials have said the decision arose out of unsatisfactory responses to the request that the governing boards of each campus agree to submit to the WRC. The administration said it could not make more college and university representatives of university of Pennsylvania students respond by asking why the 50 percent college governance within the board of the WRC is not enough.

Judge rules Microsoft violated antitrust laws

U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson ruled on April 4 that Microsoft had hurt consumers by stifling competition in the software marketplace, particularly with respect to internet browsers. Microsoft is expected to appeal the decision. The next step will be determining a remedy, which might range from a fine to removing Microsoft's conduct to breaking up the company. This phase will begin within the next few weeks.

The ruling maintains that Microsoft used anticompetitive means to maintain a monopoly for its Windows operating systems, and that it also attempted to monopolize the web browser software market, partly by tying Internet Explorer to Windows. However, the judge did rule in Microsoft's favor in one area, deciding that the company's marketing contracts with other companies did not inhibit other companies from distributing their web browsers. Netcape was one of the major defendants in the case.

The judge has set a "fast track" schedule for the rest of the trial: the WRC will have the remedy phase completed by the end of May. This is partially intended to encourage the litigants to appeal directly to the Supreme Court. Another result of this expedited process, is that the state attorneys involved in the current case have agreed not to ask the judge to break up Microsoft. However, the judge said he will still have the final word.

Cuban national Juan Miguel González visits U.S. to claim refugee son Elián

The Clinton administration is continuing to put pressure on the Cuban-American relatives of 6-year-old Cuban refugee Elián González to give up his claim to Elián, despite the threat of the situation. Under new laws, Elián's case is more one of Cuban-American relations between the two countries.

The Clinton administration has been in favor of returning Elián to his father, despite the threat of the Cuban-American community in Miami and around the country to protest and even physically attempt to keep the boy in the U.S. Though there are certainly issues of Cuban-American relations involved, the administration maintains that Elián's case is more one for family courts than for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Services. Juan Miguel González has met with officials of both the U.S. and Cuban governments, and is scheduled to meet with psychiatrists and psychologists to determine how best to reunite father with son. However, he refuses to meet with the Miami relatives that have been taking care of the boy until Elián is in his custody again.

The case has become a national political issue, with both of the likely presidential candidates weighing in. Texas Governor George W. Bush has said he thinks Elián should be made a citizen, despite complicated and unmet INS requirements. Vice President Al Gore said last month that he supports permanent residency for Elián and his family be allowed to immigrate as well.

40,000 abandoned cars to be removed from Philadelphia streets

In a program begun by Philadelphia's recently elected mayor, John Street, 40,000 abandoned cars will be removed from city streets over the next month. The 60-day program began April 4, part of the mayor's campaign to clean up the city.

With 4,000 to 5,000 reports of cars abandoned every month, Street's administration has also set in place new, stiffer fines for abandoning vehicles and has set up a special police unit to monitor the situation. Under new laws, cars with no vehicle identification number that are worth less than $500 may be towed and crushed immediately, while those with the number plates and are worth more than $500 may be towed within 11 days and crushed about 30 days later, following notification of the owners.

Japan elects new prime minister

Japan's parliament elected a new prime minister last Thursday, a Liberal Democratic Party stalwart who is expected to continue most of his predecessor's policies. This followed the hospitalization last Sunday for a stroke of the former prime minister, Keizo Obuchi, who remains in a coma.

The newly elected prime minister, Yoshiro Mori, was elected by a wide margin, putting to rest fears of a power vacuum within the LDP. Because he is an interim leader, Mori will have to face increasing sentiment against his party when the parliament is dissolved and new elections take place.

Opposition parties are well aware that the Japanese electorate is disillusioned, after ten years of recession and a series of scandals within the government. The country has remained out of the group of serious recession only because of the heavy spendings of the Obuchi administration, but it is fast approaching dangerous levels of public debt.

Jury finds cigarettes caused disease in three Florida smokers

In a landmark class-action lawsuit, a jury decided last Friday that cigarettes were responsible for the illnesses of two Florida smokers and the death of a third, awarding the three over $13 million in compensatory damages. The three defendants potentially represent all sick or dead smokers and their relatives in Florida, a number that could be as high as 500,000. Each of these cases may have to be decided on an individual basis, but following the Friday decision, it is likely that many will see a courtroom in the near future.

This same jury found last year that the cigarette companies had acted with deliberate and reckless disregard, making it likely that the punitive damages, those intended to punish the defendants, will be high. Though the punitive phase of the trial will not take place for several more months, observers are already saying the punitive damages may go into the hundreds of billions of dollars.

Articles by Ariel Hansen, Assistant News Editor

compiled from the New York Times National Public Radio, U-WIRE
Pride Week seeks to celebrate, educate

Jessica Bluebond-Langner

Last week, the Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Alliance (BGALA) sponsored Pride Week 2000, which took place at Haverford College. As part of the week's events, Nadine Khouri, BGALA co-chair, who organized the events with the help of sophomore Andrew Whittemore, the week was held in an effort to be more welcoming and to remind people of the queer presence on campus.

Multiple events were on the schedule, most of which were organized by the sponsors, including a talk by Petra Doan, a transgendered Quaker and Haverford College alumna; an open BGLA meeting with Petra Doan; a movie night; a day of silence/day of loudness; a lecture by Simon Logan about his book, "Goodbye to my body club; Out Talk; and a concert by Doris Roberts, who performed an impressive array of performances by Anne Martin and Nadine Khouri.

The first event of the week was Doan's talk, entitled "Gender, Insecurity, and Spirituality: A Personal Journey." Doan, a HC '97 graduate, talked about her experiences as one who was raised as a boy, and her comfort with that identity, as well as pose and answer certain queries such as, "How is gender different from sexual orientation? How is gender orientation different from sexual orientation? A week to remember, "What is integrity and how is it different from honesty?" and "Why does a lack of integrity create a problem for spirituality?"

Doan's lecture mostly focused on her personal journey, through which she answered some of the queries she posed. She explained that in order to have integrity one had to have "authentic" many years, she lived as a man and to being a boy. She was married to a woman, whom she never truly allowed herself to be, but when she confronted her "innate identity that makes [her] a woman." She now describes herself as being, "three out of four...a bisexual, transsexual, lesbian."

For many years, she lived as a man, she said, and then in a boy. When the boys came to notice that the bells were not working. Harold Maryea, the Assistant Director of Facilities Services, said that "the wiring [in the bell] was turned electronic many years ago." This change from a mechanical to an electronic system allowed Millward to order the needed parts from Radio Shack - an electronics company - a couple of weeks ago. Millward says that "the electrical components that went bad were purchased and installed," and the bell has been functioning properly ever since.

Latanya Ingraham

News Editor

The bells in the tower of Taylor Hall were "placed with the diverse turn-out at the event. The annual Day of Silence/Loudness was also observed on Wednesday as part of Pride Week 2000. The goal was "to observe silence for the day in recognition of those silenced by their sexual orientation/gender identity," according to a flyer promoting the event. Others chose to wear shirts or pins or speak out about gender issues. Nadine Khouri, BGALA co-chair, who co-organized the event, "was pleased with the diverse turn-out at the event."

Overall, the return of the bells seems to be appreciated by many students. Schwartz said, "I like them to ring because I no longer have a watch." However, she was not so kind as to say she would wear a watch. "I like the bells, I like the fact that they are going to ring them. I think they're cool."

During finals week, Facilities Hall is a challenge to know which switch that instructs the bells to ring every hour and turned on the manual switch so that graduating seniors can ring the bell 100 times and signal the completion of their final exams at Out Talk 2000, another Pride Week event, was held Thursday night. This was the first year that Out Talk had been a bi-annual event. Many people filled the room, lining the walls and even the aisles. Senior Geoff Melada started the event with a speech about his father's experience as a closeted gay male. Melada spoke in frustration with some people's "fears of being gay by association," while others felt that those at Haverford were "generally nice and respectful." One male complained, "love being out at Haverford."

Another male expressed that as a member of the queer community at Haverford he has a desire for the queer community to re-evaluate itself. "The queer community needs to be more tolerant...needs to make an effort to be more welcoming and less exclusive...and needs to recognize the practice of 'out talk,' BGALA functions." While one person asked the question, "Why are non-queer people not speaking tonight?" Khouri remarked that she was not surprised and that "the Queer community needs to make an effort to be more welcoming and to remind people of the queer presence on campus."
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The theft took place on Mon. March 27 between 12:30 and 1 p.m. Within several hours several hundred dollars in charges were made.

Monday, March 27
3:34 p.m. THEFT 1-2 STOKES HALL
Cheryn apparatus valued at $500 was stolen from a lab in Stokes between March 22-27. This equipment included a condenser coil, a collector beaker, and a trap beaker.

Wednesday, March 29
1:55 p.m. SUSPICIOUS PERSON 26 HANNUM DRIVE
Two men were arrested by police.

Thursday, March 30
3:46 p.m. SUSPICIOUS PERSON - MAGILL LIBRARY
A female student reported a 65-70 year old man had annoyed her, making her feel very uncomfortable in the library. She asked the police, who was charged with theft and the other was cited for trespassing.

Thursday, March 30
2:05 p.m. Officers responded to Carpenter Library on the report of a theft of cash and a Visa card from an unattended purse. Investigation continuing.

Friday, March 31
12:49 a.m. Registered vehicle was towed from the Merion Parking Lot for twelve unpaid parking violations.

12:08 p.m. A resident student reported being verbally abused the previous day by another student. The student reporting the incident was advised to contact Public Safety if needed.

Saturday, April 1
6:50 p.m. Officers responded to Erdman Hall on the report of a student being assaulted by a male in the parking lot. Officers found the male and the student, who stated that they had an argument but no physical confrontation. The student did not wish to contact Public Safety if needed.

Sunday, April 2
12:39 p.m. THEFT - DINING CENTER
A DC employee reported $207 cash was stolen from his locker in the basement of the Dining Center on April 1, between 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sweatshop conference brings together students, administrators, and labor leaders

Adam Berg
Guest Writer

This past weekend students and administrators from both Bryn Mawr and Haverford participated in the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC) meeting at Bryn Mawr. The founding of the WRC is a statement by labor leaders, students, and college administrators from across the country that they are committed to seriously addressing the problem of sweatshop labor employed in the manufacture of college-label apparel. The aim of the organization is to promote a living wage, respect for human rights, and greater transparency in the manufacturing of college-label apparel. In contrast with other efforts to address the sweatshop problem, the WRC aims to focus on the college apparel market and to operate at arm's length from the apparel industry, which has a financial stake in sweatshops.

The conference took place on Friday at Washington Square's Phillips Brooks Library. Students and representatives from over 100 schools across the country met at the conference to discuss the implementation of the WRC's action plan, which was voted on during Bryn Mawr's Plenary last year. Speaking about the future of the efforts officially launched at the conference, Haverford Business Administration senior and WRC conference attendee, Anthony Altreya added one of the potentially anti-sweatshop organizations, the Fair Labor Association (FLA). The FLA is a project of President Clinton's administration, and is governed by an all-male board of corporate representatives. The FLA has been set up to deal with the problem of sweatshops and has made some significant progress, including the implementation of a verification system. The WRC is currently in its third year of existence and seems to be making good progress.

Plenary moves resolution closer to celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Lakshmi Gandhi
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One of the most high-profile resolutions that was up for vote at Bryn Mawr's Plenary 2000 was the resolution to make Martin Luther King Jr. Day an official college holiday. It would mean that the entire college staff would not have to work on that day in order to be able to participate in community service events in Philadelphia. The resolution passed with 62 percent of the vote, but it is unclear if the administration will decide to make it official.

The resolution was presented by Anne Tudor '00, Latanya Ingram '02, and Deborah Hyams '02. They believed that observing the holiday would show Bryn Mawr's commitment to its Quaker traditions and its reputation of being a liberal institution that promotes equality, tolerance and social justice.

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Therapy linked to deaths while cloning offers hope for organ replacement

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Paul Gelsinger decided to pull the plug on his son Jesse last September. The 18-year-old from Tuc- son, Arizona, had undergone an experimental therapy at the University of Penn- sylvania designed to correct a genetic enzyme deficiency. The treatment provoked an immune system response to the inevitable fever, jaundice, a blood clotting disorder and a massive rise in ammonia levels, and eventually kidney failure, lung failure and death.

Gene therapy has been a sig- nificant field of medical research since 1990, and though it has had few successes, this is the first death that has been directly attributed to gene therapy, before such a petition, and before it occurred, and Special Plenary then those which were to have been pre­ sented at Spring Plenary in order to ensure the existence of an Honor Code. Sophomore Peter Law, who was influential in the creation of the revised Honor Code, expressed his thoughts because you were forced into it?" said Pacheco, “This code was created because you attend a school that embraces the ideas that Haverford College embodies, but I think it’s definitely a thought-out decision as to how the Honor Code is going to be approached and implemented. It also provides a framework for the rest of the community to think about the code and its implications.”

Another student commented, “Unless you have a total objection to having an Honor Code, there is no reason not to vote for this new Code. It’s much easier to find things... and much easier to read.” According to a summary of the document, the intention of revising the Code was to “make the document more readable, account for curent interpretive problems the Code faces, and update outdated sections.”

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Junior Aaron Clauset made an under the circumstances are currently underway. Last month Congressional hearings were held, both Gelsinger’s death and the possi- bility that other deaths might be attributable to genetic therapy. Though it did not become known until January that the National Institute of Health (NIH) until after Gelsinger’s death, Harvard Medi- cal School suddenly suspended therapy after the death of the first six patients died and a seventh be- came seriously ill. The deaths were reported to the Federal Drug Administration (FDA), but the re- sults were not known and they were required to report the deaths to the NIH. In every letter of approval that is issued, the NIH requires that if research begins, it is stated clearly that all adverse events must be reported immediately and completely to the NIH.

This transfer has had other con­ sequences. In addition, researchers submit information to only the FDA, federal law requires that agency’s freedom to inform re- searchers of problems at compet­ ing universities. The NIH, on the other hand, can publicize all of this information publicly.

In other, more recent news in cloning, the British scientists who created Dolly the cloned sheep announced last month the birth of five identical “clone” pigs. This cloning, one major step toward the goal of creating animals whose cells have been transplanted into humans, potentially relieving the worldwide or­ gan shortage. It could be less than four years

Because these genes can only be tested in non-human animals, experiments go forward, scientists believe that xenotransplantation will be available to at least some patients within the next 10 years.

Though ethical issues certainly remain a factor, continued research demonstrates this technology is an alternative to the possibility of organ shortage.
Heather Lazusky  
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In the tradition of such epic struggles as the Greeks vs. the Trojans, two professors squared off in Stokes Auditorium on Wednesday to answer the century-old question: which is better, the latke or the hamentaschen? With Rabbi Marshah Pik-Nathan acting as moderator, Professors Aryeh Kosman and Deborah Roberts engaged in “Latkes vs. Hamentaschen: The Great Debate.”

Presented by “The Coalition of Philosophers for the Advancement of Jewish Fried Delicacies and the East Coast Jewish Pastry Conference,” the third annual debate featured a re-match of the husband-wife contest of two years ago. At that time Kosman supported the Chanukah delicacy, the latke, and Roberts argued for the Purim prize, the hamentaschen.

The two maintained their loyalties for this year’s representation on the pros and cons of pastry. Professor Kosman, renamed the Department of Philosophy’s “Frie A Tuber Professor of Aristotelian Spuds” for the debate, began by expressing his extreme respect for his opponent, Professor Roberts. Roberts’ husband commented, “She has been a respected academic colleague for many years and being academic colleagues at a small school like Haverford is almost like being married.” He then described his continuing project “to uncover the repressed truths about the history of Judaism.”

Kosman provided the assembled audience with some introductory facts about the latke and hamentaschen. The latke, or potato pancake, is made simply of potato, onion, egg, and oil. He described the latke as “the eternal unwobbling circle... and root simplicity sublime signifying that which is all most human. The phallic potato... and the feminine egg” are mixed together in an almost reproductive manner, Kosman explained.

Kosman contrasted the timeless latke with the hamentaschen, which he described as “a deceitful Danish.” Instead of the eternal circle of the latke, the hamentaschen is “the fragile and unsteady triangle... a Danish in drag.” While the latke contains the human potato and egg, the hamentaschen is merely water and flour, he pointed out, with a filling of poppy seeds or prunes, “the lascivious fruit of sensuality.”

Professor Roberts later offered a corrected list of ingredients for the hamentaschen, saying that “if you mix only flour and water for your hamentaschen all you will get is Play-Dough.”

Professor Kosman’s attack on hamentaschen, however, did not stop with derogatory comparisons to Scandinavian pastries. He said that while the latke is unafraid to reveal what it is, a potato pancake, allowing the terms latke and potato pancake to be synonymous, a hamentaschen is only called a hamentaschen.

He then delved into the secret history of the hamentaschen, which dates back to 17th-century Hamburg, when Rabbis Pinchas Simha ben Tuvya Reuven (the Rapster a.k.a. the Hamburger) first led Judaism on the road to mistake. After analyzing several biblical texts, the Hamburger wrote, “For they have taken prunes from us, and put them in their pockets [Hamentaschen mean ‘Haman’s pockets’], and apricots and poppy seed.”

The Hamentaschen represented taking the idea of taking back what other nations had taken away from the Jewish people. Kosman said that such ideas have lead the Jewish people down an improper path, away from the pure latke and toward the hamentaschen, leading to “greed, avarice and shame.” Kosman urged everyone to undo the damage done by the Hamburger and “return to the oil of freedom.”

Professor Roberts, Department of Classics “Poppy Seed Professor of Polygonal Pastries,” was then given her chance to speak. She began her discussion by talking about inherent biases that both she and Professor Kosman brought to this debate and their own personal attachments to their topic. “In our house he fries the latkes and I bake the hamentaschen.” She then began her argument for the hamentaschen, pointing out that of the three major components of ethnic foods, “starch, grease and sugar, the hamentaschen has all three while the latke only has two.” Citing literary examples of the superiority of the hamentaschen, she focused on the Shakesperean work, “The Jewess of Zuara,” in which the woman asserts her independence and soliloquizes about the superiority of the hamentaschen.

Roberts then turned to history, discussing the example of Dr. Lopez, Queen Elizabeth’s personal physician. He was put to death after trying to kill her with a poisoned latke.

Children’s literature also provides an example of the superiority of the hamentaschen. According to a questionable account by Roberts, Dr. Seuss; in his well-loved classic, “And to think it happen in Schushan one day,” describes the story of Purim in which the evil Haman attempts to have all of the Jews destroyed. Only Queen Esther, by revealing that she is Jewish, is able to save the Jewish people. Roberts quoted that famous ending, “And we won’t forget Haman who we know is so vicious because his name goes with a cookie that is so delicious.”

The Floor was then opened to questions. During this time, Roberts “revealed” that President Tom Tritton will be asking the new dean to formulate a “Latke Policy” to parallel the Alcohol Policy in order to ensure proper use of this dangerous substance. Also, during the question period, Kosman said he was not so opposed to hamentaschen as he had once been. He spoke of how latkes took him back to his youth and remarked “These young people need latkes. Old fogies are stuck with the hamentaschen. They need the prunes.”
Haverford Ratifies Honor Code

By Nick Turner
Special to the News

The Haverford Honor Code was ratified without a hitch two weeks ago, despite concerns about whether students would vote in the new Campus Center. The Code was ratified by a modest margin, with 708 favoring and 37 against it.

The Haverford Honor Code stipulates that, following Spring Plenary, where the Code must be passed to a vote by hand vote, students must restate the Code in written form.

Until this year, students had turned in their ballots in the mail box housed in the basement of the Dining Center. With the construction of the new Campus Center, however, the mailroom was moved to a less frequentally traveled locale. Members of Students' Council and Honor Council feared that the Honor Code might not be passed because students did not check their mail often, as they did when the mailbox was in the Dining Center.

"We were kind of worried because it was going to be in the Campus Center [and people wouldn't check their mail]," Honor Council Co-Chair Xan Ottoline said. "I think the outcome was pretty good."

Students' Council President Alex Robinson was also concerned that the new mailbox would be a hurdle to ratification. "The Campus Center has presented us with additional problems in getting enough votes to ratify the Code," he said. "In coming years, this problem will be less severe, as students become more accustomed to the Campus Center and changes to accommodate student needs happens.

Two-thirds of the 2500 students (750 students) must sign and receive ratification cards in order for the Code to pass. Students were presented with three options: (1) fill out and sign their cards, (2) "I have thoughtfully considered my position on the Code and I vote for its ratification," or (3) "I have thoughtfully considered my position on the Code and I vote for its ratification, but I have the following objections:

"I have thoughtfully considered my position on the Code, but I cannot vote for its ratification for the following reasons:

625 votes were cast to ratify the HONOR CODE, page 5.

Bryn Mawr Extends Benefits to Same-Sex Domestic Partners

By Sarah Krannen
Staff Writer

Bryn Mawr college has extended its employee benefits to same-sex domestic partners of faculty and staff, effective immediately. The policy was approved by the college's Board of Trustees last fall and provides the same coverage that spouses of faculty and staff currently receive.

"This is something that the college has had a policy of providence in the benefits of sexual preferences. It's something we've been thinking about for a long time," said College President Monica Spanier. "We want to make sure that our employees have the same benefits that everyone else has."

According to Director of Personnel Karen Sparrow, the extension of the policy is a way for the college to show its commitment to diversity and inclusion. "It's a reflection of the values of the Bryn Mawr community as well as our recognition of what other employees consider important to their lives," she said.

Although there have been a number of options, no one has yet come forward to apply for coverage.
The ball bearing.

If you'd like to learn more about a career that fosters this type of innovative thinking, consider this an open invitation for open minds.

Goldman Sachs welcomes Bryn Mawr, Haverford and Swarthmore students to attend the following events this summer in NYC:

Minority Reception and Presentation
Thursday, July 6th

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Wednesday, July 26th

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Spring Jam Fashion Show: a night filled with hip-hop and soul

Catherine Song
Staff Writer

Sisterhood’s Spring Jam Fash­ion show was an exciting showcase for recent fashions, casual and formal. The March 31 show began with emcees Ernestine Ward (BMC ‘00) and Mena Mahaniah (BMC ‘03) crediting Sisterhood president Lamoy Morgan (BMC ‘02) with the idea for the show, and thanking the sponsors of the show: D.E.M.O. at the King of Prussia Mall, M.A.C. cosmetics, The Source magazine and The Coca-Cola Company for turning their “models into divas.” After more introductions, the show began.

Scene 1: Introducing... the outfits of the evening. Models came out wearing an array of jeans, tan tops, tube tops, mini-dresses and boots. In keeping up with the background music “Wild Wild West,” they all wore cowboy hats (cute!) and some spotted plastic water guns. Some of the models carried handbags and whips (don’t ask me why). They sashayed onto the catwalk, starting to show off their clothes and hamming it up for the audience, which earned them wonderful clapping.

Scene 2: HBO Productions baby! Hot Boys Only: This was an all-male ensemble, in which the “hot boys” strutted to Missy Elliott’s “Hot Boyz.” It was a display of casual fashion, as the men were wearing big, button-down shirts and baggy shorts. The shirts varied from an Asian tiger design, to plaid, to a plain blue print design that I thought was very clever. Performance by The Amount Boys: This was a dance performance by three talented teenagers from New York City: Anthony Rue H. Jovan Brewer and Adrian Wiltshire. Their dance steps reminded me much of breakdancing, with their quick spins and swivel­ling hips. It later evolved to real breakdancing when the boys at­tacked backflips on the catwalk, and they were most successful at it. They left the stage to great applause.

Scene 3 (Crazy, Sexy, Cool Strutting to “Breathe and Stop”): Lamoy Morgan began the third show. A male model followed her, wearing a purple shirt and gray jeans. After him, a female model strutted in with a green shirt and tight denim capris. The models alternated by gender: a male, then a female, then a male, and so on. Essentials by Mac models had T-shirts, button-downs, polo shirts, jeans, khakis, and one even wore a black denim suit. The ladies’ ward­robe consisted of tight shirts, jeans, blouses, and short skirts. Each time someone walked past another person of the opposite sex, they brushed against each other seductively, which was appropriate for this theme. Performance by Why Not?: The fashion show took a break as Mr. Tibbs and OD, talented members of the all-male ensemble, in which the “hot boys” strutted to “Breathe and Stop,” brought roses for the ladies in the audience. They were gorgeous, ranging from a flowing crimson number to a couple of blue and gold chinoiserie. As for the men, they wore beige and black suits, bright sweaters, and slacks. Some of these suave men brought roses for the ladies in the audience (a sweet, little old lady received one). This was actually my favorite scene since the evening gowns were gorgeous - I wanted one, too. Impromptu Best Dressed Con­test: The emcees called for audience volunteers to see who could be the best amateur model. Three women and four men (actually, three men and one very small boy) were chosen as contestants. KaSandra Rogers (BMC ‘02) was voted as the best female model, and little boy won for the best male model. The winners received certifi­cates from HBO Productions and City Works.

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http://biconews.haverford.edu
Sean Armour - Beer Drinker - Patriot

A Style from the Roots of California

Welcome back, beer comparatiots. This week we will explore a fine beer direct from the West Coast. Brewed and bottled by Anchor Brewing Company in San Francisco, California, Anchor Steam Beer is a well-repected beer micro-brewed in wide vessels only two feet deep. This company truly exemplifies the state of craft brewing in the United States.

As we speak, I am finding that the beer is quickly disappearing from the glass, so I must relay my opinion about the flavors and character of Anchor Steam as fast as I can. As you pour the beer from the bottle into your glass, you will find a rich orange-amber, heavily carbonated brew creating a full head of light tan. A bouquet of hops awaits as you draw a breath from the surface of the liquid containing floral notes and malty hints.

The first sip leaves you awaiting the next as a wave of refreshingly bitter beer flows past your tongue and settles into a lightly sweet flavor. This brew is crafted with lager yeast in normal ale temperatures, and thus produces a brew with a very interesting character. As refreshing as a lager, but with the character and fullness of an ale, Anchor Steam is an excellent choice. Fairly standard at five percent alcohol by volume, this may be the only thing that is normal about this beer. Anchor Steam is an exceptional brew with a strong bite and a nice malt finish, which is definitely worth trying.

The bottle is simple, yet still slightly different from most beer bottles - it has a smooth gradient up to the top of the bottle, not the traditional long neck.

And the name has an interesting story. In actuality, the name "steam" does not refer to the use of steam in the brewing process. Rather, it was a nickname for beers brewed on the West Coast under "primitive conditions and without ice." The nickname may have been derived from the high pressures of carbonation of beers brewed in this style, as when casks were tapped, the beer was said to "steam." Anchor Steam claims to have been brewed since 1896, but although the company has not been existence nearly that long, the style most likely has.

Overall, Anchor Steam Beer is an excellent and interesting beer that has a very well-balanced mixture of hop and malt character while retaining an excellent body and richness. It is not terribly expensive at between $24 and $30 a case, and it should be attainable at most quality beer distributors. So check out Anchor Steam Beer, and check out next week's Co for another beer, which I am sure you'll enjoy. Cheers.

Arts Happenings

Tuesday, 4/11: 30: Mum Puppettheatre presents the world premiere of Measuring Man, which explores the life of Leonardo Da Vinci. Tickets $14-20, discount on 4/11. Call (215) 925-7686 for more info.

Thursday, 4/13: Professor Robert Harritz, Jr., (Columbia Univ.) speaks on "Reading Chinese Mountains: Calligraphy and the Experience of Landscape." BMC's Carpenter Library Auditorium, 4:30 p.m. Reception to follow.


Saturday, 4/15: The Silk Road Tour: Persian and Indian Improvisations. Master musicians, featuring the Ghazal Ensemble at Penn's International Library, daily 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Visit www.libertynet.org/ihouse for more info.

Sunday, 4/16-12/30: 44 Celebrity Eyes in a Museum Storeroom at Penn's Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. There are 65 artifacts chosen by various celebrities from all walks of life. 3rd & Sprice Sts. Call (215) 898-4000 or visit www.open.edu/museum for more info.

Monday, 4/17-6/29: Gallery Program: "Student Works on Paper." Canaday Library, daily 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Sarah Slean's *blue parade*: something soft, unobtrusive

Toronto based songstress-pianist Sarah Slean is a softer, more cheerful Tori Amos. Smooth, pleasant and sad, her first compilation, *blue parade*, can be described as a kind of meandering, ethereal pop.

Her voice is clear and tremulously sweet without being girly, and you can hear strains of Tori Amos, which have been warmed and diluted - the impact has been replaced with something a bit less complicated and more palatable. "My invitation," "before your time," "habit," "high" and "eliot" just make you yearn for Amos herself, and you might even be able to recognize some bits that are too familiar.

Slean and her accompanists create a warm, swaying sound with enough weird goings-on around the edges to keep you interested. There are several pianos and brass instruments as well as cellos, violins and soft percussion.

Her lyrics are basically metaphorical. They generally have greater impact on the page than through her soothing voice:

I have no missionary zeal,
I say No armies fighting sin
But I'll keep playing
Until I win.

These are a few lines from the first track, "playing cards with judas," which is quite good with its rare crescendos and blurs of funky bass. The second track, "bonnie's song," sets the tone for the rest of the album, where songs blend into a pleasant haze.

Her voice tends to slur prettily so the lyrics are often fuzzy, though overall, you get the gist of her expressed emotion.

But she just can't seem to get angry."Habit" explores her feelings about what appears to be an ex lover in a new relationship, and her voice certainly becomes more impassioned but she... just can't... bring herself to get... mad.

There are certainly some religious undertones: Judas, heaven, God, missionaries. They are not oppressive forces, but it is obvious that they have been threaded through the album; they have a lingering presence once they are noticed.

All in all, *blue parade* is a pleasant enough album, good for when you need to listen to something lilting yet unobtrusive.

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*Local Movie Schedule*

(Tuesday-Thursday)

**United Artists Bryn Mawr**
824 West Lancaster Ave, 525-3056

- *High Fidelity*: R, 107 min.: 4:45 p.m., 7 p.m.

- *Reason to Runble*: PG-13, 122 min.: 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m.

**Eric Ardmore**
36 West Lancaster Ave, 525-3056

- *Return to Me*: PG, 116 min.: 5:10 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

- *The Skulls*: PG-13, 120 min.: 5:20 p.m., 7:40 p.m.

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Spring Dance Concert
Friday & Saturday, April 14 & 15
7:30 p.m., Goodhart Theatre
Free Admission, Reception Follows

Bryn Mawr & Haverford students will perform a variety of dance works created by student choreographers and by faculty Madeline Cantor and Linda Caruso Haviland, as well as Myra Barel from Scrap Performance Collective and Meredith Rainey from the Pennsylvania Ballet. For information call the Dance Office at (610) 526-5208.
Men's ultimate: in a league of its own

Marc Robert
Sports Editor

Lacking varsity status, the Haverford men's ultimate frisbee team may receive less recognition than Haverford's other sports, but frankly, members of Cannonball (the team name) are having too much fun to care.

"I don't think it will [become a varsity sport] because it would be against the ultimate philosophy," says junior tri-captain Andrew Kerr. "It's not a coached sport, it's not a raffled sport, and I think they'll keep it that way. But it is becoming eternally popular on the college scale.

For those unfamiliar with this budding, Generation-X sport, ultimate frisbee is played on a field 70 yards long, 40 yards wide, with two 25 yard end zones. The rules are simple: no running with the frisbee, a dropped pass changes signals of possession, first one to 13 wins. Each team fields seven players, and substitutions are allowed after a score or during time-outs. Since there are no referees, players abide by the honor system and call their own fouls.

Cannonball plays six to seven tournaments a year, and six to seven games per tournament. The first day of competition consists of pool play, the top teams of which move on to a single-elimination tournament the following day.

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Bi-co team has ultimate fun with ultimate frisbee

Rachel Johnson
Staff Writer

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The Starbelled Sneetches practice two hours a day, five days a week at the Haverford Duck Pond field. Over spring break, they traveled to South Carolina for a week of intense training. Captains Miriam Szedatrowski and Liz Goldberg lead the squad of about twenty hard working, dedicated Ultimate frisbee fanatics. The team's record now stands at 5-4, with competition having begun two weeks ago against Penn State. The team will have a tournament almost every weekend until May Day.

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Celebrating the strides of Bryn Mawr’s scholar-athletes

Tracy Poslusnay  
Sports Editor

It was an event marked by sunshine, food, fun, and a sea of yellow T-shirts. Last Thursday, April 6, was National Student-Athlete Appreciation Day. To honor the day, Bryn Mawr student-athletes organized a day of celebration and fun.

Throughout the day student-athletes proudly sported pale yellow T-shirts designed specifically to honor the achievements of the students. Senior volleyball captain Chiemi Suzuki, a key organizer of the event, saw the T-shirts as “a fun way to recognize all the student-athletes on campus and promote awareness among the rest of the campus of the many [student-athletes] that are out there.

At 12:30 that afternoon, those available convened behind Pembroke East for the second annual aerial photo-shot of Bryn Mawr’s scholar athletes, what Athletic Director Amy Campbell referred to as a “internal celebration among athletes.”

Last year, the alumni bulletin, Bryn Mawr Now, published this picture. This year, the picture will be posted on the Athletic Association’s web-page.

Lillian Amadio joins in on the fun at student-athlete day.

While there seemed to be some confusion in the beginning of the week as to whether the dinner was solely for student-athletes, signs posted by dining services announcing the closing of three main dining halls for the day seemed to clear up the confusion. Sophomore Toby Geller said, “it was really nice to include the whole campus and blend athletes with non-athletes.”

Suzuki saw the event as a good way for everyone to converge, as well as a “nice way to bring people from the top of the hill down to the bottom [where the gym is located].” She said that she heard people saying, “oh, I’ve never been to the gym before.”

Not only did the tail-gate dinner bring many down to the gym, but the faculty, staff, and student intramural softball game afterwards, a regular activity on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., served to keep people down there. Campbell commented on the inclusion of both student-athletes and non-student-athletes. She hopes the intramural softball will continue to draw a crowd throughout the month of April.

Having the main part of the celebration in the evening, rather than during the day, as it was last year, also helped to produce a greater turn-out than the year before among student-athletes and non-student-athletes.

Last year was the first year Bryn Mawr honored this day. The idea spawned from discussion at the Centennial Conference’s Student Athlete Advisor (SAAC) meeting concerning this national day of recognition. Suzuki, a SAAC member, brought this idea to Bryn Mawr’s Athletic Association (AA) and from there decisions were made as to how to celebrate the day.

This year, following the model from the last year, planning began in the beginning of this semester by a committee formed from Bryn Mawr’s AA, including Suzuki, Libby O’Hare, Karen Austin, Calies Schubert, and Meredith Unger.

Together, they worked closely with three main departments on campus: athletics, dining services, and housekeeping to make this day a success.

Another important part of the day was the incorporation of a “Take-your-daughter-to-work” Day. This too is a nationally recognized event. The actual day is April 27, but since it was too close to the end of the semester at a time that would yield little participation among students, Community Service decided to run it earlier in the month.

Hence, along with other scholar-athletes, Nicole Boehner, Liz King, Tracy Poslusnay, and Christina Rivera organized soccer games, kickball games, and relay races for the daughters. This gave the young girls a chance not only to have fun and run around on the grass, but it gave them a closer look at student-athletes and showed them that athletics are an important part in the lives of many. It served not only as a recognition for Bryn Mawr athletics but as an inspiration for future student-athletes.

Suzuki hopes celebration of this day will continue at Bryn Mawr. She feels “it is important for all student-athletes at Bryn Mawr to come together as such a small group of people (only about 16% of the student population based on last year’s numbers) but with so much in common. [The day] provides a nice way to celebrate their efforts and recognize each other for the hard work each has put in throughout the year.

Other schools in the Centennial Conference currently honor their athletes on this day as well, although their philosophies on the day may be slightly different. Some other student-athletes extend the honor out into the community by going to middle and high schools to share their positive experiences as athletes while others perform different types of community service.

Suzuki says she is interested in seeing how the other schools handled this year’s celebration when she attends this semester’s Centennial Conference SAAC meeting, held Sun. day, April 9.

Whatever the means in which the celebration occurs is less important than the simple recognition of the day and the honoring of these student-athletes who dedicate much of their time, effort, and energy to athletics.
Andrew Prazar
Staff Writer

On a bright, warm, but blustery day, the Haverford women’s softball team yielded two tough games to the Bullets of Gettysburg. Senior Allison Hicks pitched well after being pressed into service by an injury to freshman pitcher Allison Tan, but the Fords could not hold off a balanced Gettysburg attack.

After a two scoreless innings, the Fords ran into trouble in the second. Hicks walked the first batter who later advanced to third on a walk and an error. With runners on first and third, Gettysburg was in an ideal position to score. They were determined to get the running game started all day and were successful when the runner was able to steal second without a throw; Haverford did not challenge the steal as they were protecting against the double steal. The next batter lined a sharp grounder to third. It was fielded cleanly by sophomore catcher Jess Laterman blocked the throw and threw to the plate. The Fords recover and throw the runner out by a step at first. Hicks dominated in the sixth, as she needed only four pitches to retire the side, but ran into trouble in the seventh. After getting an easy out, Gettysburg lined a hit to center which fell just in front of freshman Sarah Chamovitz. This was followed by a single to left which placed runners at first and third. Two more singles brought home two more runs before a foul out and grounder silenced the Gettysburg bats.

The Haverford offense struggled against a dominant Gettysburg pitcher who threw her best all day. Rarely were the Fords able to get around on the fastball as they were retired on a series of pop-ups and groundouts. The defense struggled again in the second game as the Fords were only able to produce one run. The two losses dropped Haverford to 5- 19 on the year.

Alison Hicks prepares to fire
**Baseball**

Dickinson 7, Haverford 4

ARLIS (April 8) — Dickinson (3-2, 1-2) scored six runs to offset a 4-1 lead by Haverford (4-5, 1-5) in a rain-shortened Centennial Conference doubleheader.

Wash.-Md. 3, Haverford 2 (11 inn.)

Senior Matt Montgom¬
ery (four assists) and first singles, while Peter Law/Simpson and first doubles partners at first doubles, respec¬tively.

Women's Lacrosse

Washington (Md.) 15, Haverford 5

First-year Leigh James scored three goals, while Fords seniors Elizabeth Boissevain and Lindsey Carey (assist) had two goals each. Senior Keren Simmons (one assist) added two goals, as well as two assists. Sophomore Alyssa Bergey (one assist) added two goals, respectively.

Senior Lindsey Carey and first-year Leigh James each recorded five goals and three assists for the Fords against the Violets.

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Bryan Mawr and Haverford professors react to LeVay

Reasons to hear out LeVay

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Simon LeVay’s appearance on the 2000 Cultural Studies panel was, for good reason, created a controversy. His analysis of the neurobiological ethics of sexuality is complex, along with the logical consequences of that analysis, in turn raising the question of whether the Honorable Code was passed. The purpose of the present letter is to support the queer-theoretical arguments against LeVay’s raw scientific approach because I believe that sexuality is more complicated than microbes are able to reveal. Still, I want to go on record as supporting not only LeVay’s appearance at Haverford, but also his neurobiological enterprise in general. However much I detest, resent, and reject the idea that homosexuality is pathologized as a result of biochemical activity, I fully support the right of all participants to use anything to fear. To be blunt about it, we’ll all be dead by the time any sexual orientation is proven conventional, let alone...well, let’s just say, the rules of order to deal with the social and cultural implications of such research.

Hence, we find LeVay’s project deliberately informative. It does queerness in a very different way than we do. More precisely, queerness is the product of particular social constructs. Same-sex genital activity in ancient Athens has led some to think that gays fucking each other in Lloyd in the year 2000 precisely because our cultural realizations of sex is different, and, therefore, so are our understandings of sexual responses to other men. Simon LeVay’s research into homosexuality can do that, which perhaps is why his work is so important.

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Learning from the controversy and the priority of "self education"

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The status of his work as a scientific study has been under- cast doubt on the nature of his research. The question is: what is the significance of the sexual orientation of Homo sapiens? The theories would be shot, Halpert replied. So be it.

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Tissue cloning beneficial to create limbs and arms

By Charles Scott Curtis

"Nice legs you have there." "Thanks. They're not mine." Judy-compared to the much of many major ethical debates for more than a decade. Proponents create a powerful and convincing disease, while opponents argue that no body belongs to any one God. This week Great Britain announced it might start allowing its scientists to clone embryos to con-

struct "spare parts." These would be used to treat patients with dis-
cases or those who need organ transplants or are missing a limb. As for cloning a whole human, brains and all, I am not in favor of it for the same reasons that oppo-

dents aren't. We haven't a right to create an entire living, breath-
ing animal. However, cloning hu-

man parts is a great idea and can be beneficial to the whole of man-

kind.

Think about it. Someone who's lost a leg will have a chance to go again, using a real leg instead of a prosthetic. Someone with a weak or diseased muscle can get it ge-

netically "repaired." What about the Empire Strikes Back? Near the end, Luke Skywalker's hand is cut off by Darth Vader. After rescue, he re-

ceives a new hand in the infirmary. After attaching the hand, the droid doctor pokes it with a needle, and Luke reacts as if in pain. No one seemed to show any aversion to that. So what's the difference here, aside from the fact that this and this is reality? If there's nothing else exists whatsoever, because both the ob-

jectives and the results would be the same.

My dad is missing three inches of his spinal cord, courtesy of Viet-

nam, and has the equivalent of 17 ruptured disks in his back. Because

of this, he is in a wheelchair, but not a day goes by that he doesn't want to be out of it. He's one of those people that would rather die on his feet than live on his back.

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spare parts would alleviate the bur-
den on nursing homes that care for debilitated people because those people would be able to take care of themselves outside of the home. Society would benefit because more people would be in the work force, which would lead to a better economy and higher output. In addition, the federal govern-

ment would save money because it wouldn't pay as much monthly checks to disabled veterans and others.

There wouldn't be such a huge backlog of heart, liver and kidney transplant patients because a supply of-

ply of those organs would be on hand. The organs will probably be of better quality than the ones people have right now, anyway, because they will be disease-free and are created with an eye for per-
fecionism.

These are the potential benefits of allowing scientists to clone human spare parts. No one will have to worry about others looking down on them because they had an accident and are missing a part. People will feel better about themselves no matter what happens because they know it can be taken care of. A lot of ge-

netically acquired diseases can be eradicated. Everybody wins.

Now there are some opponents who claim that, in creating spare parts, people are still creating people only to kill them for the parts. But that's not so.

First, the cloning to be done is not reproductive. The embryo that is cloned will not result in a human being. Instead, it is therapeutic cloning, meaning that an embryo in its early stages is cloned from a per-

son and the cells are taken from that embryo to grow the necessary tissues, be it bone, muscle, etc.

I agree that if you create a fully intact living, breathing human be-

ing for parts, then it's unethical. I think at that point the human race would be playing a sick combina-
tion of God Almighty and Adolf Hitler.

And the whole "We created it, we patented it, we own it" argument doesn't carry a lot of weight with me. Because if that's true, then we place ourselves in control of some-

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But creating an arm, a leg or even a heart — how can that be

wrong.

Those things can't live on their own anyway, so nobody would be killing anyone. In fact, they're placed with a body, they would actually be brought to life in their ability to move and coordinate activity with the brain. The only thing those scientists need to do is make sure that they don't let their creative genius run away with them. We don't need any Frankenstein's walking around.

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If you had $100 to spruce up the Blue Bus, what would you do?

“A private room for people to hook up in.” Javier Garcia, HC ’03

“Pimp it up with hydraulics and chrome.” Tara Slayter, BMC ’02 and Delaina Sepko, BMC ’02

“Vodka sours.” Liana Sterling, BMC ’03

“Scott Rolen to be present on the bus.” Stephanie Mikalsky, HC ’01

“Stuffed animals.” Alyssa Berenson, HC ’01

“A jacuzzi.” Flanagan, HC ’01

“Black lights and rhinestones.” Aley Rodin, BMC ’02

“Change the Blue Bus from a casual affair to a black-tie one.” Becca Perkins, BMC ’02

“Shag carpeting, a disco ball and a heart-shaped bed in the back.” Steve Raible, HC ’00

“I wouldn’t spruce up the Blue Bus; I’d spend it on myself.” Abayomi Walker, BMC ’03

“I’d go to the auction and buy a car.” Dorcas Davis, BMC ’03

“A cappuccino machine and a love seat in the back.” Laura Taylor, HC ’03 and Caroline Wright, HC ’03

“A disco ball and purple velour seats.” Callies Saut-Schubert, BMC ’00 and Anne Braun, BMC ’00