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*"Wisdom denotes the
pursuing of the best ends
by the best means."*

-Francis Hutcheson

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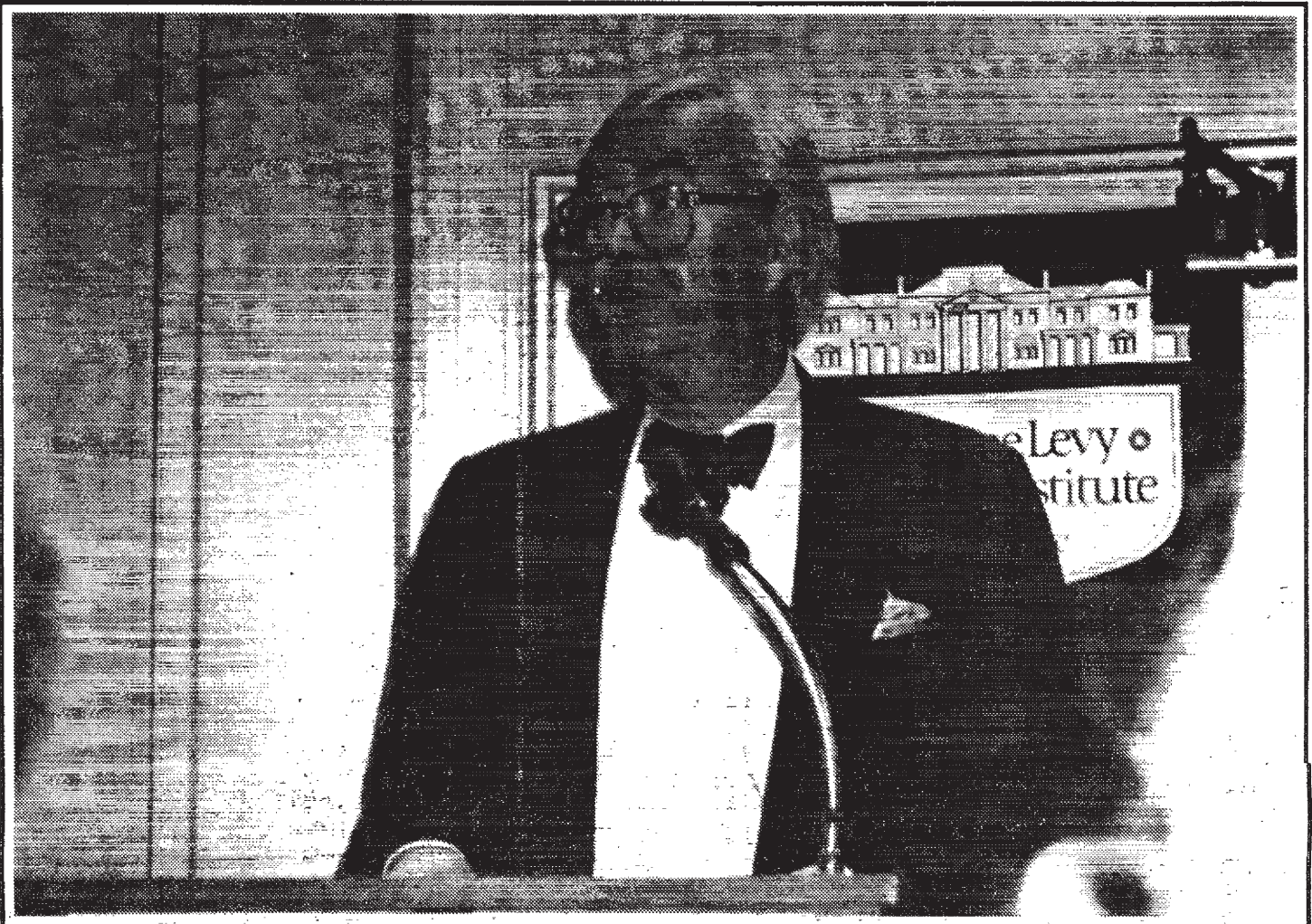
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How we stand

Levy conference addresses current economical concerns

Saturday concluded a two day conference at the Jerome Levy Economics Institute of Bard College. The conference was entitled "Restoring America's Economic Growth and International Competitiveness."

The conference, intended to provide an open exchange of ideas concerning economic policy, included several prominent members of business, economics and

government, most notably Saturday's opening speaker, New York's Honorable Daniel P. Moynihan, U.S. Senate.

Senator Moynihan, who said "this is not about economics, this is about politics," spoke about both present and past states of the economy and how these were and could be affected by fiscal policy. Of Bush, Moynihan said, "what Reagan got away with, he did not get away with." Of Clinton's NAFTA policy, he said, "people [when they have or are about to lose their jobs] don't feel like hearing 'we'll think of something; this'll be good for you in

the long run'...he'll have to figure out how to do this without spending any money because he doesn't have any money to spend."

In short, Moynihan implied that the federal government is broke because after so many years of trying to create a deficit, the deficit has gotten out of hand and suggested that "we need a little peace and quiet, need to figure out how to pay our bills." When the government becomes too big and politics becomes too important, "they think of new programs without realizing that they can't pay for them," said Moynihan. In reference to Clinton's proposed Health Care program, for example, he said that Clinton claims that the program can be installed with zero growth; "if you believe that, then you believe in our program."

On the same subject a later speaker, Mr. Paul Huard (Senior Vice President, National Association of Manufacturers) remarked that to believe that the Health Care plan will cause business costs to go down, "is to believe not only in Santa Claus, but also in the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy." Anybody who thinks this legislation will be a benefit to business, he said, must be "smoking controlled

substances." Huard believes that, although many feel that life is priceless and it shouldn't matter how much it costs, coming up with outrageously expensive regulations will "make our economy about as vibrant as the Soviet Union's economy is right now."

Moynihan, too, seemed to state that our country is experiencing "fiscal drag." Economic policy, he said, has "destroyed the effectiveness of the U.S. government," and we're left with a deficit that'll never go away. The deficit, however, is not the only problem; American attitude is at stake as well. Education, for instance, was once considered a capital investment and is today called by many a debt. A member of the audience suggested that "unless we become more rational, we're going to go bankrupt." To this, Moynihan replied, "brute logic won't work...we're [already] broke." He earlier admitted, however, that families are at their "wits end trying to pay education bills." When asked about Bard's tuition, President Leon Botstein said, "I can't count that high," but explained that very few pay the full amount anyhow.

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Off the Beat

New York State Law Cancels Foot Patrol

Two weeks ago, Assistant Dean of Students Jeff Huang finished typing the nineteen page manual for the

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preparing for upcoming training sessions in order to begin patrolling the campus by the end of the month. However, after a meeting with the Acting Director of Safety and Security, Kim Squillace, and the Assistant to the Executive Vice-President, Jim Brudvig, Huang realized that an upcoming New York State law had suddenly made the Patrol impossible.

"This legislation just puts a line through everyone's plans," commented Huang in an interview last Friday. "It came at exactly the right time to cancel out the Foot Patrol."

As Huang explained, the legislation is a revision undertaken by the Governor's Security Guard Advisory Council upon the Security Guard Act of 1992. Due in part to pressure from the Security Guard Contract Industry, a lobbying group for registered security guards, the definition of what constitutes a guard will be broadened to include virtually anyone acting in a security-minded capacity. To prevent people

from walking off the street and acting as security guards, and to protect the jobs of current guards from cheaper and unskilled competition, anyone working in a security position will have to meet the same requirements as officially registered guards.

For the Foot Patrol, this means that the student volunteers would have to go through: eight hours of state approved pre-job training, a fingerprint and criminal record check, sixteen hours of on-the-job training and eight hours of re-training each year. In essence, students would have to receive the same training as any other security guard. Huang confirmed that this would amount to a cost in time and money that the College, and volunteers, could not meet.

"It's really frustrating to see how people have worked so hard, and then this comes along," said Huang. Before coming to Bard, Huang trained student patrols at LeHigh University in the state, particularly those in New York City which rely heavily on student patrols, are going to be hard pressed by these new requirements. Vassar, for example, has about twenty work-study student patrol members whose jobs are going to vanish in the near future.

"It's a shame they didn't take the college environment into account when they made this law," said Squillace. "This really put the squash on some of our programs." She commented that the legislation was

pushed in part to promote business for private security firms: two private firms have already contacted her to offer their services at Bard to "avoid the hassle of training new guards."

Squillace did say that there were some advantages to the new legislation. "Other universities have had problems with unregistered guards," she explained. "Some of them probably had felons working on their staff." She went on to confirm that the current Security staff will have no problems meeting the stricter requirements. "It will be business as usual for us," she said.

The Commission of Independent Colleges and Universities has used their lawyers to try and lessen the restrictions on student guards, if not alleviate them entirely. According to Elizabeth Van Nest, General Counsel for the CICU, the Council has determined that the Act will not apply to those whose jobs are not primarily security minded. If the student spends less than 50% of their job time concerned with security, they will not fall under the law's jurisdiction. Therefore, resident directors and other student jobs will not be subjected to the regulations. However, even if the Foot Patrol was redefined as an "escort service," the volunteers would still be subjected to the regulations by acting as "bodyguards."

As the final legislation is prepared to go into effect on January 1st, the Foot Patrol has been placed on indefinite hold.

Classifieds & personals

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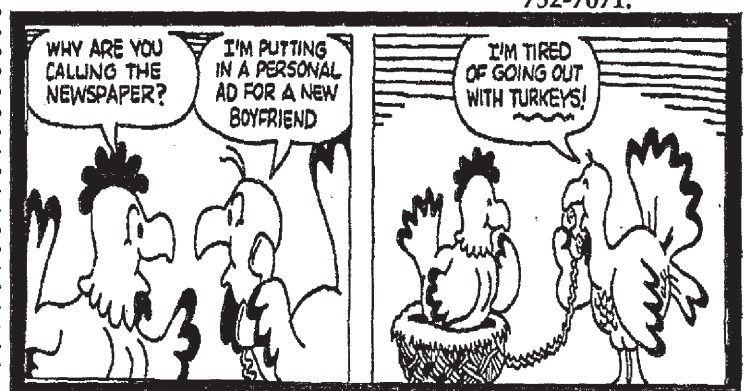
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The lessons of Bhopal

You didn't have to attend Sanjoy Hazarika's recent talk about the 1984 Union Carbide chemical accident in the Indian city of Bhopal to suspect that the inadequate safety features at industrial plants that produce poisonous by-products in creating pesticides, paints, or nuclear warheads have gone largely unaltered in the time after the tragedy. One lesson of Bhopal is not that government and business regularly fail to live up to their obligations—a fact that no one who attended the meeting had to get a PhD or travel abroad to discover—but that Bhopal attracted 200,000 more residents in the time since the disaster, and that people endure and need jobs and need industry. According to the International Labor Organization, the number of job-seekers in Asia, Latin America, and Africa rises by 38 million each year, and more than 700 million people will become job-seekers (at the legal working age) in the next two decades.

Everyone at the talk presumably opposed the destruction of human life in the pursuit of monetary profit through the taking of unnecessary risks, as in the case of the Bhopal accident. Yet some people in the audience expressed fascination with the legal indictments, with the number of rupees of reparations there were, and how successfully revenge was extracted from advanced-capitalist nations. Where is the surprise in knowing that a government elected through pro-business sentiment will favor the interests of business, just as a newly-hired professor will have a world view that is consistent with that of the faculty that selected him or her?

Some noted the power differential in the global marketplace—that those who have the money can get the impoverished to follow their orders. The factories in Bhopal are like the hundreds of thousands functioning every day in the developing nations of our world, as the multinational corporations based in advanced-capitalist nations decide what industries they consider to be deserving of investment and place them in "Third World" cities, regardless of whether the cities will consume the product. Although everyone knows that for capitalism to assume millions of new workers it needs to have more consumers, the vast majority of the five billion people on the planet do not, indeed, cannot, consume what the

marketplace produces. The factory in Bhopal was creating the chemicals for pesticides and other substances that the majority of the residents of Bhopal could not afford to purchase to use for increasing food production. When a poisonous gas cloud escaped from it, 1600 people suffered ghastly deaths in the first few days, and 4000 have died in subsequent years. Over a hundred thousand people were affected.

A Cataclysmic Event

Hazarika, who covered the Bhopal accident for *The Times*, and whose reporting won the publisher's award for that year. He also wrote a book entitled "Bhopal: Lessons of the Tragedy."

"In a broader sense," he said, "I think journalists... have been front-row observers of events over time, particularly for me in the Indian subcontinent. We govern civil war and religious strife, social reform and social decay, emergencies, government crackdowns, assassinations, elections, environmental consciousness and ecological destruction. Now there are many events which have moved me personally in the coverage of these events. Because whatever you think of journalists, they still are very human. We are perhaps a very cynical breed, but this cynicism comes from a very close observance of the human condition, and of the brutality that people inflict on each other. For me, Bhopal stands out among the events I've seen."

Mr. Hazarika explained that the process that Union Carbide used to obtain its variation on cyanide gas, M.I.C., was not the safest or most efficient one, as a rival German company was using an alternative process. He said he was most frightened at the prospect of a "double standard" by the American-owned Union Carbide in having identical plants in North Carolina and Bhopal, India, but permitting carelessness in Bhopal because the workers were somehow less important. Of additional concern to him was unchecked urban growth, endemic to underdeveloped nations. At the time of the construction of the chemical plant, the land was largely open and was owned by the government. But, over time, potential job-seekers from the countryside, who were ironically displaced by the increased mechanization of agriculture which the plant was contributing to, came and squatted on the land around the plant. They were given ration cards, placed on electoral lists, and given *de facto* permission to remain on the land indefinitely.

Beginning in 1980, the plant began to suffer from numerous leaks. Ac-

cording to Mr. Hazarika, the primary method for workers to identify leaks was sniffing the air, as a substitute for a sophisticated, computerized safety system. In addition, all of the safety procedure manuals were printed in English, a language which most of the workers could not read. A plan to relocate the plant fifteen miles away in a less populated area went unimplemented. A few weeks prior to the accident, a Telex message was sent to corporate headquarters noting serious corrosion in the pipes and equipment of the MIC production system, which was under repair.

Speaking of the Unspeakable

When word of the accident came to New Delhi, the international media, with Mr. Hazarika among them, went to Bhopal. "We were confronted by something totally unimaginable. Edmund Burke said at one point, and I think it is very true of Bhopal, 'An event has happened of which it is difficult to speak but impossible to remain silent.'... Many people just walked into this lethal cloud not knowing what it was... people fell in the streets, in their homes. And one

sight I shall always remember was when I walked into the main hospital in Bhopal... just after midnight on the day after the disaster, the first I saw was a room full of very young children, infants... and all of them had glucose drips and oxygen masks, and they were gasping for air, and the sheets were soiled, and they didn't know what was happening. They were totally helpless. And the doctors were helpless because they didn't know what to do. The parents were helpless, and the children were getting all frantic because they just couldn't understand what was going on."

"They were many things which gave us hope. Army engineers who worked non-stop for twenty-four, forty-eight hours, without thinking of the risk to their own lives, evacuating the injured, clearing the bodies. And there will always be an incident which I will remember, which was told to me by another reporter. There was a woman running away from this cloud—think of this giant cloud moving at four or five in the morning, and the

people are falling and dying, and this woman is running, and a car passing her stopped, and the Muslim woman handed the child to the person who was inside and the car drove off—there is no way of knowing the religion of the driver—and the woman collapsed."

Mr. Hazarika argued that the impact of the accident in spurring legislation to regulate the use of hazardous materials was more profound in the U.S. than in India, because of the question, "Could it happen here?" He said that the U.S. reaction might be summed up in the remarks of one congressman heading a committee on the subject. "We must make sure that the accident that happened in Bhopal must not be repeated anywhere. As horrible as Bhopal is, we must face it and learn from it."

Mr. Hazarika concluded by saying, with the image of the hospital ward and the injured children in mind, that "the price of progress is not worth that at any point or at any time."

Guatemalan refugee speaks at Bard

On Monday, November 8, a Guatemalan refugee living in Mexico spoke in Olin. Jiminez Pascual Jose is a member of the Permanent Commissions of Representatives of the Guatemalan Refugees in Mexico (CCPP), an organization formed by displaced people, which is negotiating the conditions under which they will return home. He is currently touring and speaking at schools and organizations. The mood at his talk was somber as a videotape explained the sad and horrifying historical background and Jose told his story (through interpreter Ann Peters).

From 1970-1986, despite the presence of a President, military officers ruled Guatemala through two right wing parties, the Institutional Democratic Party and the National Liberation Movement. The military played a role in holding fraudulent elections in 1974, 1978 and 1982, and the abstention rate for voters went from 44% in 1966 to 64% in 1978. A climate of fear existed, and people were afraid to vote because of the violent repercussions of voting against the

military. There were, however, opposing factions during the time, most notably the Christian Democratic Party.

In 1982 President Lucas was overthrown by the military, and General Efraim Rios Montt was installed. In 1984 a constituent assembly was held and in 1985 municipal elections took place. Centerist parties participated, and the Christian Democratic Party won. After a runoff election, Vinicio Cerezo took office as President in 1986. His main goals were to get through his term alive and to hand over the sash to his successor. (It is highly unusual for peaceful transfers of power to occur—they are generally surrounded by violence.) The Cerezo administration was basically a civilianized military regime; though an elected government, it was not democratic.

In 1990, after two rounds of elections, Cerezo handed over power to Jorge Serrano, a former member of the Rios Montt cabinet. Last spring President Serrano had what Professor Shelley McConnell calls "an authoritarian impulse. He dismissed congress and sent police to shut down newspapers. There was concern that they would raid human rights organizations." After this autogolpe (self coup), Serrano thought he had military backing, but was escorted out of the country

three days later. The military does not want power for itself because not only are they unwelcome internationally, but it is bad for them as an institution. Congress was reconvened and a new President, Ramiro deLeon, was appointed. He is a former watchdog of human rights affairs in the Serrano cabinet. Congress was concerned that the military would not accept deLeon, even though he won the tense election. Though Congress does not kowtow to the military, they have an unspoken veto power over elections.

Climate of Repression

Such is the political climate in which Guatemalans like Jose live. In the 1980's the army began forcing peasants to build model villages in which they must live, and to grow vegetables for export. The people had nothing of their own and could not even leave the villages without permission. These model villages are part of a scorched earth policy (first used in Vietnam) being enacted by the military. In order to separate guerillas from non-violent peasant, everyone was removed to a model village. Presumably, those who refused to go were guerillas. True villages were destroyed and massive defoliation occurred. To get at a few insurgents, the military chose to hurt everyone.

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The health of the student body

The abuse of sex, drugs, and alcohol

"I don't know why, but it seems that this semester I have seen more that the usual amount of extreme risk-taking behavior," says Marsha Davis, Director of Health Services. She cites that the rate of unwanted pregnancy this semester is

double the usual rate of four per semester. She says there is an increased interest in testing for sexually transmitted diseases (STD's) without a commensurate level of interest in adjusting behavior. Additionally, drug and alcohol experimentation, particularly among the first-year students, more frequently goes beyond misuse to serious abuse. In response, the Administration may commit itself tomorrow to a proposal by a group of students, headed by sophomore Sesame Lee, to hire a full-time drug and alcohol counselor and outreach educator.

"Some students are really courting tragedy," says Ms. Davis. She characterized some student behaviors as outright appalling, stepping beyond unfortunate lapses of judgment

toward doing things with potentially long-term and life-threatening consequences that she compares to "playing with a loaded gun." Some students are reportedly experimenting with heroin, cocaine, and prescription narcotics, and there have been multiple cases of blood-alcohol poisoning so far this year.

Ms. Davis says she recognizes that "students always take risks in college, and it's developmentally a time of experimenting, identity-building, and learning your limits." But she hopes that students can recognize the extreme behaviors that place their health and emotional well-being in jeopardy.

"I see a lot of students *not* practicing safer sex," she says. And for those who ask her if there are STD's at Bard, she wonders "what planet have you been on? Yes, there are STD's at Bard. I treat STD's every week at Bard." The most common STD's she sees here are chlamydia, herpes, and genital warts. She says that "there is serial monogamy at college, but over the course of years that becomes multiple partners, and there is some risk there."

"If you're having sex and a penis is involved, use a condom, properly," Ms. Davis says. And while

she notes that dental dams are less popular, she recommends their use in oral sex, particularly when between women. She has treated more than one case of herpes transmitted by oral sex.

1 out of every 250 nationally
"You can test all you want for HIV/AIDS, but it does not protect you one iota from the disease," says Ms. Davis. "I have students getting tested and re-tested. To me, that means that they're not changing behavior." She advocates HIV testing "when you realize that you took some risks, you want to change behavior, and you need the reassurance." But in continuing "crazy behavior," one might contract a disease that is both incurable and fatal. She says the only way not to get STD's "is to practice safer sex. It can be fun, it doesn't have to take away the erotic nature of sex... Just don't get drunk to the point of blacking out so that you don't know what you're doing."

"Not that many Bard students are having sober sex," she notes.

Professor John Fout, a member of Bard's AIDS Committee, says that "for the first time... a number of students want to be tested, and that's new. Also... heterosexual students now want to be tested,

which is also new."

"It appears at last that heterosexual students are realizing that they are at risk themselves," says Prof. Fout. "The recognition is that everyone is at risk if they have an active sex life, vaginal or oral."

Why not have testing on campus? Currently, HIV tests are free and by appointment only at Ulster County Health Department (338-9130), with free transportation provided by the Dean of Students Office. If testing began on campus, it would cost the college a significant amount of money, and would require an additional registered nurse on the staff. Also, when a person gets tested at the Health Department, it does not get recorded on their insurance record, but if a person got the test at Bard, the insurance company would have to know and the student's premium would jump. Additionally, confidentiality would be difficult to maintain with on-campus testing.

The AIDS committee will sponsor an upcoming, open panel discussion about testing and what is risky behavior. And, on December 2nd in the Bard Chapel, "This AIDS Thing," a theatrical performance written and directed by people with AIDS will be presented.

Narcotics and You

"The risk of accidental death is here at Bard," says Ms. Davis. She refers to the case of River Phoenix, who, it appears, mixed large doses of cocaine, alcohol and cold medicine. "By mixing hard core drugs and alcohol, students risk going unconscious and dying the same way."

"And what is the desire to get so out of touch with yourself? Is it self-hatred? Is it low self-esteem? Is it an experiment?... And what if someone drives?" Ms. Davis recalls that about five years ago, a young man left a Bard party and drove into a wall along River Road.

"I don't want to discount that college life is an intense and stressful time," she says, "but the tragedy of a lost life is so profound, and... [unless the patterns of behavior change] the chances of it happening remain too high."

Dean Shelley Morgan says that tomorrow the Administration may approve of an expanded program to deal with these issues on this campus.

"I have a lot of talks with students who are juniors and seniors about activities they did when they were first-year students," says Ms. Davis. "They all say how much of what they did they really regret."

Graphic violence

Mathematicians converge for Graph Theory Day

"One should not think mathematics and drive at the same time," remarked mathematician Margaret

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Cozzens in her presentation last Saturday as part of Graph Theory Day 26. "Cars seem to know how to drive themselves, but they do not know what exists to take."

Sponsored by the New York Academy of Sciences, Graph Theory Day is a twice-annual convention of mathematicians gathering to discuss their research and discoveries in the complex field of graph theory. Bard Mathematics Professors Mark Halsey and Peter Dolan were pleased to invite the twenty-sixth Graph Day to Bard College, and greeted a turnout of

over thirty professors, graduate students and professional researchers from across the Northeast.

Cozzens offered the first presentation of the day featuring her paper, "Stability Measures and Data Fusion Networks: Some Interesting Problems." Formerly affiliated with Northeastern University, Cozzens now works for the National Science Foundation as a coordinator of primary and secondary school math/science technology. Without going into the specialized mathematics of her lecture, Cozzens discussed a variety of problems and observations concerning graphs which have numerous practical applications in communication networks.

Mentioning the "transportation highway of communications" promised by President Clinton, Cozzens explained how graph

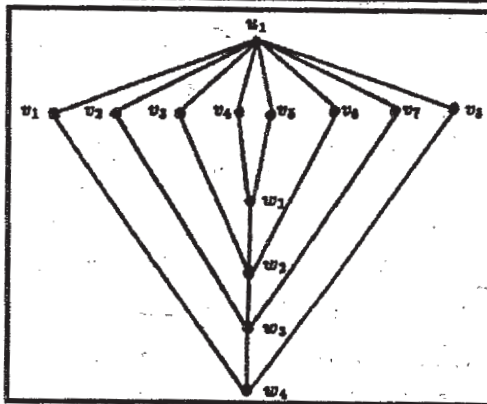
theory is used in the analysis of fiber-optic and satellite communications. Everything from local telephone networks to global transmissions of data are conveyed across a matrix governed by graph theory observations. "We don't just want to work on these problems for theoretical concerns alone, we need to look at their applicability," she said.

Utilizing graph theory, Cozzens and many others have investigated how to construct networks that will operate at maximum efficiency. These optimal designs also have to remain somewhat intact even if a part of the network breaks down; in mathematical terms, if one "neighborhood" is removed, will large components still remain? On paper these problems are difficult enough, but when physical complications like engineering problems or satellite antennas are con-

sidered, the innovations of graph theory become necessary yet incomplete.

"There are far more problems than there are people thinking about them," said Cozzens as she explained the "wide open" nature of these problems. "Wearing my other hat at NSF, I need to see how these networks are used in education," she commented. "By 1995, we could have connections in every school and museum, if we can efficiently make use of a system that will not collapse."

During the Graph Theory Notes Session, where conference participants were invited to present their own research, Rich Goldstone of Marist College offered a very dif-



ferent kind of network than what Cozzens was looking for. With his colleagues, Goldstone designed a neighborhood connection for "Cayley Graphs of Abelian Groups." In his own words: "How to design incredibly expensive and fantastically unstable structures." Goldstone's "horrible network"

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Dead Goat Notes

The Observer takes no responsibility for this column, the opinions herein or its effect on small children and animals.

Nothing gives a person a sense of appreciation for the Bard Library like a senior project. Sure it's lacking in sources, the books you need are always gone, and the security system goes off at odd yet frequent intervals, but that's what makes it such a great place to procrastinate!

The coolest part of the new library are the new computers. I discovered the part where you can send messages to the strange and mysterious Library Overlords through them. At first I put funny messages in like "Change the decor outside. It looks awful. Sincerely, Helen Keller." One of the goofy things I did was to request that the library acquire *Batman: Year One*, a graphic novel by Frank Miller. I thought for sure the serious and mysterious Library Overlords would reject that.

"Ha, a silly, puny mortal wants us to defile our temple of literature with a mere comic book. Let us inflate his overdue book charges."

However, a few weeks later I discovered that the enigmatic Library Overlords were actually benevolent. They sent me a note in campus mail notifying me that my request had been granted and that no sacrifices were required. It was then that I realized the library computer catalog was all powerful and all good. I began to serve it with reverence. I venerated it. I sacrificed to it. Perhaps you've noticed the goat guts.

In return, the computer has granted me access to divine knowledge. For instance, I asked it the important questions of our age and it gave me the answer in terms of number of entries. There is only one true Overlord of the Library, and the computer is its prophet. For instance, I asked it which was more important church or state. Church lost with 542 entries to 1296 for state.

The computer was able to solve many of the controversies of humanity. For instance, a central problem in philosophy is whether or not Aristotle is better than Plato. The Library Overlords say Aristotle 78, Plato 95. If Philosophy were a Mortal Combat game, then Plato Wins! Freud beats Jung by 119 entries to 29. Surprisingly, Hitler beats Elvis Presley 95 entries

to 2, but Jesus is clearly in the lead with 250 entries to his name. The jury is apparently still out on whether Kirk was a better captain than Picard.

As economic philosophies go, Capitalism beats Communism 196 to 137. This was no surprise to me. Neither was the fact that war beat peace big time, 1508 entries to 552. Perhaps peace should get trickier and nastier like war is.

The battle of the sexes is pretty overmatched according to the computer. Men have 627 entries, women have 3148. Likewise, minorities have 38 entries, while the majority has 24. This brings up a curious question. If men are outnumbered and the majority is actually in the minority, then just how oppressed are these so called victim groups? Perhaps they've been putting us on all these years. I think that the Library Overlords have made a pretty good case against affirmative action.

I also consulted the Library Overlord's Oracle on a few controversies that are somewhat smaller in scale. For instance, paper is better than plastic by 225 entries to 13.

Food has 256 entries in our library, sex has 1187. Therefore, sex is 436% more important than food. This was a revelation to me, but I see that most of the campus has changed their habits accordingly. Of course, the next question on my mind was a controversy on this campus a little over a year ago. We now know definitively that S/M is better than vanilla five entries to zip. That's not much of a margin, however, so there must be something better out there. What it is, we don't know yet, but keep experimenting.

The Library Overlords certainly know, but they do not tell all. When I typed in "Freemasons" under keyword search, it told me, "FREEMASONS is in 1 title. Record using FREEMASONS are for library staff only." That certainly lends some credence to the Freemason conspiracy theory doesn't it? Great and powerful are the Library Overlords, let us not offend them.

By the way, the Oracle in the Library told me one other thing. This is very important. It said that "History will remember who stood for the locking of the dorms and who stood against it. There will come a reckoning."



Greg Giacco

Featured Columnist

Shameless Filler!

In case you missed it, last week I was bitching and moaning about the bleakness of my future prospects, and I'm sure you were just dripping with sympathy for me, too. Leaving aside the issues of my uncertain present, I decided dwelling on the future was an ordeal that, once determined too big to face, I could easily push aside and worry about more immediate and important things. Oh, like, whether or not to put my left sock on first or my right sock.

Very soon after this scary epiphany, I was reminded by someone very close to me that I was, am and will always be a clever, inventive and resourceful young man. Except that in the future I won't be young anymore; that's the only part of the equation which won't hold. Don't sell your talents short, Gilman, was the message, and I decided that a good, old-fashioned brainstorm was in order. One which would inspire visions of financial security without sacrificing prime amounts of free time. Not unlike my current academic situation.

Now, I realize that some of the following ideas may seem a little far-fetched, but keep in mind that I'm only sharing the bare minimum with you here. All right, you're only getting a taste of the frivolous this time (which is nothing new). Maybe I have some intricate schemes up my sleeves that I'm not prepared to unleash on an unsuspecting and devious, idea-stealing public such as we have here at Bard. Enticing schemes have a habit of finding their way into other people's minds sometimes. Yeah, maybe I have such schemes, or maybe I'm just covering for the fact that these schemes were entertained merely for the humorous quality of a semi-successful weekly column in a two-bit college rag. Either way, the ideas that follow aren't meant to be taken too seriously, unless, of course, you have some kind of financial backing you'd like to bestow on me. Reasonable offers will be entertained; no solicitations, please.

A very successful book on the subject of career success is the overly-optimistic tome, *Do What You Love, The Money Will Follow*. Well, that's all very cheery, now, but what if what you love doing is something for which there is no market? Honestly, I wouldn't mind hanging around all day with Chris Meinck, Andy Costell and Aaron McCormick quoting random lines from old episodes of Saturday Night Live and

the Ren and Stimpy Show. If someone wants to pay me to sound like an asthma hound, I'll gladly take the money from their hands. But who would find any truly redeeming value from such an occupation besides the people involved? And Chris, Aaron, Andy and I can't all pay each other. We've tried it, it doesn't work. Eventually Andy needs to buy Ramen Noodles. That's a loss right there. Becoming involved in a self-sufficient collective is only viable when one produces something you can actually live on. But, hey, maybe with some bright marketing schemes, we could bill ourselves as Recycle-comics: eco-friendly humor.

The allure of 900 numbers presents possibilities as well. The job is simple: act on

the phone. I've got one brilliant idea that nobody has, as yet, tapped into: Dial-A-Mime. "Okay, now, I'm in a box. And it's really, really small. And, the funny thing is, the walls are pretty much invisible. So, I'm kinda feeling around the sides here...okay, here's a corner...whoa! It's crushing me! All right, now I'm pulling on this invisible rope, and there's this great big invisible beastie tied to the other end of it...it really doesn't want me to pull it...okay, I got it...whoops! It pulled

me right off my feet! Thanks for calling!" The most shrewd use of a 900 number has to be the one that ESPN used a few years back. They were conducting a telephone poll to gauge the public's reaction to the "instant replay" rule in Pro Football. They had three numbers up, one "For," one "Against," and one "Undecided." And the results were sort of evenly spread out, almost 30% each. And this was a nationwide telephone poll! Do you realize what that means? Somewhere around three thousand people actually spent \$1.50 just to call in and tell someone they were undecided about an issue. What a windfall! That gave me the idea for 1-900-NO-COMMENT. You call up, and for \$3.00 a minute you can leave a recording telling us why you couldn't care less about a vital issue of the day. I would assure the caller that I'd pass along the lack of comment to someone who has something to do with whatever it was you spoke about. Really. Not because I'm lazy, money grubbing scum, oh, no. But because I care about your apathy.

In which another Shameless Filler is finished just before the deadline, dammit.



Happy Thanksgiving to all!

A page of unedited observations by guest writers

by Matt Gilman

unbard love

by Sean O'Neill

Two young mensit in a car outside Manor Annex.

"If she keeps rattling at my door one more night, I'm going to have to call Security," says James.

"You've been talking about her for twenty minutes," says Basil. "That girl Alabama's stupid cat. I've got real problems to worry about. I have to work my way back into Nadine's heart by getting her best friend to talk to me. I thought you said Minh lives here. You said she goes out jogging regularly."

"That's what she told me. Obviously, she ain't going to show up."

"I'll drive you back to Stone Row," says Basil, starting the car. "I give up."

"Sorry I wasn't any help."

They drive out of the parking lot.

"What are you going to do now, James?"

"Go to the gym to work out before dinner."

"I'm always scared of that fitness center, because I don't know what equipment's supposed to do what."

"It's simple," says James, pointing to various parts of the body as he speaks. "Leg presses work gluteal muscles, bench press tax the muscles in the chest and backs of the arms, and pull-downs are great for building the biceps and back muscles."

"I don't believe it!" shouts Basil.

"But it's true," he says.

"No, James. That's her! In the black shirt and shorts." He slams down on the car breaks. It halts before the two joggers. They jump out of the car.

"Hi, Minh," says Basil.

"Hi, Minh," says James. "Nice calves."

"Hello," says Minh. "This is my friend, Meg."

"What's up, my man?" says Meg, putting out her hand.

"I, uh, lost my cat," says Basil. "I think it's sick, and it's lost its way. It's a grey tabby with a black collar on it. Have you seen it?"

"No," says Minh.

"Well, I live in Robbins," says Basil. "let me write down my room number for you."

"I didn't know you jogged, Meg," says James.

"Well," says Meg. "Minh, here, has been introducing me to the fundamentals of exercise. She's a fine athlete. I'm already worn out, trying to keep up to her."

"If I see your cat, Basil, I'll bring it to your room, if I can," says Minh.

"Great, I'd really appreciate that. Thanks a lot. Come on, James. Bye!"

"Bye, Minh. Meg."

"See ya."

Basil and James speed off. The joggers resume their run.

"Now as I was saying, Minh, before those boys rudely interrupted, about the American flag. Do you know what the colors of the flag stand for?"

"No, Meg," she says. "What do they

stand for?"

"Red, for all the blood shed by victims of anti-minority violence. Blue, for all the swollen skin of rape victims. White, for the skin color of the power-brokers and the judges."

"And the stripes, for prison bars?" says Minh.

"Ve-ry good, Minh," says Meg. "It's nice to meet someone on this campus who is culturally-aware."

"Thanks," says Minh.

Meanwhile, back at Stone Row.

"I need the cat," repeats Basil. "Where is that damned cat?"

"It's funny how it's not around when you need it," says James. "But, heh, why do you need it?"

"You said it was Alabama's cat that's been making all the noise, didn't you? This is Alabama's room."

Basil looks under her bed.

"Here, little kitty. Basil is going to take you for a little ride and bring you back, and Alabama will never know. Here, you little furball."

"Your roommate would get a kick out of watching this," says James.

"Colby couldn't care less. He's been in a bad mood all week. I told him I broke up with Betsy finally, and he didn't say anything. I thought he'd be glad I wouldn't be tying up the phone lines to Nebraska anymore. Gotcha!"

Basil has the cat.

Later on, near the Admissions Office, the two joggers are still running.

"Now, as you are well aware," says Meg. "Anglo-America makes up seventy-percent of the population. And 70% of the population is not going to admonish itself. Hence, I have a mandate to criticize them, because if I don't, who will?"

"I don't know," says Minh. "That's a good question."

"In order to fight the oppressors, who wish to deny us our identity, we have to be more that in touch with our heritage, we have to proclaim our heritage. Do you see what I'm getting at?"

"I think so."

"Now, Minh, I have noticed that you haven't been regularly attending our organization's meetings. I realize that you have a busy life."

She says nothing.

"I also realize that your background is of both Dutch and Chinese descent."

They stop jogging. "Meg, as much as I sympathize with the cause of Scottish Country Dancing, and the moral imperative of defending a culture that's being homogenized . . . Wait, what's that over there? Meg, isn't that the cat the guy was looking for?"

"Yeah, it matches the description."

"Here, kitty, kitty. Come to Minh. Are you feeling sick?"

As the cat cautiously walks over, a pick-up truck swerves around the bend.

"Oh, my goodness! Stop! Oh no! . . ."

Taking Responsibility

Nicaragua, The School Supply Drive, and Sister Cities

by Brent Armendinger

Beginning today (Wednesday, November 17) and continuing through next Tuesday, The Bard chapter of the Mid-Hudson (U.S.)— Larreynaga (Nicaragua) Sister Cities Project will be collecting money in Kline during lunch and dinner for school supplies for the Larreynaga school. You can buy certificates which state what supplies you want your money to fund. Sister Cities is committed, through programs such as the current drive for school supplies, to create a relationship of peace, understanding, and solidarity between people of these two countries to bring about the kind of development and change the people of Nicaragua want for themselves. It is about caring about others who share the world community we belong to, as well as taking responsibility for actions our own country has taken that have been damaging to that community. Please read on to learn more about Nicaragua and why our understanding and actions are so urgently needed.

Despite a long history of U.S. occupation to keep upper-class parties in power and U.S. support of the Somozan dictatorship and its countless human rights abuses, the people of Nicaragua forged their own hopeful, independent democracy on July 19, 1979 when the Sandinista revolutionaries took over the capital of Managua. Finally, the problems of a people forgotten by those in power for so long were beginning to be addressed, by themselves (i.e. health care, education, employment, free party policies). In addition to the immense political obstacles they encountered in governing a nation one ruled by one man, they also had to face the Contra War, financed by the U.S. under Reagan, where ex-Somozan soldiers fought the new government for their privileges and land back. Eventually, it was the very democracy of the Sandinistas that did them in—because they allowed any party to participate in the elections, they lost to the right-wing UNO party headed by Violeta Chamorro (and strongly funded by the U.S.) in 1990.

Though Chamorro is surely no Somoza, the Nicaraguan people are now suffering for their revolution, as if they had not suffered enough. The situation is mainly grim in Nicaragua today. The intense poverty is illustrated on the streets of the country, where a couple years ago you could see only one kid on a corner begging for food and trying to sell you useless plastic goods, there are now at least 5. This is one result of the privatization of the economy, leaving no money to fulfill promises of social services, school, and health care. The government won't even pay for the fuel to send patients to Cuba, which has volunteered to help but now cannot because of the U.S. embargo. In Nicaragua, sugar cane workers are striking, responding to broken promises of land from the privatization. In a very real sense, the people of Nicaragua have been betrayed.

Violence is also high in Nicaragua, though we rarely hear of it here. Many Contras are active again now called "Recontras." Also active are wealthy landowners who once supported Somoza and now want back their old possessions and power. The Chamorro government has tried to mediate, but without much luck. Only the revolutionary "Recompas" have made efforts to disarm in exchange for an amnesty program, while the Recontras are refusing to follow suit.

What hope is there for this impoverished, war-torn nation? The U.S. is stalling on giving much-needed aid to Nicaragua with a complicated bill full of harsh conditions, but there is still hope. The revolution is still very much alive in Nicaragua, though the people are tired. One hope they have right now is from grassroots movements like Sister Cities, working for self-empowerment of the Nicaraguan people by funding projects they themselves generate, educating in the U.S., and responding to the actions of both governments. Larreynaga, our sister city, desperately needs jobs, decent housing, and affordable health care system, and better schools. The people of Larreynaga need us to know them as just that—people who are not faceless, people who need both our friendship and our understanding that real lives are affected by the conditions around them. Please don't turn your backs on the people in our sister city—learn more about Nicaragua, support our drive for school supplies in the upcoming week, and remember all are always welcome at our meetings—the next one will be Friday, December 3 at 5:15pm in a Kline room.

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White Supremacist Organization in the Hudson Valley Region

by Shelleen Greene

Within recent months there has been increased visibility of White Supremacist organizations in the Hudson Valley region. In the months of September through November alone, there have been major Nazi, Klan and anti-gay rallies in the Mid-Hudson area. These however are not unusual occurrences being that there has been a history of Klan and other aryan militant groups in the region. The Hudson Valley, after decades of fluctuation, is becoming a major area of White Supremacist activity.

The Anti-defamation league, along with investigating White Supremacist activity in the Hudson Valley region, has issued status reports on the Klu Klux Klan and their younger offspring, the neo-Nazi Skinheads. The Klu Klux Klan according to the ADL status report, suffered a "decade-long decline in strength" during the 1980's. However, with the "onset of new social and economic problems in the country", KKK membership is on the rise.

The decline during the eighties from a membership of approximately 11,500 in 1981 to an estimated 5,500 in 1988 was also caused by implications of Klan violence across the country and numerous "convictions and stiff sentences given the participants." Another factor in the decline of Klan membership was the departure of three important leaders, Robert Shelton, David Duke and Bill Wilkinson. Increased factionalism and a tendency to create smaller groups also contributed to the demise in the 1980's. Today, the two mainstays of the KKK are the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Klu; Klux Klan, located in North Carolina and headed by James Farrands, and the Knights of the KKK centered in Arkansas and led by Thom Robb.

The ADL status report on the Klu Klux Klan found that the area of greatest Klan growth in 1991-1992 period had been "the Mid-Hudson Valley, especially in Orange and Dutchess Counties." White supremacist groups associated with the KKK can still be found in "Wappingers Falls, Middletown, Poughkeepsie, Buffalo, Queens and Yonkers." The leaders of the New York State Invisible Empire are Grand Dragon William Hoff and Grand Knighthawk John Ellis.

The Hudson Valley region has historically been an area of poor race relations. In the 1920's and '30's, there was high Klan activity against Jews, Blacks and Catholics. On September 10, 1974, Roy Diniro signed incorporation papers establishing the "Independent Northern Klan" in the region. Mr. Diniro eventually left the organization and stated that it had "dissolved". From 1974 to 1980 however, the SUNDAY FREEMAN reported that the Northern Klu Klux Klan was headed by Mr. Earl F. Schoonmaker, Jr., a former officer at the Eastern Correctional Facility in Napanoch, his wife, June and Glen Wilkinson. The early and mid-eighties marked a low period of Klan visibility until the 1987 Tawana

Brawley case.

Through a series of articles published by the DAILY FREEMAN, a recent period of high racial tensions and white supremacist visibility was in 1987. On November 24 of that year, Tawana Brawley, a fifteen-year old black female from Wappingers Falls was abducted. Found with racial slurs and "KKK" scrawled on her body, Brawley claimed that she was abducted and attacked by white police officers. Within a month of the incident, the Mid-Hudson Valley Civic Center, the Rainbow Coalition and the Dutchess County Committee Against Racism requested a special prosecutor to investigate Klan Activity in the Ulster County Police department.

The DAILY FREEMAN reported in December 1987 that Dutchess County District Attorney, William V. Grady claimed after a preliminary investigation, that there was "an active Klu Klux Klan in the Mid-Hudson region." Immediately after claiming this however, Attorney Grady retracted his statement, saying, "that is not correct, that is an error...no party affiliation (has been confirmed). The question of whether the KKK was involved in the Brawley incident led to further inquiries into the actual existence of the KKK in the Hudson Valley region.

By mid-December, rallies were being led by Reverend Al Sharpton and Louis Farrakan in protest against the handling of the case. Other racial incidents were now being brought to media attention because of the Brawley case. The Orange County police department was being attacked because of supposedly high numbers of false arrests of minorities. In Peekskill, claims were being made of black inmates being harassed by men with white sheets on their heads. In Kingston, anti-semitic slurs were found on synagogues. In New York City, the Howard Beach incident was being referred to in relation to the Brawley case. Police departments in the Hudson Valley area feared that protests in the form of civil disobedience would turn into riots. The Imperial Wizard of the Klu Klux Klan, James Farrands, claimed no involvement on the part of the KKK and called for justice to be served.

Organizations that specialized in the surveillance of White Supremacist activity in the country, such as the Center for Democratic Renewal and the Anti-Defamation League, were called in to estimate the situation. Although these groups found no White Supremacist activities to be behind the Brawley situation, they did not deny the existence of the Invisible empire in the Hudson Valley. The Tawana Brawley case was eventually dismissed after a Grand Jury investigation found her claims to be false.

The HUDSON HORNET a reactionary newspaper which is supposedly supported by the Klu Klux Klan, wrote extensively on the Brawley case during its initial months. In a 1992 response to the controversy over the Tawana Brawley case, the paper stated

that non-conservatives have "[attempted] to prove somehow that Tawana did not actually lie, or if she did, there was perhaps some Overall Great Truth that we conservatives fail to see...Tawana was bad news all around."

Reports of Klan activity from around 1989 towards the present have been few and far between. Articles by the Daily Freeman reports of the distribution of THE KLANSMAN in Clinton, Stanford and La Grange, New York. In October, 1989, the head of the Indiana Klu Klux Klan, Douglas Tuttle was arrested in East Fishkill and charged "with felony land misdemeanor weapons possession counts after police found a handgun and a club in his car." The visit of James Farrands to the Poughkeepsie incarceration facility where Tuttle was held sparked a protest in which two demonstrators were arrested.

Another incident was the September 29, 1990 New York Klan march. It was the first time in recent history that the Klan in New York State marched in full costume. The march, consisting of twenty-six KKK members, was in protest to a controversy over separation of church and state involving a crucifix displayed in a Schuylerville public high school. The march, as reported by THE KLANSMAN, a publication issued by the Invisible Empire, was led by Grand Dragon William Hoff who stated that the Klan's intent was to "walk from the high school to the Colonial War Monument." The paper goes on to state that "the Klan was well prepared and they had the protection of both State and County police. This march turned out to be better than ten rallies for the Realm of New York.

One of the most public denunciations of Klan activity in the Mid-Hudson region came in the form of a protest to combat the distribution of White supremacist literature in Dutchess County. THE FREEMAN reported in October 1989, that the Dutchess County Executive, Lucille Pattison along with the Legislature Chairman Harry Shroeder issued "a joint statement denouncing the Klu Klux Klan." Executive Pattison stated that in calling for the resolution, "we urge every citizen in Dutchess County to make clear that we do not want the Klan. We denounce its message of

hatred." In response to the calling for the resolution, THE KLANSMAN published an editorial written by William Hoff, Grand Dragon of New York. Concerning the resolution Hoff stated, "The so-called 'resolution' was the City Council's grave mistake for, unknown to them, the audience contained former members of the now disbanded United Klans of America. Upon their departure from Council Chambers, these patriots decided to become active again by joining the Invisible Empire...Prior to that city council meeting our organization had few Klansmen in the vicinity of Rochester; due to the foolishness of its City Council, our members have grown dramatically." —

Recent white supremacist activities include a September 1992 march in Newburg, New York, a "March for White Power" in Auburn on September 25, 1993, a march in New Paltz and a "Gay Bash '93" in New Hope. The Independent Democratic Revolutionary Organization, headed by Gabriel Miller has been campaigning against White supremacist groups within the Hudson Valley area. The Democratic Revolutionary Organization maintains a radical leftist perspective, is concerned with addressing immediate issues and holds the ideal of theory and practice working together to bring about its goal. The organization's Anti-Klan work force has gathered information from local news sources in the Hudson Valley and Poughkeepsie area. The organization also receives information from community activists such as Paul Gertzowitz, who runs a cultural center in High Falls, New York. The sources will be available to the campus in a Reading Room the DRO is establishing in the Tewksbury basement.

A flyer that was distributed during the New Paltz march represents the attitude of the community activists who fight against white supremacy in the Hudson Valley region: "Not only do hate groups terrorize people directly, they also help legitimize and strengthen "mainstream" forms of oppression and bigotry,...Fascists give raw, open expression to violence deeply rooted in US society. Anti-fascist resistance means confronting the immediate danger, but also its underlying causes."

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Questions, problems? Talk to Zoltan or Gabor.

What they did to Dumas

Somewhere in France, there is a rumble beneath the earth, and it is most certainly Alexandre Dumas spinning in his grave. Actually, the new Disney release of *The Three Musketeers* has very little to do with the Dumas novel; sure, the skeletal story is the same, vaguely, but it's all been softened so much that the best qualities of it are lost. This may not matter to many younger viewers, who only know the three musketeers from other, older films or from the wrapper of the candy bar, but for literary types, sitting through a movie like this can be sheer hell.

It wouldn't be so bad if they'd managed to depart from the Dumas story in a clever way, or even a satirical one, but what happens here is a sort of a modernizing, a weird kind of simplifying - the plot and characters are all reduced to fit vaguely stereotypical roles, presumably to make it all easier to follow for modern, unthinking audiences. Basically, we have the evil

cardinal Richileu (played quite well by Tim Curry) who wants to undermine the power of the king (played by a ridiculous Davy Jones lookalike). His first move in doing this is to disband the musketeers, the king's honor guard. Three of the musketeers, however, refuse to heed the order to disband; they get wind of Richileu's plot to betray the king and fight to stop him and his treacherous spies. Okay, I suppose it could be worse - even a cheap, simplified imitation of the Dumas plot is better than a lot of adventure movies being made today.

But it gets worse. The three musketeers--Athos, Porthos, and Aramis--are played by Charlie Sheen, Kiefer Sutherland, and Oliver Platt. These originally interesting characters have, through the magic of Disney, been reduced to one line stereotypes (Sheen the romantic poet, Platt the wiseass, and Sutherland the quiet brooding one). This is tragic enough, but when you throw in the fair haired, blue eyed D'artagnan, played wide-eyedly by Chris O'Donnell, and then there's the "strong woman villain" played blandly by Rebecca DeMornay (it's not her fault, though - the character was written

blandly)....well, Dumas just keeps on spinning. It's not that the actors do badly in their roles as such, it's more what they've been given to work with - there just wasn't a lot of care taken in writing this film, it seems; the dialogue has nothing to establish it in a time period or place, and the regional accents of the cast are too varied (even bad French accents would have been something....). Basically, even for the lesser actors it's pretty much a case of wasted talent. Which is all really ashamed, because if any recent movie could have been good--well, this one had so much potential...

But hey, to be perfectly honest, it's actually a really fun movie to see - there's some pretty good dueling scenes, lots of cheesy sight gags and witty repartee, some nasty looking bad guys, and Tim Curry strides through it all looking like he wants to sodomize everyone. The scenery is lovely and the costumes are pretty cool, etc. It's a good time and lots of laughs, but for all the wrong reasons - they've taken a classic and made it into what passes as a decent B movie. Forget the evil cardinal; someone go out and avenge us against the commercial film industry.

These films are being presented this weekend by the Film Committee in the Old Gym

Madame the Gypsy Queen's Weekly Horoscope

Aries (Mar.21-Apr.19): You want to relax, since lately you've been under a lot of stress. Remember, it's good to take a vacation, but also good to be back, so plan accordingly!

Taurus (Apr.20-May 20): The trendy way that others have of doing, being and wearing the right thing is wearing thin for people like yourself who don't want to just fit in.

Gemini (May21-Jun.21): What is this thing called love anyway? Do not let your heart be broken when your sanity is on the line.

Cancer (Jun.21-Jul.21): It is unlikely that you will find relief from your responsibilities soon, so instead you should treat someone you love (or even just like) to a special night.

Leo (Jul.22-Aug.22): The reason that you are in such a tight spot right now is that you refuse to properly spend your time. You should prioritize the things you need to do, and wait to do the unimportant things.

Virgo (Aug.23-Sept.22): The last few days have been rather hectic for you and now you will find relief in introspection, if relief is to be found at all.

Libra (Sept.23-Oct.23): You are at times too demanding of your friends. Even though you are there for your friends, they can't always be there for you, so don't take it personally.

Scorpio (Oct.24-Nov.21): Analytical thought will come in handy when you are trying to figure out your problems.

Sagittarius (Nov.22-Dec.21): Hasty decisions can make you feel unhappy later, so be wise in choosing mates, jobs or other lasting decisions.

Capricorn (Dec.22-Jan.19): There are few things which will bother you this week, so you should take it easy, and attend extra activities that will bring you enjoyment.

Aquarius (Jan.20-Feb.18): Your time and energy will be appreciated this week by someone close to you. If you can't choose what to do, look to a friend for advice.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20): This week is a hard one for you because of the favoritism within your department. You will be surprised at the amount of politics which are damaging your studies.

Refugee continued

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Approximately 300,000 peasants fled to Chiapas, Mexico, which borders Guatemala. Though supported in Mexico, the refugees have encountered many difficulties over the past ten years. They were not encouraged to enter the Mexican work force and could not leave the settlements they formed there. The United Nations High Committee on Refugees sent medicine and supplies, but aid was eventually cut off. The Guatemalan army also repeatedly invaded the refugee camps and killed people.

Though there are 22 different languages among the indigenous Guatemalans, the refugees united for the common good, forming the CCRP. The members were elected in the individual camps, and everyone sent letters to the UNHCR expressing support for the group. The UN and the Mexican Refugee Commission oversaw the process. The 72 member group helps the community solve its problems, for example teaching the children to read and write. Trying not to be taken over by the UN, it also negotiates the return of refugees with the Guatemalan government. After five years of negotiations, ac-

ords were signed October 8, 1992 with the government granting rights to the repatriates. The carrying out of this agreement is to be overseen by the Organization of American States and various church and human rights organizations.

The first block of refugees returned January 20, 1993. On arrival, they worked for survival - to reconstruct social groups to help women, health care, human rights interests and children. They hope to establish conditions for security through these constructions, and to participate in the struggle for a just society in Guatemala. Said Jose, "This is a great historic moment for the refugees."

Next Monday, 239 families (consisting of about 1,844 individuals) will return and on January 10 next year, another 229 families will go to a farm in the western part of the country. In 1994, 22 groups will also return to negotiate more details. Long term plans, however, are shaky because the political situation is so unstable. Purging the three branches of government, and cleaning up or doing away with the military seems the only way to make a real democracy. Though this goal

is rather idealistic, the CCRP wants representation in all the decisions affecting life in Guatemala.

Meanwhile, the military talks about human rights and refuses to admit knowledge of the massacres. The people are not fooled, and are certain that the military is guilty of many atrocities. UNHCR has a one year commitment after the returns to supply food and medicine, and have a continuing commitment in the area of human rights. Beyond that, little is certain.

The world's attention is focused on Guatemala now because Rigoberta Menchu won the Nobel Peace Prize, and El Salvador and Nicaragua have been democratizing under the supervision of the UN. As the CCRP helps the Guatemalan refugees improve their situation, one can only hope that the progresses go forward in such a volatile climate. According to McConnell, there will be no quick progress. Perhaps the current President will finish his term, perhaps negotiations between guerillas and the government will yield results, as did their refugee predecessors. "Now is as good a time as any in Guatemala," she said, indicating that in the long run that might not mean much.

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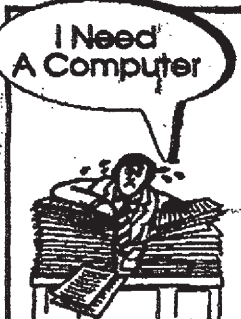
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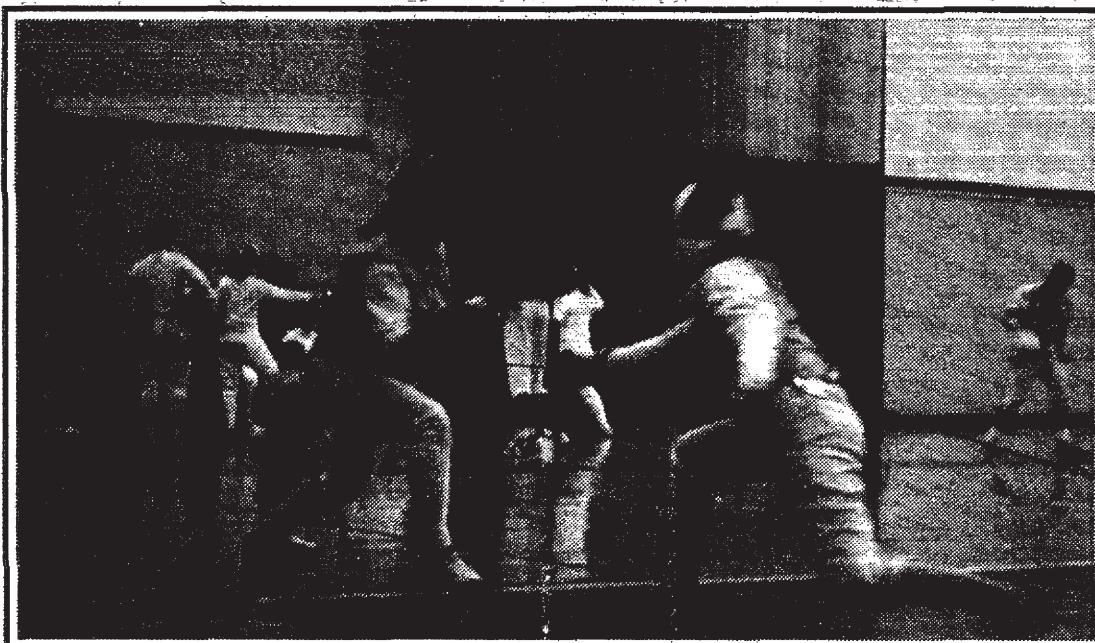
Snugger-than-snug fit

Well, anyway, this last Saturday, lots of people, even some you may know, shed their typical

drab black garb in favor of strangely cloxoxed duds with a snugger-than-snug fit, strapped on a comely lame vest which

was wired for electricity, picked up long, phallic metal objects, faced people from other schools similarly dressed and waved their various objects at one another. The technocrats say it's "functional." The elite among us call it "fencing."

Yes, the fencing season started up this weekend, and the men's and women's teams pitted their homespun style against the weapons masters and methodologists transformed out of slightly confused youth of the U. S. Military Academy who are molded into fine, upstanding young women and men at nearby West Point. As you may recall from the helpful columns penned by Mr. Daniel Kurnit last year, fencers compete against one another in one of three weapons types: foil, sabre and epee. Bard's



men's team hefted all three weapons of destruction against the Military folk. In the foil competition, Bard's men took four of the nine matches, barely losing. Todd Hefner defeated all three of his opponents, and Kapil Gupta out-touched his first opponent. Bard was on the short end of a 5-4 score again in the sabre, featuring victories by Will Hayden, Benjamin Epstein, and two wins by Stephen Stephens. Jim

Puljanowski was the only Bard fencer able to take a match in the epee weapon round, and in the end, the Bard men fell to West Point by an overall score of 9-18. The women's team also faced the U.S. Military Academy, competing only in the foil weapon type. In a four-person rotation, the Bard team took seven of the sixteen matches, barely losing by an overall score of 7-9. Nicole Grimes, Angela Jancius and Amy

Pfeffer all split their matches 2-2, while Sarah Granett took one of her four matches. Later in the afternoon, the women's team faced the women fencers of Vassar College. Amy Pfeffer and Nicole Grimes took two apiece of their four matches, but that was all the women could do against Vassar. Bard fell by a final score of 12-4. Intramurals The fall intramurals, chock full

of goofiness and violence (not to mention sportsmanship and competitiveness) finished up the first week of their seasons last Thursday. In floor hockey, the Mother Puckers out hockied Doug's Bruins by a score of 6-2. Keeping in the plucky puck vein, the Mighty Pucks fell to the non-puck related Weed Wackers four goals to one.

In Volleyball, fun was had by all, except for the teams that didn't play. While you figure out that odd comment, I shall relay the results of the matches that did occur. Multicultural Attack hefted their PC play twice on the evening, first facing the assorted employees of Bard who compete under the catchall title of Dirty Dogs. The 'Dogs came back from the brink of defeat to steal a match against the 'Attack by a score of 9-15, 15-11, 15-12.

Then the Zen-sport high-weirdness collective known as But Am It Art? stormed the court and was hastily brushed aside by an increasingly perturbed and confounded Multicultural Attack team 15-4, 15-7. However, the team was seen scratching their heads as they left the court. But Am It Art? accomplished their mission. Their work here is done...for now.

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Attention anyone interested in joining the

Men's Varsity
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There will be a practice
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Write now

by Sean O'Neill

There are two forms of publication on campus: newspaper and journal. And I promise you that among one of these publications — *The Observer*, *Lynda*, *The Bard Papers*, *The Bard Journal of Social Sciences*, *The Freck Republic*, *Fiction Skin*, *Infrastructure*, or *The Preston Review* — there is a decent place for you to share your creativity. I urge you to submit some of your work to these publications, not to make the editors look good, but to share your insights and creativity for your own benefit, and for the pleasure your work is certain to give some other readers.

Admittedly, it takes some stamina (and a touch of arrogance) to contribute to campus publications because a writer can be assured that her or his piece will be criticized by a few people on the campus, and then will be trashed, literally, by everyone. However, only through subjecting your work to the scrutiny of one of the most diverse, clever and opinionated groups of youth in America can you grow as a writer, a photographer, an editor, etc. (Corny but true).

In the case of the *Observer*, everyone on campus has at one time or another imagined that they were editor-in-chief and how much improved the newspaper would be under their leadership. Yet most people fail to share their writings with the rest of the campus readership.

Every piece in this newspaper will likely make some reader cringe and another reader smile. And our disposable prose style (some grouches would say *too* disposable) angers and amuses, teases and flatters the readers in the here and now, every week, as compared with the various journals' Greek god style of descending occasionally amongst us mortals to impress us with the good taste of their offerings.

We all know there are some very talented people on this campus, and we know that few of them contribute to the campus publications. With all of the Literature and Social Science majors on this campus, one would think the student press would be overflowing with imaginative talent. Poor drama/dance majors, artists, and photographers, unlike writers, are required to present their performances — with all their flaws and triumphs — to the public. Why do writers frequently pretend that they are not writing with the intention of having their thoughts and insights be read?

For those proud writers who think that the newspaper is beneath them, I encourage you to submit your pieces to the journals. Please do not use the excuse that you forgot to send something in when the deadlines are passed. If it's a classy, glossy form that you want your work in, the journals on this campus are *par excellence*. And if it's the thrill of print you long for without the sense of permanency, Bard's newspapers are an unbeatable forum, with passionate readers who will judge and then promptly forget about you.

Newspapers are messy. The ink rubs off on our hands and the thoughts rub off on our minds. Newspapers contain silly sentences like that last one. They are a mirror of ourselves. So, please, come get dirty with us. Just once at least. Try it out, send us something. Do it once, and if you dislike it, we won't bother you again. Do it once, like it, and we still won't pester you for more. Ask yourself, was there any event you went to last week that you were enthusiastic enough about that you discussed it with a friend? Could you consider sending in a written piece on it to the *Observer*, at the weekly writers meetings, or through campus mail to "The Observer" if you loathe us, the editors.

Remember, there is no magic in making a publication. Just students.

Let's get a few things straight

by Jeana C. Breton

I have come to realize, much to my dismay, as the Editor-in-Chief of this publication, that there is still a large majority of students here at Bard who have many misconceptions about the *Observer*. Maybe this is because I have always taken for granted that what I know to be true, everyone else knew to be true as well. I, however, should have figured out by now that one should never assume anything. Having reached this realization, I feel it is about time that I inform the community of what is and isn't so in relation to this campus' newspaper.

One of the greatest misconceptions about the *Observer* is that we would require a smaller budget if we did not give a copy every week to every student regardless of whether or not s/he wanted it or would read it. This is not true. The reason lies in another misconception — that the *Observer* is printed right on campus and that the Editor-in-Chief can control how many copies are printed each week.

Although I wish that the *Observer* had the capability to print on its own (and I feel that having a printing press on campus would increase the prestige of this college), it just isn't so. Therefore, the founders of this newspaper were forced to look elsewhere in order to come out in actual newsprint. They found the *Register Star* in Hudson to be the closest, cheapest and most reliable option, and it still is. The Editor-in-Chief does have some say over how many copies of an issue that the *Register Star* will print each week, but the *Register Star* charges more for the fewer copies they print because it simply is not worth it to them to fire up their big printing press for only a couple hundred copies. If Bard were bigger, and the *Observer* had a larger distribution, it would cost less to print. To verify this, all one has to do is call up the *Register Star* and ask them for a list of their rates.

Another big complaint students seem to have with the *Observer* is that it is a waste to give every student a copy when not everyone reads it. I do not enjoy creating waste any more than most people, but solving the problem completely is not simple. Some people have suggested that the *Observer* distribute a sign-up sheet so that only people who know they will read it will get a copy. This would be ideal except for the fact that it is more expensive to print fewer copies and

that the *Observer* is already running on the tightest budget that it can. Also, it would not be fair to ask the Circulation manager, who volunteers and is not paid to stuff all the mail boxes with an *Observer* every week, to take extra time to seek out the boxes of only the people who want one. Nor would it be easy to do so.

Even though I have seen, on several occasions, people who have complained again and again that the *Observer* is a "worthless rag," reading the *Observer* quite avidly, I accept the fact that there are probably some people who do not want one. There seem to be, however, many more who wait in the Post Office impatiently until the stuffer finally puts a copy in their box. I have stuffed plenty of times and heard plenty of people ask me for a copy before I was to their row. I hope that those of you who do not want yours, will help see to it that these undesired copies make their way to a recycling bin. As I have already said, I do not wish the *Observer* to be or become unnecessary waste, but I do my best (by printing only 1500 copies per week and by personally picking up and recycling any discarded copies I come across) to reduce the amount of waste that the *Observer* is responsible for producing.

There are, however, a few more little things I'd like to set straight. The first is the reasonable need for those who submit classifieds and personals to sign and print their names on their submission(s). It is also very helpful if a box number is added, and more importantly a phone number. This may seem a bit much for a few words in print in attempt to sell an item you no longer want or to send a few lines of admiration to a friend, but it is absolutely essential for the newspaper to avoid printing anything that may be libelous. Having your name and number on the submission does not mean it has to appear in the classified or personal (it will only be printed if that is what you request), but it does make it possible for me, as the Editor-in-Chief, to verify that you are actually the one that made the submission. Without the signature requirement anybody could run any kind of advertisement in someone else's name or with someone else's number. If someone, for example, were to submit "For Free Sex call 752-****," I would be responsible for any perverted phone calls that the person with that number got if that person was not actually the one who sub-

mitted the personal. I do not want to be responsible for that or any other kind of harassment, just as I believe any of you would not want something like that to happen to you, but it could if the *Observer* did not have such a non-anonymity policy. For those that fear submitting such personals because of the signature requirement, there is no reason to be afraid. I am the only one who checks the *Observer*'s mail and can easily block out the name so that other members of the staff do not discover who submitted it. As the head of this publication, I am ultimately responsible for keeping confidentiality when necessary.

The last thing I want to clear up is trivial, but I feel I must straighten it out anyhow, and that is that things that appear on the Another View pages are not "articles." The Another View pages are reserved space for any and all submissions from members of the community that either are not affiliated with the *Observer*, or are written by members of the staff but are not in conjunction with the newspaper. In simpler terms, what appears on the Front page, News, Features, Arts & Entertainment and Sports pages are articles and everything else is not. It is very important to make this distinction so that everyone in the community can understand that things that appear on the Another View, Editorial and Letters pages are not meant to represent in any way, shape, or form the opinions of the staff. It is not the *Observer*'s responsibility to take a stand on issues, but rather to report them and other events as objectively as possible.

At times a writer or an editor of the *Observer* will submit something that is not considered an article. They have a right as members of this community to express anything that they wish within this publication. Any mature person will be able to realize that the person writing it, and not the paper in which the submission appears, is responsible for formulating the idea and attitude within the piece. Remember, piece, editorial or letter — not an article! If something appears on any of the pages that you do not agree with, please write in and let us know; if something upsets you, express your anger. I will understand and be more than willing to offer you the space in which to print your piece; just please remember that the *Observer* is only the means of publication, not the author.

It's better here than most places

Dear Editor,

I'd like to make some comments specifically regarding the "We Live Here" Student Empowerment article in your November 10th issue and also regarding the *Observer* and Bard student attitude as a whole. I am a transfer student and on arrival at Bard, I was amazed by the freedoms and administrative support that the Bard students receive both academically and in regards to student life. Although I do realize that Bard has problems, as there are bound to be in any academic institution, Bard Students, at least in this article, do not seem to realize how much better their situation is than most other college students. I believe we need to appreciate more freedoms we do have, as well as work for future student empowerment.

In an ideal society, college students would have an absolute say in how they are educated, but basing my opinion on my experiences and those of my friends, I would say Bard students have life pretty damn good. The administration here is hardly conservative, as Brent suggested, and appears to me to solidly back their open door policy for student complaints. We do not actually have "little to say in who teaches us" as students are allowed to give oral and written testimony of teachers. We also have a decent amount to say in "what we want to learn about" as Bard has very few academic requirements and students have the opportunity to make up courses through tutorials, contribute ideas for courses, etc. all of these freedoms are almost unheard of in most other academic institutions, including the last one I attended. I know that as a transfer, I have had fewer run-ins with the administration than long-term students, and may not completely understand the blockades that have been erected to barricade student empowerment, but I believe we should recognize and value the freedoms that we do have. There is hardly another school in the country where the students enjoy such academic and social freedom, support from the faculty, and opportunity to create our own community and environment. While I do agree that the Bard student population is an apathetic one, I do not believe it is from running up against administrative blockades as Brent suggests. Perhaps we are apathetic because we take for granted all of the freedoms we enjoy, in much the same way we do as American citizens. I cannot say that Bard doesn't have problems, the current door-locking issue being one, but this doom and gloom prophesy is not going to do us any good. By recognizing and appreciating both our victories and our defeats, we will be better able to form the community needed to handle present and future battles for student empowerment.

Pamela Baumbarger

The ends do not justify the means

Dear Editor,

I was deeply offended by Matthew Apple's letter regarding the Student Life Committee survey on the locked doors policy. Matthew had many provocative, intelligent points in his letter, but these are overwhelmed by his angry, unsupported, obnoxious comments regarding the SLC. Why alienate half the people you are trying to reach? Matthew accuses the SLC of "lying through their teeth," which is fine (although I see no reference to any attempt on his part to question members of the SLC as to the true results of the survey), but then why bother to discount his argument with such statements as that the SLC "kiss up to the administration and beg to lick their boots clean?" I cannot claim to know whether this statement has validity, but it's certainly unsupported within the letter. The other two pieces addressing this policy within the same issue of the *Observer* were clear, concise and pervasive, without resorting to petty insults. I know it can be done.

I also took affront at Matthew's absurd remark, suggesting that the SLC may have just taken a survey of all their friends, "who all happen to be PCs under the dominion of Shelley Morgan." As a PC myself, I wonder...why bother insulting me over this issue? For one thing, I believe that my opinion (which is separate from that of the Dean of Students office) as a Peer Counselor is valuable. Apparently Matthew doesn't think so; in this letter he is telling me that, even outside the issue of the survey, he doesn't respect me or my views. He also states that he doesn't respect the views of anyone who isn't as outspoken as he is about their opinions; "the only [voices] that count are the loud ones."

And people wonder why this campus is so divided. On one letter, one man has managed to discount half the student population. Matthew isn't interested in changing things; he's interested in making people angry. Anger changes things, but only when it directs a community, not divides it.

I remember last year when people were bitching about the quality of the *Observer*. Matthew (as Editor-in-Chief) told those people to get off their lazy asses and come write for the *Observer* if they didn't like it. I agreed with his sentiment. Now I tell you, Matt, to swallow your own medicine. If you don't like the SLC; change it, don't slander it. The anger that you raise in your last letter, and in things in the past, is not being directed where you want it to be.

As for the issue at hand; what are the interests of students, and are they being represented? I strongly suggest a second survey or, preferably, a table set up in Kline. I would also like to suggest that Matthew (or anyone else) write another letter addressing whether the student government is misrepresenting us. I disagree with Matthew's methods, but I am curious.

Stephanie Chasteen

Dear Community Members:

When submitting letters, articles, or Another View pieces to be printed in the *Observer*, please submit them in double-space type. This makes it easier for us to retype them without making as many mistakes.

Thank-You!

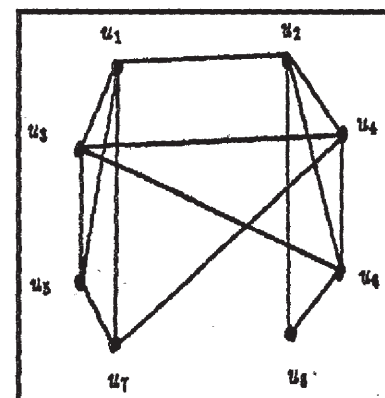
Jeana C. Breton
Editor-in-Chief

Graphs continued

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revealed how the removal of one point on the graph would leave only two components, blowing out virtually the whole network like one broken bulb on a string of old Christmaslights. Other offerings in the Notes Session included new ways of graphically naming biological and chemical structures, in addition to less practical, more purely mathematical graph theory innovations.

Fred Roberts of Rutgers University presented the second lecture concerning "Choosability and Amenability in Graph Coloring." While this reporter hoped to see brightly colored complex structures



on the over-head projectors, I soon discovered that mathematical "colors" cannot be found in a package of Crayolas. Using technical terms, Roberts built upon previous research into how to assign separate identities, or individual names, to the various components of increasingly complex graphic structures. Roberts' concern centered around how to properly "color" various kinds of mathematical graphs using intricate formulas and specialized definitions.

Roberts demonstrated how there are certain graphs which resist coloring, and others reveal

themselves to be remarkably simple to color. Considering only a few isolated problems, he went on to reveal how there is a great deal of open territory for future investigation.

"I usually tell my graduate students to pick a nice, narrow juicy topic that no one else has looked at for their PhD dissertation," commented Roberts. "That way, you only have to do simple things and nobody can argue with you." He thought he had picked just such a topic, until he discovered a paper concerning graph coloring which listed no less than fifty-one references. "It doesn't pay to be greedy," he concluded.

While his lecture was primarily theoretical, Roberts explained that graph coloring has important applications in a variety of practical problems. Communication channel assignments, transmission scheduling, even traffic congestion, could benefit from coloring research and produce efficient organization strategies. A mathematical neophyte myself, I walked away from the conference somewhat confused, but highly impressed, by how such complicated investigations on paper and calculators can be used to make every-day life a little bit easier.

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CALENDAR

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NOVEMBER 17 TO NOVEMBER 24 * 1993

★ WEDNESDAY. NOVEMBER 17 ★

- ★ **Walk For Health.** Sponsored by Bard's Athletic department. **Meet in front of Ludlow, 8:15a.** Walk lasts for 45 minutes, wear comfortable footwear.
- ★ **Table Française.** Berets and Baguettes required **Kline Committee Room, 5:30-7p.**
- ★ **Chinese Table.** Go and talk in Chinese in the **Kline College Room, 6p.** You will meet a lot of new friends there.
- ★ **A.W.E. Meeting.** Every Wednesday. **Albee Social, 7p.**
- ★ **Documentary Classics.** "Point of Order," by Emile de Antonio. **Preston Cinema 7p.**
- ★ **Intergenerational Seminars** "Three Great Books: A Lecture Series" **Olin 205, 7p.** Registration required in advance at 758-7508.
- ★ **Scottish Country Dancing.** Join the club for traditional music and dance. **Manor Living Room 7:30-9:30p.**

★ THURSDAY. NOVEMBER 18 ★

- ★ **Song Exchange** Come learn traditional folk songs or teach the ones you know. Musical instruments optional. **Albee social, 3p.** Meets every Thursday.
- ★ **Tavola Italiana, Kline President's Room, 5-6p** All Welcome; join us for conversation **6-7p.**
- ★ **German Table.** In the **Kline College Room, 6p.**
- ★ **Bisexuals, Activists, Gays, Lesbians, Et al.** B.A.G.L.E. will meet this Thursday **Club Room in the Old Gym, 7p.** All interested are welcome.
- ★ **Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting.** **Thursday nights, 7:30p.**
- ★ **Bard's Christian Fellowship at the Bard Chapel, 9:30p.** Everyone is welcome, Christian or not.
- ★ **Special Movie.** "Pixote." **Preston Cinema 7p.**

★ FRIDAY. NOVEMBER 19 ★

- ★ **Movies!** "High Hopes," Directed by Mike Leigh. (1988-comedy) **Old Gym, 7p and 9p.**
- ★ **Dance Theatre IV, 1993** A dance performance with choreography by seniors and faculty, costumes by Laura Battle. **Bard Theater, 8p.**

★ SATURDAY. NOVEMBER 20 ★

- ★ **Distinguished Scientist Lecture.** Molecular Biologist Robert A. Weinberg will speak on "Genes and the Origins of Cancer." Dr. Weinberg is a founding member of the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research and professor of Biology at MIT. **Bard Theater, 8p.**
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★ SUNDAY. NOVEMBER 21 ★

- ★ **Anyone for cricket?** Cricket, lovely cricket...every Sunday **inside or near Stevenson Gym, 3:30p.** Contact Damnath (752-7348) or Shehreyar (752-7275) for more information.
- ★ **Holy Eucharist at Church of St. John the Evangelist, 10a.**
- ★ **Schola Cantorum** Choral music in the **Bard Chapel, 6p.**
- ★ **Community Eucharist.** **Bard Chapel, 7p.**
- ★ **Movies!** "Sans Soleil," Directed by Chris Marker. (1982-documentary) **Old Gym, 7p and 9p.**

★ MONDAY. NOVEMBER 22 ★

- ★ **Body Image Support Group** for students dealing with issues of weight, appearance and body image. Come to talk or listen. **Upstairs in the Student Center, 7-8p.**
- ★ **MES Lecture Trip** The Multicultural and Ethnic Studies group is sponsoring a trip to Vassar for a lecture on "Race, Nazism, and Neo-Nazism," by Professor Anson Rabinbach of Cooper Union College. **Van Leaves Kline at 7p.**
- ★ **Peer Tutors in the Stevenson Library, Room 402, 10-Noon, and 8-10p and every night except Friday and Saturday: 8-10p.**

★ TUESDAY. NOVEMBER 23 ★

- ★ **Towbin Poetry Room.** Come listen to Bard's record library of poets and authors. **Olin 101, 6-9p.**
- ★ **Luis Bunuel Movie.** See "Susana" (1950). **Olin 101, 6-9p.**

★ **Thanksgiving Transportation**
Poughkeepsie: Leave at 4:15p, 7:15p for the 5:19p and 8:35p trains.
Rhinecliff: Leave at 3p, 5:50p for the 3:32p and 6:21p trains.

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Rhinecliff: Leave at 9:15a, 3p for the 9:48a and 3:32p trains.
Grand Union: One trip this afternoon.
Friday, November 26
Grand Union: One trip this afternoon.
Sunday, November 29
Poughkeepsie: A van will meet the 7:43p, 8:43p, and 10:43p trains.
Rhinecliff: A van will meet the 9:30p and 11:35p trains.

★ MORE TRANSPORTATION THAN EVER BEFORE! ★

WEDNESDAY: Grand Union Runs: Leave at 6p, return at 7p.
FRIDAY: Rhinecliff: Leave at 4:20p for the 4:53p train; leave at 5:50p for the 6:21p train; leave at 7p for the 7:41p train.
Poughkeepsie: Leave at 5:30p for the 6:19p train; leave at 7:45p for the 8:35p train; leave at 10p for the 10:45p train.
SATURDAY: Rhinecliff Train Station, Rhinebeck, and Red Hook: Leave at 10a, return at 2p.
Hudson Valley Mall: Leave at 5:45p, return at 10p.
SUNDAY: Church: Leave at 9a, return at 10:30a for St. John's (Barrytown) and St. Christopher's (Red Hook).
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Other Transportation: Poughkeepsie Galleria trips on 11/26 and 12/10, leave at 5p, pick up at mall 9p.
Cross Gates Mall, Albany trip on 12/4 instead of Hudson Valley Mall. Bus departs from Bard at noon, departs from mall at 6p.
New York City trip on 12/18. Meet van at 10a, leave NYC at 7p. Students must sign up in the Dean of Students office. Cost: \$5.

Meet all vans or busses in the parking lot behind Kline Commons.