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# **Students Demand Housing Change**

By ESTELLE FREEDMAN

Housing policy at Barnard, long a dormant issue, is commanding new attention from residents as well as from the administration. The Student Housing Committee, recently reorganized to include the President of each dorm, the Chairman of the Commuter Committee, plus an at-large Chairman, recognizes the need for a revealuation of housing policy and conditions.

The preliminary tabulations of a housing poll taken last December show that current housing conditions do not fulfill students' housing demands. In response to a question asking where with parental permission and within financial limitations, students would like to live each year, approximately 40% favored apartments for juniors: less than 1% suggested dorms (BHR) space for seniors, while 33% desired "620" conditions for seniors. Subjective answers called for more lenient curfews, an optional food plan, and extended parietals.

On the basis of both preliminary poll statistics and the recent "expose" of housing violations, the new Housing Committee suggests the following six points for serious discussion and consideration by faculty, students and administration:

1. OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING:
Upperclassmen who have explicit legal permission from their parents should be allowed to live off-campus, regardless of the distance of their permanant residence.

2. COMMUTER ROOM POL-ICY: Efforts should be made to accommodate all freshman commuters who desire to live on campus. Also, the 50-mile commuter distance standard should be reconsidered.

3. CURFEWS: Upperclass residents (or possibly only seniors or juniors and seniors) should be immune from curfew restrictions. Either an electric door system or an all night doorman could be established, or one house (e.g., "616" or Plimpton) could be considered as an upperclass (Junior-Senior) residence similar to "620," but possibly with parietal limitations.

4. PARIETALS: Within broad limits of the College, each dorm

should determine its own parietals; residents may decide to allow each suite to determine and enforce its own hours.

5. FOOD PLAN: The subcommittee in the dorms which is studying the meal plan should report and openly consider variations

6. REPRESENTATION OF STUDENTS: The College Housing Committee (Administration) and the Student Housing Committee should not remain separate. Some combination is as now being studied by the Committee on Committees, is necessary to communicate student opinion as well as to promote responsible action in determining and following housing rules.

These suggestions will be the subject of an open end discussion on Wednesday, March 27, 1968, at 3:00 p.m. and continuing info the College Tea Hour, in the Brooks Living Room. Miss Peterson, members of the College Housing Committee, and members of the Student Housing Committee will be present. All students with opinions on these proposals or any others are urged to attend this informal discussion period.



Linda Yellen, director, and Susan McKinley (Prospera) consult with Ingo Grill, cameraman, in front of Van Cleef and Arpels. "Prospera" was filmed on location in Central Park, on Fifth Ave., and in the store windows of Bergdorf Goodman, P.A.O. Schwartz, and Van Cleef and Arpels,

# **Prospera**' Premiers

Most colleges have film societies which obtain films to show on campus, but the Barnard Film Company goes out and makes its own movies. Their first production, "Prospera" has been completed, and the fifteen-minute short will premier on Wednesday, March 27, at an invitational screening for trustees, Undergraduate officials, and members of Barnard's faculty and administration.

The short is sophisticated fairy tale about a shabby waif who lives in a tree in Central Park; Prospera, played by Susan McKinley, '69, finds' a diamond" in a Cracker Jacks box which launches her fantasy adventure.

One hundred and seventeen Barnard students took part in all phases of the production, and director Linda Yellen, '69, estimates that they spent 10,000 hours on "Prospera." Fifteen faculty and administration members gave help and advice. "Prospera" was a valuable training ground for all the students who worked on it. They mastered some professional cinema techniques that give the film an unusual degree of polish: "freeze" frames, slow motion sequences, "soft image" frames, and switches from black-and-white to color.

Two Columbia University students, James Sloman and Mark Lapinsky, wrote and recorded two songs for "Prospera": "A Patch of Green" and "Diamonds are Forever."

The completed short, financed by a grant from Undergrad Association, is a pilot for the full-length feature film which the group plans to make this summer. They estimate that they will need \$30,000 for the next film, and hope to raise some of that by entering "Prospera" in film competitions. They also are hoping to receive the necessary capital from donations; \$1,000 has already been given by an anonymous donor.

Barnard students will be invited to see "Prospera" in early April; the date of that showing has not yet been announced.

# RFK Group Forms

By SUSAN ROTH

Shortly after Senator Robert F. Kennedy announced his candidacy for the presidency of the United States, a group of Columbia students organized the Columbia University Coalition for Kennedy. The Coalition is headed by co-chairmen Robert Reichauer and Henry Jackson, both of the Graduate Faculties, treasurer Steven Goldstein, a law student, and secretary Susan Roth of Barnard.

The group will be mainly issue-oriented, and, though it is supporting Senator Kennedy for the presidency, it hopes to work closely with the McCarthy forces on campus, especially in the election campaign for delegates to the nominating convention. Several of these delegate candidates are University faculty members, and the Coalition hopes for unified campus support for them and for their stands on the vital issues facing our nation.

Concerning the Kennedy effort itself, the Coalition is designed to act as a liaison between the campus and campaign headquarters. Senator Kennedy is expected to open a New York center this week, and extensive student volunteer work will be needed in the headquarters, around the city, and on campus.

The Coalition for Kennedy held its first general meeting on Tuesday night, March 26. The speakers were Roger Hilsman and Amital Etzionic both members of the Columbia faculty.

Barnard students are urged to join the Coalition. For further information, please contact Susan Roth, Student Mail 222.

# African Studies Plan Announced

A program of African Studies is available to qualified Barnard students who wish to emphasize Africa within their major. African Studies emphasis may be approved in four departments at present: Anthropology, Geography, Government, and History. The contents of the program will vary according to the major the individual student chooses and her own interest in Africa. Individual programs are devised in consultation with one of the advisers on African Studies, presently Professors Audrey R. Chapman and Abraham Rosman.

Emphasizing Africa while majoring in one of the standard departments has been settled upon as the soundest method, both in terms of a liberal education and the present state of knowledge about Africa. The student who follows this method equips herself with a discipline useful in her future intellectual life in general and builds a foundation for advanced training.

For graduate training, the Institute for African Studies and other divisions of Columbia University comprise one of the strongest African programs in the Country.

Undergraduates interested in applying for a major with emphasis on African studies should consult the chairman of one of the four departments mentioned above.

## **VISTA Recruiters Visit CU**

VISTA representatives are so eager to recruit volunters at Columbia that they'll be holding special sessions every night this week at the West End Bar. They will also be holding more conventional office hours every day until March 29 from nine to five in 604 Dodge Hall to discuss VISTA volunteer work in community development. There will be films at 604 Dodge from noon to one, Monday through Friday, and a VISTA bus parked on Broadway at 116 St. to dispense information and balloons.

(The Columbia administration

has grown so sensitive to student protest, or potential student protest, that all organizations' recruiters, including even the Peace Corps and VISTA, have been barred from using College Walk.)

VISTA volunteers work in "underdeveloped" communities in the United States to encourage the members of the neighborhood to cooperate for their own benefit. Community projects have included forming craft co-ops in Appalachia, organized rent strikes, and antirat campaigns.





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## Liberalized Arts

On Monday, the Barnard faculty passed a proposal to grant regular academic credit for a four-hour-a-week studio course in dance composition. The decision indicates a new and very encouraging attitude at Barnard toward the arts. Up until now Barnard and many other colleges have approached the arts only theoretically, through academic classroom analysis, and have neglected the principle of learning through active participation. If students wished to compose, dance, practice the violin, or act, such activity was labelled "extracurricular."

The decision to grant credit for dance is the initial step toward a more liberal attitude toward the arts at Barnard. We hope that the faculty will soon give the same attention to the other arts. This would relieve the pressure on those students who find more satisfaction in creating and performing than in reading about other people's creations. Since the initiation of the four-course system, students have been denied credit for applied music courses. And, although Barnard permits the study of drama as literature, students cannot elect to study drama as a performing art in acting workshops The college should help students integrate their artistic talents and interests into a liberal arts education, rather than forcing students to steal time from their studies · in order to participate in the performing arts.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### **Room Drawing**

The Residence Office would like to thank all the residents and nonresidents for their co-operation and patience during this month's room drawing. I also wish to be the first to admit that, despite our best efforts, we largely failed to keep the stu-dents adequately informed about the new system, a condition which led to some confusion, and which we hope to correct in the future.

Please help us in future plan-ning by filling but an evaluation sheet which can be picked up in 106 Barnard Hall. So far the returns indicate that 77% of the respondents like the new system better than the old one. A significant number also indi-cate that they feel that Dorm Exec and House Council do not represent the dorm students properly in decision making. request direct referendum-democracy as a means of communicating with the admnistration. In reply to this I would like to quote from an article in the February Phi Delta Kappan magazine. Please consider the implications, and decide if this applies to the governance of the residence halls.

"Democracy requires total access to the decision-making structure (i.e., to the positions from which decisions are made). This is not at all the same as total participation in actual decision making. Indeed, the policy of referring controversial questions to the electorate, for reso-lution outside the legitimate decision making structure is antidemocratic in that it is antigovermental. Democracy quires that the electorate be in position to hold public officials responsible; it presumes that elected decision makers will make decisionș."

RUTH CASTELLI Office of Residence and College Activies

# **Justified Violations**

Linda LeClair's trial for housviolations raises two very fundamental questions about our society. Firstly: How much control should an institution have over the lives of its members? Secondly: When is violating a law justifiable?

In an area not directly connected with academia — the draft — guys are constantly being forced to confront these very questions. By refusing to co-operate with a law which they are powerless to change — the Selective Service Act — they are asserting their right to con-trol their own lives. Implicit in this refusal is their belief that an act of conscience does indeed justify a violation of law

The interesting issue in Linda's case, then, is not her possible suspension from school (even though this author strongly feels that no one should be suspended for a non-academic offense). It is, rather; Why did she choose to violate a housing rule? Was

her violation justifiable?
According to Dwight McDonald (Moratorium Day speech), there are three reasons which justify civil dischedience. These are: to preserve the system of law (by tring to change the un-fair laws within it and by mak-ing it self-consistent), when it is the only means available, and when one no longer considers oneself to be part of a given

Perhaps, in addition to wanting to change existing laws (shown by her decision to allow facts which she knew would reveal her identity be used in the New York Times article), Linda had no choice. Barnard's existing housing laws have no provisions for people who love each other enough to want to live to-gether but wish to avoid the disaster of a premature marriage.

There are many objections to the present housing rules. These include the inequities (all sophomores, for example, should be allowed to have apartments, not just commuters and married students), and the necessity for playing games in order to live as one wishes without being kick-ed out of school. In addition, the unreality of a sheltered life enables one to postpone growing up, thus leading to an attitude of unconcern for the real world and its problems. It is such an attitude, for example, which lets girls feel that the draft doesn't directly affect them.

There are many possible ways to reform the present housing rules, especially if one is open to new modes of thinking. My main concern, however, is not with the specific rules but with the whole underlying philosophy of "in loco parentis" and, more generally, with the basic question of institutional control.

In a society where concern over the draft, the war, and human rights have forced most teen-agers to grow up, it is hypocratical of Barnard and other colleges not to treat its students as adults. Students can and should acknowledge and respect their ability to do so. As Steph-anie Lapham said (Barnard BULLETIN article 3/20/68), "it is more than time [for Barnard collegel to stop exacting from women such a high, arbitrary price for their academic educa-

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Alice Whitfield, Dick Shawn, Elly Stone, and Mort Shuman.

## Jacques Brel is alive and well and living in Paris.

### By ELLEN SHULMAN

I can only think of three good reasons to go down to the Village Gate to see JACQUES BREL 1S ALIVE AND WELL AND LIVING IN PARIS: because you have something to celebrate, because you just want to go out and have a good time, or because you feel that you must see the show a second time. It's a very entertaining and polished show, pieced together from the songs of Jacques Brel, the young French singer and composer. Brel is not on hand to do the singing (he's alive and well and living in Paris) but four remarkable Americans are on stage to act as his ambassadors.

The real hit of the evening, among many successes, is Mort Shuman, an enormous, curly-headed dynamo who translated the songs into English, and whose singing is powerful and gutsy. He's best at Brel's bitter lyrics, like the awful and beautiful song "Amsterdam," Elly Stone excels in the serious-sweet songs, another one of Brel's many moods. In "Marieke," a painfully lovely song, half in Flemish, she drives the audience wild. Alice Whitfield and Shawn Eliot have some funny mannerisms which they apply to Brel's comic mood.

But Brel's moods are complex, and they overlap,

"JACQUES BREL IS ALIVE AND WELL, etc. . . ." is playing at the Village Gate, 160 Bleecker St. Tickets are \$3.50-\$5.50, depending on the night of the week. For information call YU 2-5020.

so everybody does a little bit of everything. You can't trust the quick-silver flicker of Brel's romanticism, or his cynicism, or his passion; he's too clever or too skillful to pin himself down. That's part of the show's enormous charm. It's comic when Shawn and Shuman as young idealists sing "The middle class are just like pigs The fatter they get, the less they regret," but the joke turns again when the young idealists turn into aging middle class "pigs."

The show is a total experience. It builds steadily from good to magnificent; it fits perfectly into its cabaret setting; the music and lyrics are completely interdependent, to the point that it's almost impossible to quote the lyrics without providing the music along with them. I only wish that I could hum a few bars for you.

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### Wednesday, March 27

Lecture: "The Ottoman Empire from the Conquest to Suleiman the Magnificant," by Claude Marks Grace Ramey Rogers Aud. Metropolitan Museum of Art. 11 am. Admission: \$3.00.

Luncheon - Discussion: "Purer Air, Waten and Food," speaker to be announced. Unitarian Universalist Assn. Earl Hall, 12 noon. Luncheon 65c.

Colloquium: "Causes of Glaciation," by Prof. W. S. Broecker, Dept. of Geology, 214A Mudd.

Physical Education and RAA Buffet. Deanery. 5:30 p m. By invitation.

### Thursday, March 28

Thursday Noon Luncheon. College Parlor. 12 noon.

Colloquium: Monsoonal Motions of the Atmosphere. Dr. S. Rao, Goddard Institute of Space Studies, 3rd floor conference room, Goddard Institute of Space Studies, 2880 Broadway. 4:00 p.m.

First Annual John Dewey Lec-"Ontological Relativity," Willard Van Orman Quine, Edgar Pierce - Professor of Philosophy, Harvard, Harkness Theatre, 5:10 p.m.

Gallery Telk: "Dada, Surrealism, and Their Heritage." A. L. Chanin, staff lecturer. Museum of Modern Art. Floor 1, Gallery 2 8.00 p.m. Admission: \$1.25.

Balkan Folk Dance. James Room, Barnard, 7 30 pm.

Reading: Excerpts from his own works, by Elie Wiesel, Masson Française, 8.00 p.m.

Organizational Meeting: Peace and Freedom Party Columbia

# March 27 March 29

Chapter. 239 West 105th St. Apt. 3-4. 8.00 p.m.

### Friday, March 29

Lecture: "Science and the Curator in an Art Museum," by Malcolm Delacorte. Grace Rainey Rogers Aud. Metropolitan Museum of Art, 2:30'p.m.

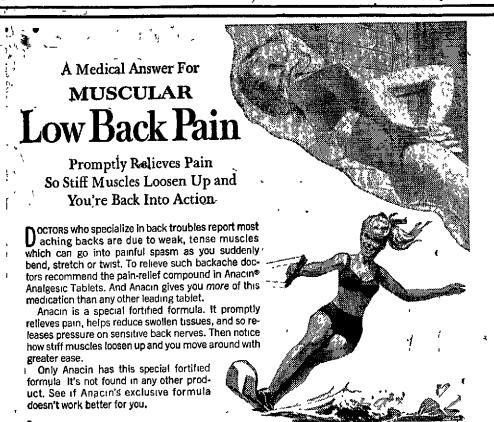
Gallery Talk: Fantasy, Dream, and the Absurd, by A. L. Chanin, staff lecturer, Floor 3, Gallery 2. Museum of Modern Art, 3:30 p.m. Discothegue - Mixer: Crown

Room, John Jay Hall. 8:30 pm.

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Square and Folk Dance: Prof. Dick Krause, instructor and caller. Beginners class in fundamentals of folk-square dancing -Thompson Gym. Teachers College, 8.30 p.m. Admission: \$1.

SPRING VACATION: March 29 to April 7



# BULLETIN BOARD

### Graduate Exams

The Barnard administration of the Graduate Record Examinations for candidates for the degree in June and October 1988 who are majors in Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology and Sociology will be held on Thursday, April 11 at 1:10 P.M. Applications should be obtained from the Registrar's Office and filed not later than April 3.

Senior majors in these fields who have taken their Graduate Record Examinations elsewhere should also file an application with the Registrar and note on it the date when taken. Refunds to those taking the examination elsewhere will be based on the filed applications. Arrangements should be made to have the score for the advanced test reported to the Registrar before May 12.

Gilbert & Sullivan

The City Center Gilbert & Sullivan Company returns after a three-year absence for an exciting four-week season at City Center.

The Company will perform from April 25 through May 19. The box office will open April 1. Mail orders are now being accepted. For further-difformation, contact the New York City Center, 131 West 55 Street, New York 10019, CI 6-8989.

### Dr. Coles Speaks

Robert Coles, M.D., research psychiatrist of Harvard University, will speak on "Children of the Ghetto and Children of the Suburbs," a comparative psychiatric appraisal of the different ways middle class and ghetto children grow up. The lecture will begin at 8:30 P.M., Friday, March 29, in McMillin Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from the West

Side Community Nursery School, 626 Columbus Ave., New York 10024 (799-2440) at \$2.50 each.

One contact lens has been found and is in Buildings and Grounds in Milbank. See Miss Serkin.

### **Art Treasure**

A 15th century brass lectern, one of the most important examples of late Gothic metalwork in existence, went on view Tuesday, March 26 in the Late Gothic Hall at The Cloisters, The Metropolitan Museum of Art's branch of medieval art and architecture in Fort Tryon Park.

Known as the Louvain lectern, the piece was acquired by the Metropolitan from the collection of Oscott College, a Roman Catholic institution northwest of London. Standing over six and a half feet high and made entirely of cast and chased brass, the lectern is the largest and most elaborate known to have survived.

The William Pepperell Montague Prize of \$250 is awarded each year by the Department of Philesophy to the student who submits the best essay on a topic of general philosophic interest.

This year's topic is as follows:

Two world wars within my lifetimes, and a multiplicity of lesser ones, have anaesthetized our moral perceptions, and somehow produced the illusion that there can be a justification for killing millions of men, women and children in places like Dresden. Stalingrad, Hamburg and Hiroshima, and a hundred places more. I am obliged to say that I personally feel that nothing justifies it — neither Communism, Fascism, nationalism, tyranny, nor free-

dom; the conquest of the earth or the preservation of any way of life; nothing. Nothing in the world, however base nor good, nor however theoretically admirable, can justify murder as an act of policy.

James Cameron, Point of Departure: An Attempt at Autobiography, (McGraw-Hill, 1967)

In the light of the claim made by the author of the preceding quotation, consider the question whether there is any type of action which is never justified on moral grounds.

The contest is open to all Barnard undergraduates. Essays should be from fifteen to twenty pages, double-spaced, typewritten and accompanied by one carbon copy. They must be submitted on or before April 30 to Professor Motherskill (35 Milbank). For further information or for suggested readings, students may consult Professor Larson or Professor Mothersill.

