



Gail Zarr

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Zarr appointed associate director of PR

By Lorraine Newman

Acting President Ellen Futter has recently appointed Gail Zarr Associate Director of Public Relations.

Ms. Zarr, a native of Jefferson, New York, received her B.A. in 1975 from New York University. Currently, she is working toward an M.A. in English at that institution.

Ms. Zarr comes to Barnard from the New York Parks Department where she served as Assistant to the First Deputy Commissioner. There, she was responsible for publishing a monthly newsletter and handling community relations, including complaint responses, on behalf of the Commissioner.

Ms. Zarr is not, however, a newcomer to Barnard. Prior to her Parks Department post, Ms. Zarr served as an editorial assistant for the Office of Public Relations in 1976 and 1977.

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BARNARD ACQUIRES BUILDING AT 49 CLAREMONT

By Jeanette Walls

Barnard College will be adding another building to its collection of dormitories with the recent purchase of a building at 49 Claremont Avenue.

The six-story apartment building was purchased from the Interchurch Center for \$550,000. The current occupants of the building, many of whom are Barnard students, lived in the building with the understanding that they would be asked to leave soon, a spokesman for the college said. Negotiations for the purchase have been going on long enough so that any evacuation will not be a case of "Barnard block-busting," the spokesman said.

The building is slated to undergo reno-

vation this spring and house some 125 students for the next academic year.

"We are extremely fortunate to have been able to purchase such an outstanding piece of real estate, located adjacent to our campus," acting president Ellen Futter said. "It is an absolutely splendid way to begin a new year."

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Happy New Year!

PLIMPTON SHUT DOWN

Frozen pipes force relocation of some residents

By Jeannette Walls

Some 140 Plimpton Hall residents are getting off to an inconvenient start this semester: they have been asked not to return to their dorm rooms until further notice. The plumbing and heating systems apparently are not working in a number of the rooms.

Plimpton Hall fell victim to one of New York City's coldest winters ever and "during the course of the break all the pipes froze due to the cold," explained Georgie Gatch, Director of Residential Life. The heat had been left on but the "cold north west winds" froze the stagnant water, she explained.

According to a memo from Ellen Futter which will be distributed to all students; "a frozen pipe on the rooftop of Plimpton activated the safety mechanism in the boiler." The loss of heat was noticed a few days after Christmas; at that time initial repairs were done by the College staff and an outside contractor.

Plumbers partially fixed the water and heating systems but were unable to repair the A and B rooms of the building. Residents of the C and D lines were able to return today, January 19. A spokesman for the college said that the other students should be able to return in one week.

The full extent of the damage was not noticed until after this. All Plimpton residents were notified of the situation by January 13, the letter said.

The incident was noticed when the hall was opened a week before registration to coordinate with Columbia's early registration program. At that time the 235 residents of Plimpton Hall were called and asked not to return until the following Monday, unless notified otherwise. On Thursday, January 15 Gatch and other administrators met and decided that though half

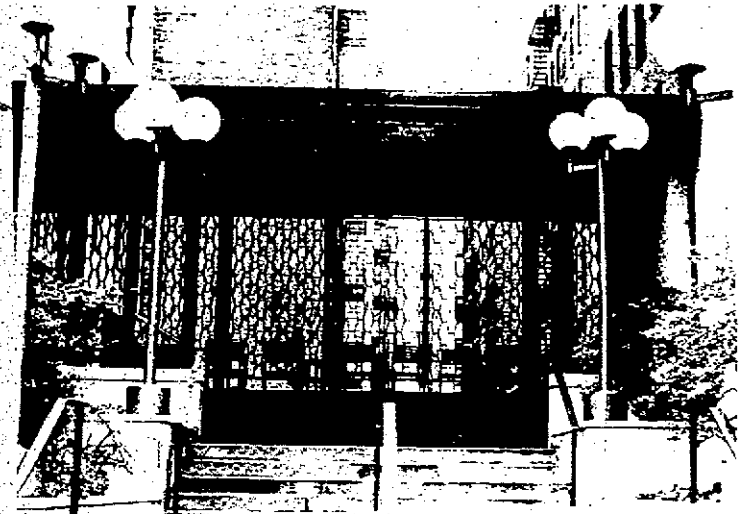
the students could return, the A and B rooms could not be occupied.

Additional repairs and replastering will be completed after students have returned to the building.

The college is prepared to offer alternative housing to those students who cannot return to their Plimpton rooms. All students who are housed by the College will be placed on the meal plan free of charge.

Alternate housing is available in "616", "620", BHR and the new building at 49 Claremont, the Deanery, Commuter rooms and at Columbia. Empty rooms are available in these buildings.

The College advises that those students living in the "C" and "D" suites who return to their rooms should not attempt to house other Plimpton residents. It is feared that doing so would cause over-



Plimpton Hall

Controversy over Toxic Shock Syndrome continues

By Jane Bernstein

With the recent discovery of Toxic Shock Syndrome, women are wondering if it is safe to use a tampon. The answer is essentially unknown, yet information is accumulating.

Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS) is a rare but severe illness primarily affecting young women during their menses. Data indicates that there is an association between TSS and the wearing of tampons. The major symptoms are "a sudden onset of fever and vomiting or diarrhea with rapid progression to hypotension, and shock." Originally discovered in 1927 as a possible strain of scarlet fever, TSS is caused by the bacterium *Staphylococcus aureus*. Some researchers hope "that staph-caused scarlet fever holds the key to the cause, treatment, and possible prevention of TSS."

Currently there are no conclusive

facts about the causes of TSS. The Center for Disease Control and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) hold conflicting hypotheses on possible causes. TSS may be due to: prolonged use of a tampon, the material or shape of which a tampon is made, or the tampon applicator. Further, 5% of TSS victims are non-menstruating women and 5% are men. Therefore, it is possible that tampons are not a primary cause at all.

The researchers at ACOG believe that the re-emergence of TSS is due to the new (1976) design of a superabsorbent tampon. Rely tampons, recently removed from the market, "were constructed to assume a bell shape in the vagina, which reduced leakage." Thus the new tampon is a more conducive breeding place for the bacterium. Further, "the fact that Rely tampons can be worn longer than other less absorbent

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This New Year's eve seemed at first like any other, with people swarming the streets of New York, champagne corks popping and glitter everywhere. The atmosphere was almost over-exuberant, however, as if there were a real need to celebrate, to gloss over feelings of loss and alienation which many people seemed to be experiencing.

John Lennon is dead... and his death finally made the 60's era an era of the past. Jimmy Carter has been ousted from the White House. A neo-conservative wind has swept through the Senate, the stench of the Moral Majority lingering in the air, causing the defeat of some of the nation's best advocates. New Deal liberalism has been cast aside. The economy is in a shambles, an "economic Dunkirk," as David Stockman, the new Director of the Office of Management and Budget put it. And Ronald Reagan was elected President.

With the possible exception of nuclear war, it is unlikely that any other situation could be worse than the present. Yet the New Year was accompanied by a new sense of hope; a vital anticipation — a feeling that change was in the air. It is now widely recognized among reformers in the U.S. that social change, or at least a new economic strategy, is desperately needed, but new plans are sought this time, with innovative solutions. The knee-jerk liberal has finally lost his glory.

Certainly, the neo-conservative trend in Washington officialdom will be a switch — society columnists will be rather confused as to who's "in" and who's "out" in the fashionable circles. This ideological change-over will not, however, have much impact on the social structure, except that the losers will lose more and the winners will be harder to find. Minorities will be even less protected, labor will lose power and the Pentagon will glow.

Deteriorating economic conditions often cause a conservative backlash, but does this mean that previous reformers should sit back and watch the poor get strangled by unemployment and double-digit inflation? As V.I. Lenin once asked, "What is to be done?"

On December 27 and 28, the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee (DSOC) held a youth conference to formulate a new Leftist strategy at the D.C. 37 headquarters in New York City. Taking place only weeks after the Eurosocialism Conference in Washington, D.C., the DSOC conference attracted over 200 participants and featured 40 speakers, ranging from community organizers to university professors. The gathered activists discussed the challenge facing the Left today by listening to the various speakers and participating in various workshops.

"Crisis and unemployment are extremely difficult to maintain," stated Michael Harrington, DSOC National Chair; in the opening plenary. While agreeing with the conservative understanding of the structural crisis, Harrington took exception to their analysis of the problem. "The crisis of government today," said Harrington, "is not the result of government spending; rather, the government spending is the result of the crisis." According to Harrington, gradual social disintegration, caused largely by the unequal distribution of wealth and power, is to be held responsible for the "economic Dunkirk."

In the past, DSOC has been supportive of Democratic candidates and has successfully worked with the Democratic party. As Democratic officials will soon become less adventurous once their more conservative colleagues come out in full force, DSOC will have to readjust and expand its

A Brutal Reawakening

By Elizabeth Wishnick

alliances. This does not mean that DSOC will abandon the Democratic Party, since, according to Harrington, the party is "more a metaphysical concept than an institution like the Catholic Church."

Harrington proposed a two-part solution, involving the democratization of investment and coalition-building. A strong believer in the influence of small groups on the political system, Harrington stated that "if we keep together, we can have enormous impact."

A panel discussion on housing issues and the urban crisis dealt with the specifics of mobilization and addressed the problems of the deterioration of American cities. Paul Dubrul, an urban issues consultant and co-author with Jack Newfield of *The Abuse of Power*, considered the destruction of cities the necessary consequence of capitalism. Noting the decline of public services and the increasing disinvestment from poorer areas of New York City, Dubrul stressed that labor should "take back capital from capital owners." Dubrul proposed a program for the Left based on greater control of capital by labor, such as better monitoring of the use of pension funds, localization of institutions such as savings banks in needy areas and the nationalization of energy resources.

"There should be no more reliance on politics of the lesser of the two evils," stated Ramon Jimenez, an active member of the coalition for Puerto Rican and Hispanic Rights. Jimenez recognized the failure of the Left in the past to pose new alternatives and advocated coalition-building to oppose "compromise" candidates like Ed Koch, in the up-coming city elections. Jimenez conceded, however, that most community efforts would be involved in "preventing government from taking away programs, not asking for new programs."

"It's all a question of tactics," John Atlas, a leading housing activist, asserted. "A workable strategy must combine direct action and electoral activity," he continued. Although Atlas noted that most tenant groups are formed in opposition to unfair or illegal actions taken by landlords, he foresaw the possibility of enacting reforms through effective organizational efforts, use of the press and voter registration drives.

Several of the panelists emphasized the importance of progressive candidates gaining access to local offices. "Any mass movement needs the electoral process to legitimize its victories," said Joe Conason, an urban affairs writer for *The Village Voice*.

Peter Dreier, a professor of Sociology at Tufts University, pointed out that electoral gains "were not sensational because they were not confrontational," even though a great number of candidates were running and winning. Dreier considers the 1970's the most active period in the U.S. since the 30's, however, citing the growth of issues-oriented movements, such as the anti-nuke movement, the women's movement and community action groups.

If progressives are using the electoral process to their advantage, what then was responsible for what Harrington calls the "Senate tragedy", this November? A Leftist strategy on the national scale would have to emphasize both the legitimacy and the practicality of progressive programs. "The Leftist has the burden of proof, since he is going against the norm," stressed Deborah Meier, DSOC Vice-Chair. She

called upon the Left to make a broader appeal, noting that the current progressive movement engages in issues-oriented politics, focusing on areas such as disarmament and anti-corporate policies.

Bogdan Denitch, a professor of Sociology at the CUNY Graduate Center, emphasized that the Left has the best chance of increasing its political power by pressing for reforms. "The transfer of power from one class to another doesn't necessarily involve violence... Socialism could be reached gradually, for example, through a labor government," said Denitch. According to Denitch, the legitimacy of the Left is weakened by its revolutionary rhetoric.

In a panel on U.S. foreign policy, Denitch stated that the Left should "call for a democratic foreign policy," advocating disarmament and an end to terrorism. Denitch stressed that progressives should criticize U.S. imperialist moves without supporting terrorist alternatives. Revolutionary rhetoric and blind support for all Leftist liberation movements are often counter-productive, as Denitch emphasized several times that "part of the function of the socialist movement is to tell the truth."

Peter Steinfelds, editor of *Commonweal*, noted that the Left often ignores cultural issues because they are not traditionally considered "Left" issues. "The trust of a candidate seems to be heavily based on his attitude towards the cultural issues," Steinfelds pointed out, calling for a progressive response to the "law-and-order" question, the problem of deteriorating family stability, and the decreasing emphasis on religion and education.

Steinfelds recognized the link between poverty and unemployment, and the connection between unemployment and crime. By creating such links between typical Left concerns and the basic problems facing citizens today, Steinfelds believes that the Left will increase its legitimacy.

"The Left is going to have to devote more attention to the question of socialization," continued Steinfelds. Recalling the utopian tradition in socialism, Steinfelds asserted the need to formulate a progressive educational program, which would stress civic issues, since "socialism looks toward an intensely political future." Steinfelds concluded that Leftists should "worry about socialism in general, while fostering pluralism in particular."

Manning Marable, a Professor of African Studies at Cornell University, admit-

ted the difficulty of involving progressives in cultural issues because culture is representative of what the Italian Marxist Antonio Gramsci termed "bourgeois hegemony." Noting that the New Right has capitalized on the back-to-basics trend in American life, Marable called for "a common program of cultural, social and political concerns."

Marable envisioned an offensive strategy for the Left, based on the implementation of structural reforms to promote cross-cultural growth and development which would halt the conservative drive of the New Right. Such a strategy would include programs such as free education for all students, and would emphasize social and cultural programs. Said Marable, "we can begin to change the world only if we begin to change the patterns of our cultural life."

Throughout the conference, it was greatly stressed that the Left's lack of legitimacy and weak position can be attributed to its over-emphasis on a few issues, which, although very important, result in the alienation of the public. It was concluded that the Left should try to include an ethic, a worldview, to enhance its mobilization efforts.

Irving Howe, editor of *Dissent* and author of *The World of Our Fathers* and numerous literary and political works, pointed out that the Left has not been able to fully recover from the damage done to socialism by Stalin's reign of terror in the name of communism. Howe stated, furthermore, that "the dominant fact about the 20th century is that it is the century of totalitarianism."

Bogdan Denitch stressed that socialism was also tainted by Leftist support for so-called socialist authoritarian regimes. "The socialist movement has only given cursory attention to the true concerns of socialism," said Howe. The primary goal for Leftists during the up-coming conservative administration should be to plan a strategy based on socialist reforms which would create a better life for all Americans, according to Howe.

The DSOC conference presented a great many innovative ideas and novel approaches to meet the challenge of the New Right. The gathering was enlightening due to the exchange of ideas it promoted among a varied group of activists, and heartening because it seemed that the Left was trying to discard some of its traditional rhetoric. Howe pointed out that there were basically two paths to be taken by the Left: "One is to say we have the answers, the other is to say we have the questions." As glib answers have been defeated in the past, now seems to be the time for some probing questions.

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Fencers face task of rebuilding Sports

By Mary Witherell

While most Barnard teams are currently in the process of building nationally competitive squads, the fencing team is at the other end trying to re-build what it once had, the tenth ranked fencing team in the country.

After last year's varsity toursoome, sophomore captain Lesley Yulkowski, sophomore Carolyn Noe, junior Ann Ryan

and the sensational freshman, Tracey Burton, placed tenth in the National Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association (NIWFA) Championships at Ohio State University, the prospects for a higher finish in the Nationals seemed golden. After all, all four had gained in confidence from participating in the Nationals, and all four were eagerly awaiting

another chance because they felt they could have finished higher than they did. Unfortunately, dreams die hard.

The lancers began this season with only Ryan remaining of their 1979-80 team. Although Yulkowski will fence this semester, after spending the fall semester in Germany, Noe and Burton will not. In the world of team sports, they broke the golden rule they didn't want to attend team practice.

So reports the coach of the varsity and junior varsity fencing team, Semyon Brover. Brover said that he believed that both Noe and Burton would have liked to compete with the team but neither wanted to practice with the team, because they felt that they weren't getting anything out of Barnard practices because the other fencers were too inexperienced to fence against them. While Brover agrees that Noe and Burton, who both have high school and independent tournament competition experience behind them, are "better fencers than most of my team", he does not feel that practicing with the team would be a hindrance to either of the two fencers.

"It is a fact that not all fencers can be at the same level," said the coach. "My idea was for them (Noe and Burton) to help the other fencers and to take lessons from me at our practices. I had expected them to help me organize a better team, to create a team feeling. It helps the younger fencers when they aren't ignored by their teammates because of their inexperience. It makes for closeness within the team. That is how I wanted it to be. My coach did the same with me."

Brover was referring to his days at the Kharkov Pedagogical Institute in the Soviet Union and the way he was trained. He went on to become a national fencing champion and later the coach of his alma mater's fencing team before coming to the United States. He had hoped to be able to use the same methods he had learned in the Ukraine in New York, which is to fencing what Las Vegas is to gambling. His strategy, however did not work with last year's team, and according to 1980-1981 captain Ann Ryan, last year's varsity and junior varsity squads never worked together at practice, but stayed entirely apart. "That's not a team," she added.

Although neither Noe or Burton could be reached during the vacation for comment, *Bulletin* was able to contact Mrs. Joyce Burton, Tracey's mother, who explained her daughter's perspective on the whole controversy. The root of this conflict lies in the fact that Burton's major goal for the next four years of her life is to make the United States 1984 Fencing Team and to compete in the Olympics in Los Angeles. To do this, she must enter and do well in U.S. Olympic Committee-monitored tournaments to earn points. Collegiate tournaments, since they don't earn points toward selection as an Olympic team member, are a luxury Burton cannot afford. Mrs. Burton said that the main reason her daughter could not fence for Barnard was that most of the school's competitions are on Saturdays, the day when the independent tournaments that the USOC recommended Burton participate in take place. Since she couldn't do both, Burton was faced with the responsibility of making a choice. It was a decision which she deferred until several weeks into fencing workouts in October. She opted for open competition because the Olympic dream had

captured her imagination, like it has for so many athletes before her. Although she had four years to make that dream become reality, Mrs. Burton said that Tracey felt that she wasn't getting any closer to it on the Barnard team because she didn't see herself succeeding in competition as she had in the past.

"She had been speaking with many collegiate coaches about her fencing," said Burton's mother, "and they all said that they thought her fencing technique and skill were practically perfect, and couldn't be the reason why she was being defeated by lesser fencers. The only reason Tracey wasn't succeeding was that she wasn't getting the variety of competition she needs to improve." While Burton's reasons for not participating on the team this year are clear, Carolyn Noe's motivation for dropping off the squad are more obscure, and less is known about her absence. One team member, however, believes that the final occurrence which made Noe choose to not join took place at the beginning of fencing practices in October. A week-long bout with the flu had put her too far behind in her studies to permit her to make the commitment to fence, so she let whatever second thoughts about fencing she had had at that point drop, and hasn't been at any practices since. She, like Burton, had not been too enthused about the intensity of the Bear's practices, so that the team believes this was a major factor in her departure.

This year's squad is faced with the task of getting through a tough season schedule, obviously made when Burton and Noe were still on the team. It includes top eastern teams like University of Pennsylvania, Temple, Yale and Navy and leads to the qualifying rounds of the nationals against New York colleges on March 7. Although Barnard may have a tough time of it this year, captain Ann Ryan, who has adapted better than Burton and Noe to coach Brover's 'student-teacher' role on the squad, prefers to take a philosophical stance about the upcoming tough schedule.

"I know that it's not going to be anything like the way it's been in the past two years," said Ryan, "and perhaps the caliber of the teams we're going to fence is too high for us, but in the long run, it will be good for the team. If the schedule had provided more competition against weaker teams, we'd win more, but you don't learn as much as you do against better teams. This is going to be a learning and growing year for the team. Next year and the year after that we will be a strong team again."

One of the reasons Barnard will come on against next year is the anticipated presence of several recruited freshmen, including an early decision candidate who has just finished second in the 'Under 20' division of the independent National Championships. The other reason are the six new varsity members, Karina Shulemovich, Adina Green, Marcia Thornhill and Martha Campos, all sophomores, freshman Jackie Gibbons and junior Fia Reaves. None has any competitive experience, but that doesn't worry Brover because his best fencer, Ann Ryan, had no fencing experience when she came to Barnard either. Ryan, according to Brover, is the example all his young fencers should follow.

"The situation with these young fencers is basically the same as it was with Ann

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The Bear Minimum

By Mary Witherell

Since we've been out of commission lately, we've gotten a little behind in our weekly coverage of Barnard athletics. So, to update you on the current status of all eight varsity sports here, this synopsis of seasons is presented.

Archery—Coach: Al Lizzio

On December 5, the archery team defeated Brooklyn College in its annual shoot 1555-1325, at the Barnard Gym. Leading scorer was Barnard's Petra Hubbard, of Vallen Cottage, N.Y., who shot a 450 (out of a possible 600). Barnard's next major competition in the Eastern United States Indoor FITA, to be held at East Stroudsburg State College, Pennsylvania, on February 14. A preview of the archery season will appear in next week's *Bulletin*.

Basketball—Coach: Nancy Kalafus

The hoopsters are 2-3 on the season, with the wins coming against Bryn Mawr College, CCNY and John Jay College, and the losses against College of New Rochelle, Mount Saint Vincent and Princeton. Leading Bear scorer thus far has been junior center Verna Bigger, of Baltimore, Maryland, who's averaging 11.3 points per game. Leading rebounder is Nora Beck, at 10.0 per game. On January 15 and 17, the Bears played Pace and Manhattanville. The results of those games will be in next week's *Bulletin*. On Jan. 21, Barnard faces Saint Joseph's College in an away game. The team isn't home again until the 30th, when it plays Lehman at the Columbia Gym at 6 P.M.

Cross-Country—Coach: Kate Moore

The cross-country team was second in both the First and Second Barnard Invitational, second in the Hartwick Invitational, and hosted the Ivy Championships for the first time in Barnard history, at Van Cortlandt Park.

Fencing—Coach: Semyon Brover
The fencing squad is 1-2, following a tri-meet against St. John's (L) 3-13, Hofstra (L) 6-10, and Pace (W) 40-6 on November 22. Captain Ann Ryan won eight of twelve bouts that day. The fencers next take to the strip on January 24 against Cornell at Cornell. They're home a week later,

on Jan. 31, against Yale. Fairleigh Dickinson University and New York University in the Barnard Gym at 10 A.M.

Volleyball—Coach: Mary Curtis

The Bears were 13-22 in 1980 and placed sixth in the Ivy Championships. Seniors Alla Jodanis of Forest Hills, N.Y., and Zenta Batarraga of Yonkers, N.Y. were named First Team All-Ivy. It marked the second time in Batarraga's volleyball career that she had been so named, the first time Barnard had two athletes from the same sport named to first team All-Ivy honors, and the third and fourth time in Barnard history that a Bear has been named first team All-Ivy.

Swimming/Travis—Coach: Lynda Collins-McKeown

The finswimmers are 1-2, following a victory over Queens College 21-56, and losses to Penn, 21-39, and Stony Brook, 58-81. In the first month of competition, freshman Diane Dougherty of Bethesda, Maryland, impressed all by breaking the team records in the 50, 100 and 200 backstroke, 50 and 100 freestyle, and was part of record-breaking 200 and 400 freestyle relay and 400 medley relay teams. She is already qualified for the State and eastern Regional Championships in several events, with the bulk of the season to swim yet. Barnard's next competition is January 20 against William Paterson at the Columbia Pool at 7:30.

Tennis—Coach: Marian Rosenwasser

The tennis team concluded the fall schedule at 5-2 and finished eleventh in the State Championships, Barnard's highest placing there ever. The spring season begins on March 27 against Bryn Mawr, away, with intra-squad ladder matches for the number one spot among several candidates, including Karen Adler, Nina Pivoc and Karen Claxton beginning in February.

Indoor Track and Field—Coach: Kate Moore

The indoor track season begins on Jan. 23 against Army, St. John's and Queens at West Point. A season preview will appear in the *Bulletin* next week.

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As far as her career is concerned, Ms. Zarr views her new position as "a step up, a new challenge with more writing and publications work." As Associate Director of Public Relations, she is primarily responsible for publications, and mostly for the *Barnard Reporter*. Through these and press releases she hopes to "generate further positive publicity for Barnard, here and abroad," noting that Barnard's student body hails from as many as sixty

foreign countries.

Ms. Zarr is not only impressed with the diversity of the students, but also with the "drive and initiative of individual students." In an upcoming issue, the *Barnard Reporter* will highlight students active in this year's political processes. Ms. Zarr is very anxious to meet students and to learn about their particular achievements, which can be publicized in the students' hometowns, causing recognition both for the student and for Barnard.

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brands may be a factor that increases the risk of TSS." (NYT, 10/8) The Center for Disease Control, however, maintains that this hypothesis is questionable. Conversely, their studies with TSS patients who frequently changed tampons indicate that "whatever harm tampons do might occur when they're inserted or when they're still dry." The Center further dissents with ACOG, their "case tallies so far show little or no correlation with manufacturers' ingredients."

Meanwhile, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and tampon producers

are issuing information to the public and to nationwide medical services. In addition, the FDA has declared that a mandatory warning be put on all tampon packages.

Although the experts differ, they agree that continuous use of tampons throughout the menstrual period is a risk factor. The Center for Disease Control "urges all women to use tampons intermittently during the menstrual period switching to sanitary napkins or mini-pads whenever possible. Another alternative is to use only sanitary napkins." Overall, it appears that caution should be exercised until more evidence is available.

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crowding and an overload of the building's water system.

Those residents of Plimpton for whom alternate housing is not found at the College and who must commute or find their own housing will be given a per diem refund of their room charges.

"The whole incident is a real imposition . . . but we have no control over the elements," said Gatch who earlier commented, "Everything possible is being done . . . So far we're doing okay and I'm sure we'll get through this."

Additionally, Plimpton Hall residents will not be charged fees for late registration, according to Gatch.

Those Plimpton residents who need housing should contact the Office of Residential Life (X3095).

Fencers

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Ryan," said Brover. Last year she was the number four fencer on varsity and had trouble winning bouts. Her skills and understanding have improved very much and now she has a very good winning percentage in her bouts. These fencers have good physical ability, perhaps even better than Ann's, but she is able to compensate for what she lacks in skills because she works very hard. Ann is such a hard-working girl that I wish they all could work as hard. If they do, they could be as good as

she, or maybe better."

Despite the loss of last year's number one and two fencers, Ryan maintains her goals at a high level and remains optimistic. She said that because she gained a great deal of confidence after completing a full year of varsity and nationals competition, she expects the same to happen to the team's young fencers, adding "The one thing they need is experience."

Experience is one thing the fencing team should have plenty of after this season.

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