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## Ms. Gould to Head Women's Center

By Nadine Feiler

Ms. Jane Gould, Director of the Office of Placement and Career Planning, is replacing Prof. Catherine Stimpson as Director of the Women's Center this year. In a telephone interview, Ms. Gould said she did not foresee any conflicts between her two directorships, nor did she intend the Women's Center to be absorbed by the Placement Office. "I am going to be doing both jobs. However, I anticipate putting more responsibility of running the (Placement) office on people already there," such as Lynn Stephens and Hilary Knatz, she said.

Ms. Gould explained that despite her other duties she did not conceive of the Women's Center as only career-oriented, but rather as representative of Barnard in a broader, more academic sense. However, as head of the Placement Office, there are distinct advantages that Ms. Gould, with her familiarity with the employment situation, could bring to the Center. For instance, she envisioned a conference co-sponsored by both offices on how to handle job discrimination.

There are several projects in the planning stage at the Center. The most immediate is a move to new, more expansive quarters next door to their presently cramped office in Barnard Hall. Ms. Gould expressed hope that the new quarters (in room 100, Barnard) will be more comfortable and inviting, "the kind of room people will want to come into." It will house a collection of literature relevant to women's needs, including all current feminist newsletters, directories, and calendars of events across the nation and especially in the metropolitan area.

A regional conference is planned for November, entitled "Women Learn From Women." It is being organized in conjunction with women's groups on other campuses, such as Douglas, N.Y.U., Hunter, and Old Westbury. Although it is being planned primarily by academic women, the conference will address itself to a broader cross-

section of women.

Another project implemented under the auspices of the Women's Center was the compilation of a bibliography by Barnard alumna Kirsten Drake, with the help of Dorothy Marks. The bibliography will include all published and unpublished works in women's studies in the year 1971. It is being printed and distributed by a feminist press, KNOW, in the early fall.

Ms. Gould said in conclusion that she felt the major aim of the Women's Center now is to emphasize projects which could be

carried out successfully, so that the Center could establish a name for itself and be on more solid ground when requesting foundation grants.

There are no new developments concerning the participation of undergraduates in the Women's Center Ms. Gould felt it was up to the students to determine what the year will bring. The composition of the Executive Committee of the Center is as follows: 3 students, 3 alumnae, 3 faculty, and 3 administration.



Jane Gould

### Under the Tent:

## Orientation Judged Success

By Derval C. Walsh

For the second consecutive year, Barnard College, Columbia College, and the Engineering School have jointly conducted the Freshman-Transfer Orientation Program. This year's events were widely attended and most students judged the co-ed program a success.

In an attempt to strengthen their respective communities, several minority groups implemented their own individual programs. The Barnard Organization of Soul Sisters (BOSS) and the Student Organization for Black Unity (SOBU) sponsored introductory programs for incoming black

students. Included among the events were a seminar conducted by Inez Reid, and a performance at the National Black Theatre. Two other groups, the Latin-American Student Organization (LASO), and a group of Asian students also hosted several events which introduced students of their organizations to community activities outside the University.

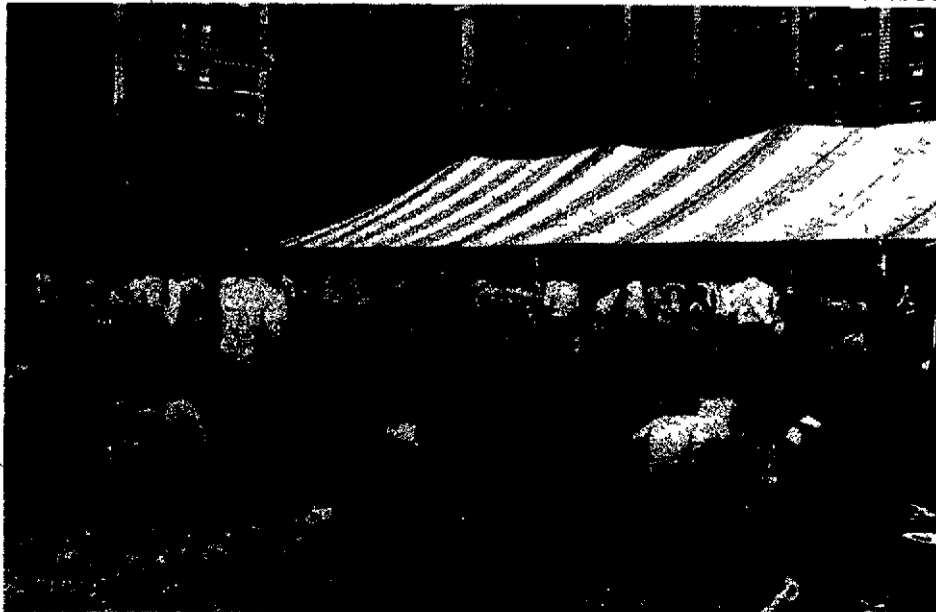
On Saturday, September 2, both Freshman and transfer students were invited to attend a series of lectures concerning a variety of subjects. Although all the seminars were well attended, Professor Catharine Stimpson's lecture entitled "Can Women Be

a Revolutionary Force" drew the largest number of students. Professor Stimpson attempted to deal with women in terms of their historical past and the search for equality.

The majority of the students attending this Fall's Orientation expressed approval at the program of events. Others found the weekend too full and seemingly contrived. One commuter from New York stated that she found "the idea of being isolated in Hewitt with other commuters stultifying. I feel as if the college is purposely trying to

isolate the residents and the commuters. I met many other commuters which was good, but I met residents only in passing." Another student complained that "there was too much emphasis on activity—I had that all summer. All these events at once are just unreal."

On the whole however, most students enjoyed their introduction to Barnard. Said one resident, "All the built up pressure has been relieved and I realize now that there are 500 other kids here just as worried about college as I am."



## New Food Plan Gets Underway

Due to severe financial losses incurred over the past several years, Barnard College has been forced to relinquish control of the Hewitt Cafeteria. Servomation-Wilbur, Inc. has taken over the Food Service, and has implemented many new changes.

Under the new system, students will be issued permanent food cards as opposed to the weekly meal tickets used previously. Contrary to last year's method, individuals will no longer be forced to adhere to strict price limits, but can help themselves to what they want

eating meals solely in the cafeteria. This means that one can no longer take any items from the dining hall. Secondly, if a student wants to use the tunnels during meals, he or she must relinquish the food card to a guard at the Hewitt Cafeteria entrance. Students may, however, use their meal cards at McIntosh.

Because the Food Service is newly organized, many of the present problems will probably be solved in the near future. Mr. John Lavoie and Mr. James Gould, the new directors for Servomation-Wilbur, welcome any suggestions by Barnard representatives. The Food Service offices are located in the basement of Brooks Hall.

There have been several complaints about the new Food Service. Primarily, students criticize the rules regarding

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## BARNARD MYTHS

There are a number of assumptions concerning Barnard as an academic institution that are constantly repeated in welcoming speeches and campus publications by administration and faculty alike. We are so inculcated with these assumptions here at Barnard that they become the reality upon which we make our decisions concerning the future of the institution. However, at a time when Barnard is re-examining itself and its relationship to Columbia at all levels, perhaps we should examine some of the underlying assumptions which too often remain unquestioned.

The fact that Barnard College has an enrollment of less than 2000 women results in statements about the "small college" nature of the school. At Barnard, the argument goes, one will not get lost in the red tape and impersonal atmosphere of a large University. In fact, we are told, we have the best of both worlds because we also have the opportunities existing at a large University. Well, there is some truth to the statement, but there are too many alienated and lost women walking around Barnard to accept it totally at face value. Classes are too often large and impersonal and although Barnard professors are usually available for consultation in their offices, the initiative is definitely up to the student, just as it would be at a larger university. Also, although the situation has improved in the past few years, a Barnard student still must wade through a lot of red tape.

The other theme that is echoed around Barnard is that Barnard offers us a type of education that is tailored to our needs as women. While the fact that Barnard is a women's college does raise our consciousness level and we are probably more aware of our power as women than we might be at a co-ed institution, the idea of women's education is too often more of an ideal here than a reality. While there are a variety of "women oriented" courses, the general thrust of our education is quite traditional. Because cooperation between certain Barnard and Columbia departments barely exists, many of us must settle for an education that marked by a lot less variety than it should be.

With the implementation of "open access" this semester, a re-evaluation of our basic assumptions should be commenced. It is not that these assumptions are lies or deliberate misconceptions. More often, they are half-truths that, whether or not they are deliberately perpetrated, do not conform to the core of experience of most Barnard women. We should define ourselves first and with this definition in mind, we should plan our future.



"Little Mary Sunshine," a stylized musical spoof on stage conventions, is being presented tonight by the Barnard Gilbert and Sullivan Society in conjunction with the Columbia Summer Repertory Theatre. Curtain is at 8:00 P.M. at Wollman Auditorium in Ferris Booth Hall. Tickets are \$2.00.

### Changing the Image:

## Seven College Conference to Recruit Again in West

By Carol Richards

Because so many women across the country are unaware of the educational possibilities available to them, the Seven College Conference maintains a field director whose purpose is specifically to inform women about the Seven Sisters Colleges but also to present attendance at a school in the East as a viable alternative to the local State University. Catherine Sease, a 1969 Bryn Mawr graduate, is the new Field Director of the Conference. The location of the field office is on a rotating basis; this year, it is headquartered in Barnard's Milbank Hall.

Ms. Sease will travel to states west of the Mississippi River, speaking to guidance counselors, potential students, and alumnae. She sees her job as an opportunity to dispel many of the misconceptions that high school women may hold regarding the Seven Sister Schools. Many women, according to Ms. Sease regard the Seven Sisters Schools as elite socialite institutions and are therefore afraid to apply. Many fear that they will need extensive wardrobes to keep up with the other women, a misconception Ms. Sease tries to dispel by saying that one pair of jeans and a few patches is all one really needs for four years.

Another aspect that Ms. Sease tries to introduce to many high school women, is the positive nature of a women's college. She believes that women at such previously all male schools as Princeton and Yale are made to feel like second class citizens. At the Seven Sister Schools, Ms.



Catherine Sease

Sease feels that a woman will receive more individualized treatment.

The Seven College Conference started in the early 20th century, when the obstacles against women's education were particularly great. The schools acted in the belief that many of these problems could be best solved together, instead of on an individual basis. The conference has continued on this assumption with the Admissions Offices at the schools perhaps doing the most on a cooperative basis. They have tried to standardize

admission requirements and such things as application deadlines and procedures. They also work closely to see that various schools do not compete for one applicant by trying to outbid each other on financial aid offers.

In the early 1950's, the Sister Schools implemented the position of Field Director. The Director, a recent graduate of one of the Seven, would be hired to acquaint high school women in the West of educational opportunities in the East. Most directors have served for two years.

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# Med Schools Accept 71% Applicants from Class of '72

By Carol Richards

Last year, when twice as many Barnard seniors applied to medical school as did seniors the previous year, and when the total number of medical school applicants nationwide rose from 29,000 to 34,000, the medical school acceptance rate for Barnard women was 71%. According to Professor Grace King, Lecturer in Chemistry and Pre-medical advisor, this is in contrast to a national acceptance rate of 37%. It is down, however, from the 1970-71 school year acceptance rate high of 94%.

Applications to medical school in 1971-72 were made by 42 seniors. Thirty received acceptances. Ten alumnae were also accepted to medical school and two to dental school. In 1970-71, eighteen out of nineteen applicants were accepted at medical school. Last year, Barnard students were accepted at 32 medical schools and will be attending 20 different schools this fall.

Last year, twelve Barnard seniors applied and were not admitted to medical school. Only one of these students had a cumulative average above the 3.22 median of pre-medical



Grace King

seniors last year. However, according to Ms. King, "Several years ago, most of these students would have been admitted."

Ms. King stated that there was

no real difference between the acceptance rate of science majors and non-science majors, providing that they do equally well in the required science courses. For those students whose science grades are average, Ms. King felt that science majors may have an advantage. Last year, 35 of the 42 seniors applying to medical school were science majors.

Last year, there were 2.6 applicants for every place in a medical school in the United States. Ms. King feels that although the situation will probably be as tight this year, she feels that it is reaching a peak.

Ms. King stated that she felt that a woman was at less of a disadvantage than she once was in applying to medical school. She also said that "a year ago it was definitely an advantage to be a woman."

Ninety-one women in the Class of 1976 have indicated that they are pre-med. This constitutes approximately 20% of a class of 458 women.

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## New Profile:

# Claire Fay to Head CAO

By Derval C. Walsh

Ms. Claire C. Fay has been appointed the new Director of College Activities, replacing Ms. Elizabeth Meyers who retired last June. As the Director of the College Activities Office, Ms. Fay is responsible for coordinating such major functions as Commencement and the Orientation program. She also serves as an advisor for all student and faculty events at Barnard.

In assessing her new responsibilities, Ms. Fay stressed the importance of the Activities Office. "We are in charge of anything that is extracurricular. The Activities Office serves as a motivating force or a coordinating force in all non-academic areas. Therefore, as Director of the Activities Office, I must serve as a liaison between students and the Administration." Ms. Fay also hopes to be able to interpret College policies to students and thus serve as a mediator between the Administration and the

students.

In coordinating future events, Ms. Fay hopes to organize new activities for Barnard which will be unique in character. She hopes to institute new activities and programs but stresses that these must not "compete with the cultural activity of New York City. In a huge metropolitan area like New York an Activities Center is limited by the city to a great extent. Rather than hindering us however, this fact creates greater incentive for the C.A.O. to create new activities which complement, rather than compete with, those advantages already obtainable in the City."

Ms. Fay, who assumed her new post in August, has previously worked with the welfare and recreation programs of the Army and Air Force Special Services and served as Director of the Campus Center at Fordham University for the past eleven years. Ms. Fay is a graduate of Emmanuel College and earned her M.A. degree at Columbia University Teacher's College.

## McGovern Group Formed at CU

An open meeting will be held this Friday in the "616" lounge for those students interested in organizing a McGovern-Shriver movement on campus. Jim Kaplan, a Columbia law student, and Jim Weikart, the director of "616", are hoping to enlist the aid of many Barnard students who can help canvass in Morningside Heights and other areas of the city. Volunteers are also needed to help with the massive registration drive that is

presently being organized.

In recent weeks the McGovern workers in the area have set up a street registration drive, and have devoted much of their efforts to fund raising. In conjunction with the Riverside Club, the workers will canvass the Morningside Heights area and encourage people to register.

Students interested in working for McGovern should contact Jim Weikart at extension 4241 or Carol Richards at 4985.

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# Moving Slowly

**BODIES IN MOTION.** By Zane Kotker. Alfred Knopf. \$5.95.

By Derval C. Walsh

In her latest novel, *Bodies in Motion* Zane Kotker depicts the total loss of individuality she feels is inevitable. Her "heroine" is Sonya, a photographer's assistant, who sacrifices her freedom and work for marriage.



The trite and time consuming daily duties required of her make up the entire action of the novel.

Although she demonstrates quite adequately Sonya's tensions and frustrations as a housewife-mother, the novel remains less than satisfying. Rather than struggling to survive, Sonya simply permits her life to be maneuvered and manipulated by social fears. Ms. Kotker sees resignation and acceptance as the only means of achieving happiness.

Unfortunately, *Bodies in Motion* comes across as a dull and shallow novel which somehow manages to obscure any reasonable social comment that might possibly be made. Ms. Kotker over-emphasizes Sonya's "great sensitivity," and refers to her photographic sight as "Great Vision." As Auden wrote:

To call our sight Vision implies that, to us, all objects are subjects.

Perhaps then, Ms. Kotker's greatest error is in judging all objects as subjects, and in allocating to Sonya all the passivity and inactivity of an inanimate, unresponding substance.



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An international flavor will be added to the faculty with arrivals of Dr. Jacobsen and Dr. Menon. Dr. Lars-Alvar Jacobsen, Assistant Prof. of Linguistics, is from Sweden and the University of Stockholm. Dr. Maya Devi Menon, an Assistant Professor of Biology, is from India. She will be teaching Bio. 1, 2, 16, and the new Developmental Biology course. Dr. Menon is replacing Prof. Farnsworth.



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