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Of Practice and Policy

For the second year in a row, Barnard has been faced with a "crisis" in connection with the room lottery. In Spring '78, students protested the implementation of "experimental" doubles in Plimpton, shortly after the former Acting Dean of Students Michele Mattia had unequivocally declared that this would not occur. In Spring '79, an uproar occurred when students were informed a few days before scheduled room drawing that there were not enough spaces to go around.

A comparison of the situation both years yields the same general pattern. In both cases, a change in housing policy and/or practice was announced shortly before the lottery was scheduled to begin, and the negative student reaction was serious enough to justify a temporary postponement of the room drawing. Also in both cases, the students who were protesting received sympathy, but little else from the rest of the student body, which was, to say the least, busily preparing for finals. The demonstrators frantically tried to do the same. In the end, concern for finals and a sense of helplessness won out, and the lottery went on as planned.

Is the pattern destined to repeat itself a third time? The information that is emerging about the events of last spring offers no consolation. Briefly, Barnard apparently had no control over the circumstances contributing to the crisis (see page 4). The major factor was said to be a greater demand for dormitory space among upperclasswomen with resident status, which was not known until housing application cards were received and counted in mid-April.

If this is the case, a review of procedure as well as policy practice should be considered. For one thing, the lottery is simply held too late in the year. If anything unforeseen should happen, such as this past year, the problem can take on heroic proportions from the mere fact that there is little time left to resolve it before finals begin, and people have to move out. Perhaps it is being simplistic to suggest that the lottery be held earlier, but since the entire system is based on projections which, in turn, are based on past experience, does it make much difference when it is held? It certainly would from the student viewpoint, if for no other reason other than the fact that a "crisis" would arrive at a time when students would be in a better position to deal with it, without finals breathing down our necks. Also, if some students are especially inconvenienced by a change in practice and/or policy, it would allow time to explore some alternatives, such as apartments in the area, or just simply time to find where one stands, as opposed to having to leave at the end of the term in sheer ignorance of what to expect.

The policy itself deserves serious review. There was talk last year of changing the zoning system to include travel time as well as geographical distance. Hopefully, this project will resume.

Most importantly, Barnard should see to it that whatever housing policy is finally decided upon, that it will be followed, rather than blindly making promises that to prospective students are impossible to keep. Seriously, out of all the applicants who are told during an admissions interview that they are being classified as commuters, but that they will be housed, how many are aware that these assurances are not part of "official policy?" How many applicants would have chosen to go to this school in the first place if they knew that they couldn't be housed?

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Grace Gold - Barnard '82 Killed by Falling Masonry

by Nancy Tappan

At 8:15 p.m. on May 16th, Barnard freshman Grace Gold was killed by a four pound block of ornamental masonry which fell from the eighth floor of 601 W. 115th Street, the building which houses Ta-Kome and Salter's Bookstore. The building is owned by Columbia University.

Columbia student Robert Green was quoted by the New York Post as saying: "She was walking along ahead of me. I saw the thing coming down and I saw it hit her ... there was nothing I could do." Grace had been on her way to attend a commencement celebration. She was pronounced dead by a St. Luke's Hospital ambulance team.

Grace was born on July 18, 1961. She lived at 601A Surf Avenue in Brooklyn, and was a 1978 graduate of John Dewey High School. She is survived by her parents, Henry and Sylvia Gold, a brother Lawrence, and a sister Lori, a 1978 Barnard Graduate.

Mr. and Mrs. Gold have filed a \$10 million dollar suit against Columbia charging criminal negligence resulting in their daughter's death. The New York Department of buildings has confirmed that 16 months prior to Grace's death building code violations were issued against 601 W. 115th St.—the most serious being non-hazardous water leaks along the top three floors of the building's facade.

An official statement from the

University released on May 17 states that the lead was repaired and that Columbia filed an application for dismissal of the complain on January 4, 1979. The statement says that the city never replied to the application for dismissal.

A Daily News report on Thursday, May 17 states that "city officials disclosed that 60 percent of the nearly 25,000 complaints filed last year (1978) are still pending. The report also said that "THE BUILDINGS Department has 24 inspectors responsible for 823,000 buildings, but that the average time for response to serious complaints is one or two days."

In June of this year a building inspection resulted in the erection of scaffolding around 600 W. 116th Street—a Barnard owned apartment building, so that repair could be done on the ornamental masonry.

A Statement released by President Mattfeld on May 17th read:

"All of us at Barnard are stunned and devastated that this gifted and promising young woman has been struck down in our midst. Our sympathy for the family of our student, Grace Gold, and our sorrow and shock at the manner of her death is surely shared by President McGill and all members of the Columbia community.

We and they feel deep concern for all those aspects of the welfare of our students who are within our influence. It has been a terrible tragedy."

Grace Gold



AN OPEN LETTER TO THE BARNARD COMMUNITY:

The primary function of the Undergraduate Association is to give expression to the opinions and concerns of the students of Barnard College and to voice these to the Barnard administration.

We've put up the Undergrad Voice boxes in an effort to promote channels of communications that can help us to provide the strong representation of student sentiments and concerns that has been lacking in the past. The Undergrad officers are primarily student advocates, not bureaucrats or administrators. We want to work for you.

As part of the effort to bring us closer together as students, we ask that you use these suggestion boxes as one way to express any questions, concerns or complaints that you may have on issues concerning the student body. Undergrad Voice Boxes have been placed in each of the dorms, in the lobby of the Barnard library and in McIntosh Center. Leaving your name and address is optional, but if you choose to do so we will respond personally. Otherwise all responses will be posted on the Undergrad bulletin board outside our office, now located in Room 116, lower level McIntosh. Or call us at x2126.

The Undergrad Board meets weekly with representatives of the administration and faculty. Each week the contents of each box will be reviewed and then presented to the appropriate "people" among administrators and faculty.

Student apathy is said to be a major problem on this campus. But the student body in general is not totally to be blamed. One of the major problems confronting Barnard has been a lack of unity, of a strong, centralized student leadership. This year your Undergrad board is going to do as much as it can to provide united leadership. But we can't do anything without your support and concern. Please help us to help each other. In unity there is strength.

Sincerely,
Paula Francesoe
President of Undergrad



601 West 115th Street

Chronology of A Crisis

by Nancy Tappan

Reading week, May 1979, was a time of crisis. Whereas students should have been studying for their final exams, they were participating in angry debates and demonstrations.

The issue was Barnard College policy concerning student housing for the 1979-1980 academic year. Who should get it who would not. The charges hurled against the administration included incompetence, deceit, and insensitivity to student needs.

What occurred was a ten day period of fear, anger and confusion. What Bulletin attempts to do here, with the advantage of hindsight, is to reconstruct the events, and examine the policies that led to the crisis

"The situation arose out of a series of events which surprised us as much as the students," said Dean of Studies and Vice-President for Student Affairs Barbara Schmitter. "We were working on the basis of estimates which had held true in past years as to the number of returning students, the ratio of residents to commuters, and the number of freshmen that the admissions process would yield. The estimates did not hold true. Up until the last minute, we were sure that we would have enough spaces."

"What caused the lottery crisis was that because of the increasingly tight apartment market, 200 upperclassmen who would normally give up rooms to take apartments returned to the lottery. Barnard can house 1212 students. 302 places were subtracted and held for incoming freshmen, leaving 910 places in the lottery. In past years only about 800 students ever chose to participate in room drawing," said Schmitter. "This had always left us with a 'pad' of 100 or so rooms that we could fill with seniors, and Zone-1 commuters."

"We discovered that we had 106 more people requesting housing than we had rooms for only after people turned in their lottery cards in mid-April," said Gatch.

Official Barnard College housing policy is stated in the yearly course catalogue. It states that "returning upperclass students exercise choice in room assignments through a draw. The general order of assignment is to all resident students; and to commuter students as space allows."

"In the past enough students with resident status withdrew from the lottery to take apartments that all senior commuters and Zone-1 underclassmen could be housed," said Gatch. This experience had gone on for such a number of years that the expectation that these students could be housed became an assumption. Verbal and unofficial written guarantees were made to incoming students that they would be housed as seniors. One mistake I made last May, partially because of my newness to the situa-

tion, was to underestimate the extent of these expectations."

"The issue was very complex and ambiguous. Students have divided loyalties," said Gatch. Seniors feel that they deserve housing after three years of commuting—they have to write their thesis, and even if they have only a short commute it is not the same as living on campus. They miss out on the social life and feel like second class citizens. Zone 1 commuters, no matter what class, have the legitimate gripe of having to travel so far and for so long. And there's the question of priority—who gets first preference. Should seniors who commuted for three years be content to settle for poor rooms, or should they get the same chance at good rooms as senior residents?"

"On Friday April 20, President Mattfeld, Dean Schmitter, Deputy Assistant to the President and attorney Joanne Blauer, myself, and the four residence directors met to deal with this problem," said Gatch. "We decided that in view of the policy, our only



Paula Franzese

recourse was to remove from the lottery seniors who live in Zones 2, 3, & 4. We would still allow all Zone 1 commuters to draw in the lottery, there being enough rooms to house them and our judging their need to be the greatest. We sent out a letter to students to that effect over the weekend."

"Students received that letter on Monday April the 23rd—the day the lottery was to begin," said Paula Franzese, Undergrad President. "It looked like a change in policy had been presented to us without our being consulted or advised until it was too late for anything to be done."

Student response to the letter was so negative that it was decided to delay the room drawing for one week and to begin on Monday April 30.

On Wednesday, April 25, President Mattfeld met with student in the lounge of '616'. "At the meeting, students made several proposals that were voted on by those present," said Franzese. The proposal which



Georgie Gatch

got the most votes was to keep all seniors in the lottery, and place Zone 1 underclassmen at the bottom of the list. Another proposal was to keep all Zone 1 commuters in the lottery and to place seniors in Zones 2, 3, & 4 at the bottom. President Mattfeld guaranteed us that one of the proposals discussed at this meeting would be the one adopted."

The Tripartite Housing Committee was called into session on Thursday, April 26. Discussion continued until Friday morning.

"The student meetings were called to elicit student input and suggestions. The Tripartite Housing Committee was asked to come to a decision based on this input," said Gatch. "What was assumed by students was that one of the resolutions as written would be the end result. What the committee did was to combine the two resolutions using the structure of existing official policy. You can't change policy in the middle of a crisis. If they had chosen one or the other, they would have pitted one group of students against another. It's a problem with institutional policy—how to be fair, and not give preference to one group over another."

The committee decided to pull all commuters out of the original lottery, and hold two room draws. After all resident students would pick by number, commuters would pick for the remaining rooms in the order of the numbers they held for the original lottery. Thus senior commuters would pick after the last sophomore residents, but ahead of commuter underclassmen.

On Monday, April 30, the lottery was scheduled to begin. Protesting students called an 8 a.m. meeting to discuss further action. "We thought we'd been guaranteed that one of the resolutions proposed in the

open houses would be the one enacted," said Franzese. "Instead we were faced with a resolution that none of us had foreseen. It was another major violation of the trust the commuters had placed in the administrators to listen to their ideas, and proved that the open houses had been a farce. We felt that the only recourse left us was to organize a demonstration in protest. We felt that we had worked through the system, but that it had failed us."

The room draw was to begin at noon in the Jean Palmer Room. The upper level of McIntosh Center was crowded with students.

"We felt that we had worked through the system but it had failed us."

"Senior commuters, some Zone 1 underclassmen, and some residents attempted to stop the lottery by asking the first students to draw," said Franzese.

"Everyone was crowded around the Jean Palmer Room door, physically and with furniture blocking off the room," said Kerry Koutsouris '81, a Zone 1 commuter. "But the administration tried to fake us out by moving the draw to the Housing Office across the lobby. When this happened, the protestors moved across the Center and blocked that door. We were angry because it seemed as if they were trying to ignore us and carry on like business as usual."

Mrs. Gatch decided at that point that it was useless to continue and it was announced that the draw had been cancelled for that day, and that they would try to start on the next morning.

On Tuesday May 1, the room draw was physically blocked again.



Dean Barbara Schmitter

"The situation was so serious at this point that I asked President Mattfeld to come over to speak to the group," said Gatch. "She asked student representatives, Dean Schmitter, and me to meet with her in private and we discussed the situation."

"Three alternatives were presented to the caucus, one being to try to convince everyone to go along with the decision of the Tripartite Housing Committee, to cancel room drawing altogether, and have rooms assigned over the summer, or to hold a referendum on the subject," said Franzese.

"President Mattfeld said that if we could set up a student body vote, and get a quorum of the students to vote for keeping the seniors in the lottery, then the administration would go along. The caucus voted against having a referendum, realizing that it would be impossible to organize and carry out such a process during final exams. We were told then that if we didn't want rooms assigned, then the protests would have to stop so that the room draw could go on."

"We went back to the assembly and I discussed it with some of the other senior commuters," said Franzese. "Everyone was hysterical. We felt that the administration was deliberately putting residents against commuters, and seniors against underclassmen. The split was obvious, and I couldn't sympathize with the residents—we all wanted to go start studying. We felt too much respect for our fellow classmates to make everyone suffer. We decided at that point to discontinue the protest and let the room draw go on."

"But the seniors are all very bitter, said Franzese. We have discussed the possibility of refusing to give a class gift when we graduate, and petitions will be circulated asking seniors not to sign a five-year gift-giving pledge. The policy has to be changed and made fair. We can't help ourselves, but we can try to assure that in the future this doesn't happen again."

Kleinman: Commuter Advocate

Over the summer Barnard College realized that over half of the student body felt bitter, alienated, and angry about the way they were treated.

Frances Kleinman was hired to do something about it.

"My role as Associate Director of Residential Life: Commuter Affairs Advisor is primarily to function as an advisor in the broadest sense and counselor to commuting students. Hopefully my office is going to serve as a clearing house for the implementation of programs to improve the quality of commuter life at Barnard," and I will try to serve as a commuter advocate to the administration.

"I'd like to emphasize that as a newcomer to Barnard I will be going through a period of orientation myself as I try to gain a sense of Barnard's operation," said Kleinman. "During this period I welcome and encourage, and will be actively soliciting student opinions and suggestions as to what they think should be done."

Kleinman was born in New York and was a commuting student and graduate of Queens College. She received her doctorate in English literature from Harvard, and she was an Assistant Professor of English at Williams College for four years, before accepting her current position at Barnard.

"I feel that because I commuted for four years to Queens, and because of my teaching experience at Harvard and Williams, I bring a number of pertinent resources to my position, and I have a sincere commitment to students as individuals," she said. "I fully



Fran Kleinman

understand the alienation that commuters feel, having been one. In administering the various programs being planned, I hope not to dictate students' needs to them, but rather, listen to my constituency and remain receptive to their perception of student problems be they academic, social, or personal." Kleinman's office will also house Barnard Space Limited, which is the new student Off-Campus Housing Registry.

Some of the changes which have been made over the summer and which were implemented by Kleinman and Joe Tolliver,

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Stop-Gap Housing: Carman, CRH, I-House

"Our main concern this summer was to find solutions for our immediate problem," said Gatch. Some possibilities for buying property were rejected because they would not be available for use this year. These included buildings needing major repairs and renovations, or buildings occupied by tenants whom Barnard would be unable or unwilling to evict.

The College entered into serious negotiations with the owners of a renovated building on West 70th Street and Broadway.

"We were so positive that the deal came through that we felt that there would be no problem with sending students a letter asking them to sign up if interested in apartments in this building," said Gatch. "However, we have come up against what seem to be insurmountable roadblocks in the negotiations."

dormitory, but it seems that this is not possible. The owners asked us if Barnard would reimburse them for the money they would lose, but we can't afford it. The amount of money we're talking about is substantial. It adds up to about 90 percent of the cost of renovation. We were forced to seek other alternatives."

"Efforts to increase Barnard's housing capacity began soon after I arrived last winter," said Gatch. "But when the lottery crisis arose, and when a larger freshman-readmit class than expected was enrolled, we ended up with 137 people that we were legally obligated to house, but for whom we had no room."

"The admissions office accepted approximately the same number of people as last year, expecting that number to yield about the same number that accepted the

Gatch said that throughout the summer Barnard administrators looked at or negotiated for innumerable potential housing units. Some of the buildings or situations investigated include:

- 1) a brownstone in the West 70's. Rejected as too small and in poor condition.
- 2) a building on the corner of Claremont Avenue and LaSalle Street. It was still occupied by tenants who could not be moved.
- 3) a brownstone on 101st Street and West End Ave. Rejected as having insufficient facilities (too few bathrooms and too few kitchens).
- 4) Two empty nursing homes on West End or in the 150's. Rejected as inappropriate.

According to Gatch, as of August 28 the following housing space additions had been made.

1. 38 spaces have been rented in the College Residence Hotel on 110th St. near Broadway. These spaces have been filled by freshmen and transfers.
2. Five spaces in International House on Riverside Dr. at 123rd St. These spaces have been filled by transfers who have either lived abroad or have an interest in International affairs. This stipulation is in accordance with I-house regulations.
3. Six places will be available in Eli White.
4. Sixteen Barnard women will be housed in four suites in Carman Hall.

"This is not a Carman-Reid exchange," said Gatch. "There will be no men in Reid, and this is a temporary situation for this year only. We lost 32 places in Eli White, and Columbia offered us a few places to make up. They basically had us over a barrel, and the only place they offered us rooms was Carman. We were legally responsible to house these freshmen somewhere, and had to take it. It must be said that the response we've gotten from the freshmen we assigned there had been positive."

Gatch said that the administration feels "very positive about the prospects of finalizing negotiations with the owners of an apartment building with 53 apartments within a short bus ride of the campus. We will know shortly after school starts whether or not the arrangements have been completed. If they are, the building will be ready October 1st.

The exact location of the building is being withheld until negotiations are finalized.



College Residence Hotel

According to Dean Schmitter the deal could not be finalized because of legal restrictions.

"This building has been renovated by the owners with the help of Federal funds under the I-51 Tax abatement program," said Schmitter. "Under this program, intended to provide incentives for the upgrading of residential housing units in urban areas, owners can receive tax cuts on the profits they receive from rent. However, dormitories do not fall under the category of residential space, so that the owners could not receive the tax cuts if they rented the spaces to Barnard. We tried to see the tax abatement could be deferred for a year or two, which is the length of time the space would be used as a

offer of admission as last year," said Dean of Studies Barbara Schmitter. "But for the third year in a row the yield increased."

Moreover, more freshmen than we expected have either resident, or Zone 1 status."

"In the past our yield had been fairly stable," said Schmitter. "On the basis of the calculations and estimates we were working with, we should have had a much lower yield. This kind of jump was unforeseeable in view of the declining demographic number of 17 and 18 year olds, and the increased competition among private colleges for qualified candidates."

Newsbriefs

Convocation

Convocation, the official opening of the academic year, will be held in the lower level of McIntosh Center on Monday, September 10, at 7 p.m.

Consumer advocate Bess Myerson will be the featured speaker. Ms. Myerson is a syndicated columnist in the Chicago Tribune-New York News syndicate, and a contributing editor for *Redbook* Magazine. Additionally, she has a daily radio show on the NBC network, holds consulting posts for consumer affairs with Citibank and Bristol-Myers, and lectures frequently.

Myerson is chairman of the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Greater New York, is a board member of the New York State Council on the Arts, the Citizen's Union, the Anti-Defamation League, the Metropolitan Opera, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She is also an appointed member of President Carter's Commission on Mental Health, the National Alliance to Save Energy, and the U.S. Mission to the United Nations.

Ms. Myerson also plays the piano and has soloed with the New York Philharmonic.

"Convocation is being revived this year and we hope that Ms. Myerson's appearance will encourage a large attendance," said Paula Franzese, President of Undergrad. "President Matfield will also speak, at the ceremony, and afterwards there will be a champagne student reception with faculty, administrators, and Ms. Myerson," said Franzese.

McIntosh Security

For security purposes, students entering McIntosh Center after 5 p.m. will have to present their I.D. to a member of the McIntosh staff. Additionally, the downstairs door will be locked an hour earlier, at 5:30 p.m. The building will continue to stay open until 10 p.m.

On the lighter side, there will be two new and notable permanent installations in McIntosh—two new centrex phones. In addition to the one already near room 110, a new phone will be placed by the ticket booth, and another near the Jean Palmer Room upstairs.

Clubs Carnival

Do you have a yen for free cotton candy, brownies, apple cider, lemonade, cookies, and spiked watermelon? The forty-eight Barnard and Columbia organizations participating in the "Club's Carnival" hope so.

The carnival has been planned "in the tradition of a country fair," says Paula Franzese, President of Undergrad. A five-piece country band called "Otter Creek" will help create the atmosphere, and clowns

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE SEPTEMBER 1979

1. Check to be sure you are cleared to register by the Bursar—lists posted Upper and Lower Level McIntosh, Dean of Studies Office, Registrar's Office, Bursar's Office.

2. Pick up registration packet, September 4 and 5, 9:30 to 4:30; September 6, 9:30 to noon, Lower Level McIntosh.

3. If you have never filed a medical report, go to Office of Health Services, 202 Barnard Hall.

4. Secure a mailbox assignment:

COMMUTERS (including all students who live off-campus) AND RESIDENTS of 600 and 620, Upper level McIntosh.

OTHER RESIDENTS, Director of the residence.

5. Complete forms in your registration packet.

6. Submit completed forms to the appropriate person, Upper Level McIntosh.

7. Obtain student I.D. card from Security Office, 104 Barnard Hall.

8. Any further questions, come to the registrar's office.

will be handing out balloons.

The clubs hope to recruit new members, and to encourage participation in extra-curricular activities.

Music in McIntosh

At 12:00 noon on weekdays, McIntosh Center is so crowded that it is difficult to find a seat. After 5 p.m. however, it is quite a different story.

"McIntosh has been dead at night," explained Joe Tolliver, Director of College Activities. "The Student Government and the College Activities Office are trying to get more activities, to turn it around and make it a real student center," he added.

"Music in McIntosh," a series of nighttime musical activities is planned, including a "coffee house" every Monday night with folk-rock music (7 to 10:30 p.m.) and dancing, complete with bands, every Thursday night. Admission prices will be 75¢ on Mondays, and \$1.00 on Thursdays. Beer, wine, burgers, and pizza will be sold at reasonable prices.

To make the deal even more attractive every Thursday will be a "novelty night," with certain groups (such as freshman, BHR residents, commuters, and so on) admitted for only 25¢.

Several bands are booked so far, "Steeple Chase" is scheduled to play on Thursday, September 15, "Whitewood" will appear on the 20th, and "Piper's Riot" is scheduled for the 27th. Nothing is definite yet for the coffeehouse, but 60 people have responded so far to a *Village Voice* ad in order to audition. Local and campus talent will also be given a chance to participate.

"We don't want to compete with academics but to supplement it," said Tolliver. "No one should study or party all the time." The program will be on a two month trial basis; it will be discontinued in October if it isn't successful. We have high hopes," said Tolliver, "but we need student support."

Request to Prevent Disclosure of Directory Information

The Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 gives Barnard the right to make public, at its discretion and without prior authorization from the student, the following information: name; class; home or college address; at Barnard, degrees, honors and awards received; previous school most recently attended; weight and height of student athletes; participation in recognized sports and activities.

The law also gives students the right to place limitations on the release of any of this information. A student who wishes to do so must file the appropriate form with the Registrar, 107 Milbank, each year by September 15. In practice, the College does not indiscriminately release information about individual students.

Vilma M. Borneman
Registrar

They Work Their Way Through School—Uniquely

by Kerry Koutouris

A few years ago a Columbia student made national headlines for "panhandling" his tuition money. Perhaps this is going a bit far, but let's face it—making ends meet can be tough in between exams and term papers, not to mention the added problem of tuition, room, and board.

College students, like everybody else, usually count on steady employment for sustenance. But those who are enterprising (or just lazy) find alternatives to part-time or work-study when forced with the cost of living.

I'm game for \$20,000

Last winter, a C.U. student attended a taping of the \$20,000 Pyramid at ABC studios in N.Y. He thought it was boring. Little did he know that a few weeks and several auditions later, he would end up as a contestant—and with 1500 extra dollars in his pocket.

Larry (not his real name, he doesn't want financial aid to find out about this) signed up to be a contestant because of his sense of humor: "An announcement was made that 100 people from the studio audience would be invited to audition. 'I decided that if I acted like a typical afternoon-T.V.-idiot, I stood a chance of being chosen,' he said. 'So I put on a big smile and shook everybody's hand. They also love people who they think will go crazy if they win, so I acted the part.'"

It apparently worked. He was required to attend three subsequent auditions where the rules of the game were taught, and the original one hundred people were narrowed down to eight. "They picked the people who played the best, had a clear voice, and smiled a lot," explained Larry.

Front row seats for a big-name concert often go for \$1000 a piece

He was put into a "contestant pool" who sat around for a few days until they were called to compete. He explained that a contestant has no idea as to when he'll go on the air until seconds before. According to Larry, there is a "balance system" for the contestants: "If one contestant is fat with blond hair and glasses, the next person will be skinny and dark-haired with good eyesight," he said.

Larry was finally called to play against JoAnne Worley and Geoff Edwards (the host of "Treasure Hunt"). He won three games, and almost won the twenty grand twice. "I don't remember how much money I won at

what times; it was all kind of a blur . . . The only specific amount that I remember winning was an extra \$500 for winning the 'lucky 7.'"

In two days, he managed to net \$1550 in cash, a vacuum cleaner, Sarah Coventry Jewelry, \$25 worth of Fab detergent, \$25 worth of chapstick, and two cases of Rice-a-Roni.

"It was totally no effort except for a lot of smiling," he remarked. "You are only allowed to appear on the show once, so I can't do it again. It's the only game show that's still in N.Y., the rest of them moved out west to where the stars are. Too bad, I might have been able to win a trip to Las Vegas or something."

The best things in life tend to be expensive. George (not his real name, he doesn't want the police to find out) likes few things better than a good, rowdy rock concert. However, he often discovered that he had more concert tickets in his pocket than dollar bills, which presented a problem, since money is another one of his favorite things. George had no intention of giving up either of the above, so instead, he found a solution in combining the two: "I've been scalping tickets since High School," he admitted.

George believes that he has the best set-up of this sort on campus. "I have a steady business," he said. "People can call me up any time for any ticket they want. I can get the best seats, including Broadway shows. Other people who scalp tickets around here usually work with one show at a time. They go out in groups and buy a lot of tickets, but they are at the mercy of what kind of seats they can get." The difference between George and other scalpers is that he works exclusively through a contact, who he describes as "big in the business."

When George gets an inquiry about tickets, he first asks the person how much money they are willing to pay, and tells them what kind of seats they can get for that price. After a deal is worked out, he will order the tickets, and money is exchanged afterwards. "Once I order the tickets, I am committed," said George. "I have to pay for them myself, so if the person I got them for suddenly decides that he doesn't want them, I'm stuck. Most people come through, though."

He added that "people are usually pretty excited when they first call me, because they figure that it will cost \$10 or so. When they



find out, for example, that front-row tickets at the Garden usually cost \$25, they get upset. My prices are definitely lower than most, though. I usually make \$5 profit on each ticket."

Prices may vary greatly depending on the concert. George once had someone offer him \$1000 in cash for each front row seat he had to Led Zepplin. The same thing happened when he went to see the Rolling Stones at the Capitol last Summer. He refused, both times. "I get nervous when I sell tickets at the show itself. Sometimes I have to do it when I get stuck with tickets, but I don't like to—not because of the police, if they catch you, the worst they do is make you give the tickets away for free—but because I've seen too many people get ganged up on and beat up. Needless to say, they get ripped off, too."

George is not worried about the law. "The way I do business is legal," he said. "I rarely have more than a few tickets on hand at a time, and usually only for a day or so. Even if someone did want to set me up, it's not worth anybody's trouble. I do 40 or 50 shows per year, and this year, for example, I made about \$1500 from this. I could make more if I put more effort into it, but it's enough to get by for now."

The Underground Shopper

by Kerry Koutsouris

The **Underground Shopper** prides itself in having a publisher who is a tightwad, researchers who are cheapskates, and millions of penny-pinching fans nationwide. The price of the book, however, is not cheap. It is a standard sized paperback (7 x 4 1/2 x 1/4 inches) which sells for \$4.95, as Jack Benny would say . . . "Well!"

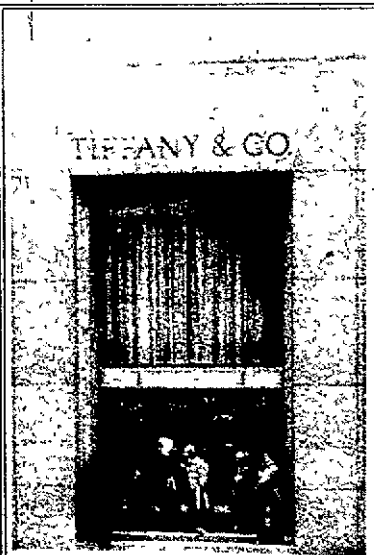
Admittedly, one can't judge a book by its cover ("The *gett*-saving guide to guilt-free shopping," it proclaims) or its price. A closer look at the contents illustrates that **The Underground Shopper** is a manual of stores, boutiques, warehouses, and thrift shops that sell brand-name clothes, appliances, furniture, or other merchandise for wholesale or cut-rate prices. Everything is listed by category, and stores are rated four stars to none, depending on quality, selection, price, and sales personnel, accompanied by a blurb that guides the prospective buyer to specific bargains at each store.

The problem is, the rating is not broken down into categories. It is somehow averaged together into one lump sum, so the would-be shopper doesn't know exactly what the rating is based on. In some cases, the blurb will warn about a limited selection, grungy dressing rooms, or snotty sales help as the case may be, but often the reader is left unenlightened. For example,

French Jeans Store Outlet is given a two-star rating, which translates to "very good" in the rating system. The review of the store absolutely raves about the great

prices and the available stock, but there is no hint as to why this store lost points with its critics. The authors would have been more helpful had they been more specific about their rating, as is done in the **Barnard-Columbia Course Guide**, which breaks down its over-all rating into such categories as workload and interest value, as well as a brief overview of what to expect.

The short descriptive reviews do succeed, however, in informing the reader of what to expect in terms of brand-names, designer labels and the like that various stores may specialize in. But again, there is a slight problem **The Underground Shopper** attempts to be witty and



Tiffany's is given a 'dime your own conclusions' rating

entertaining. It is not. The humor is warped. What's worse, every listing in the entire book has a horrible pun packed into every other sentence. For example, the blurb for "Ranna Handbags, Inc." begins "Ranna rannaway with good deals. We rannacross 30-40 percent savings on Christian Dior . . ." At times, it seems that the book is trying so hard to be punny that it compromises the content of its reviews in favor of bad jokes. In the write-up for **Salter's** book Center, for example it states: "Salter's peppered us with bargains . . . there were so many Penguin and Pelican classics, we were tempted to catch them by putting salt on their tales." Now, anyone who is familiar with **Salter's** knows that there is a "bargain table" outside, but other than that, what bargains? The type of books that students usually buy for classes are priced in a pretty straightforward manner—what you see behind the little dollar sign on the book cover is what you get billed for.

The book is flawed, but it could conceivably be useful. Those who are familiar with any of the four-star stores listed will agree that they actually are quite good. But one must be able to overlook the fact that the book is geared to people with bucks. For example, how many people on a meager student-sized income can afford designer clothes, or a "reversible cashmere coat (regular \$950) at \$299 at Gucci's? By the way, anyone on a meager student income who is interested in **The Underground Shopper** is welcome to stop by the **Bulletin** office for a look-see at our copy and save \$4.95 plus tax without even going shopping.

four - ★ stores

Some of the 4-star stores from the **Underground Shopper** are included below. Excerpt are taken from the book itself . . . except that all the sick humor has been axed.

Women's Apparel

L & L Discount, 467 Third Ave. - savings on Lee, Jordache, Landlubber, Ferrari, Calvin Klein and Sasson quality jeans. Were \$12.99-\$26.99, lowest we've found. All sizes.

New Store, 289 Seventh Ave. - large collection of designer lines in closets and features first quality labels . . . like Givenchy, Klein, Bill Atkinson . . . plus sales with up to 50% off . . . sweaters \$6-\$16 (reg. \$60); blouses \$15 (reg. \$40); and Klein Jeans \$22 (reg. \$45).

Bikes and Repairs

Gene's 77th St. Discount Bicycles - Peugeot, Fugli, Raleigh, Schwinn, Pony and Ross . . . everything in the store was below retail . . . Floating specials, via telephone, were fantastic buys.

Groceries

Desserts by Michelle, 410 Amsterdam Ave. - sold cakes and desserts to some of the best restaurants in town . . . prices 1/2 above wholesale and included Black forest tortes \$12, Grand Marnier cake \$12, bacon quiche \$6, walnut cheesecake \$10 . . . Delivers free of charge.

Jewelry

Palmer sales Corp., 1133 Broadway - first quality swiss watches at savings of 50-80% . . . Ladies sport was \$30-\$40, quartz were \$74-\$100, 14k watches were \$100-\$300.

Toys

Toy Chest, 226 83rd St. - It's a retail toy store with most of the games, books, crafts, skates, and other toys at 50% of the price of new. Ice skates \$5, Tonka trucks at \$8.50-\$12.50.

Transportation

Econo Limo, 132 York Ave. - be wisked to JFK or Newark for \$26, Laguardia for \$21, plus tolls and tips . . . That's the Midtown rate. Otherwise, \$17 per hour flat rate. Groups of up to seven.

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College Activities Director, include CUID access to dormitories and campus buildings rather than the old sign-in process, changing mailbox policy so that all commuter students will have mailboxes in McIntosh. Resident students will have only one box in their dorm. Also, the Snack Bar in McIntosh will once again extend its hours until 7:30 p.m.

"We have several other programs and changes in the planning stage right now, such as opening the library and certain offices like the Bursar and the Registrar earlier in the morning to make it easier for commuters to turn in reserve books and to take care of paperwork," said Kleinman. We are also working on a snow day notification system, and changes in the financial aid system that would benefit commuters.

Kleinman will also oversee the new Commuter Assistant program where incoming freshman commuters will be assigned an upperclassman commuter to act as counselors and assist with questions or personal problems. "Hopefully the CA's will provide the same sort of support system that the residence counselors provide for resident students," said Kleinman. "We also hope to coordinate activities with the CA's and RA's working together to cut across social barriers between residents and commuters."

"Another idea which I have, which worked well at Williams, is to try to increase faculty involvement in student activities. Williams had a program where students invited faculty members to dinner in the dormitories, and there were a lot of coffee hours on an informal basis which students and faculty attended," said Kleinman.

"I'm sure that it's been tried in the past, and that people will say that the faculty here don't do that. I fully recognize that the faculty here have enormous responsibilities and time commitments, and that not all would be receptive. But as I get started here I hope to explore these possibilities with them."

Shalom Marcy —
We miss you.



Completing the Square?

New Dorm Plans Await Funding

Plans for a new dormitory on the Barnard Campus have progressed over the summer.

"We filled an application with the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a funding grant," said Dean of Studies and Vice-President for Student Affairs Barbara Schmitter, "and a task force has been set up to formulate plans for the building. They met twice over the summer to discuss logistical decisions such as whether to build single or double rooms, whether or not to provide kitchens, and what other space uses might be included in the plans."

According to Vice-President for Finance and Administration John McBride, the building would house around 300 students, and would cost \$5,400,000; 80% of which, or \$4,600,000 would be covered by the HUD grant if it is received. A target date for completion has been set for September of 1981.

"Sites being considered for the building are the roof of McIntosh Center, the roof of Lehman Hall, or completing the square in BHR courtyard," said Dean Schmitter. "The courtyard would be the simplest architecturally, because of the complexity of design needed to build on top of an existing building. However, the dust and noise would undoubtedly disrupt life in BHR during construction."

"One of the problems with building a new dorm is deciding whether or not it is the best long-range solution to a housing shortage," said Director of Residential Life Georgie Gatch. "All demographic studies show that college enrollment will sharply decrease in the next few years. Barnard cannot afford to have empty rooms on our hands. So the two alternatives are to either build a dormitory which can be used for other purposes, or to buy a building in the area which could be sold or rented to non-students as spaces open up."

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BARNARD CRAFTS CO-OP FALL 1979 - SPRING 1980

Welcome to the Barnard Crafts Co-op and its original mini-course program available to the general Barnard and Columbia communities. The program has been a success in offering a relaxed and creative milieu, which is a needed balance to academic and professional pressures. This year our goal is to further develop this creative experience by expanding the program with even more classes to satisfy diversified interests. Both beginners, and those who are interested in improving their techniques, are welcome as all participants are encouraged to work at their own level. Come and join the "Co-op"—for an alternative to traditional academic life.

BARNARD CRAFTS CO-OP - MINI COURSE REGISTRATION

SEPTEMBER 17 - SEPTEMBER 28

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM UPPER LEVEL MCINTOSH

AND THROUGHOUT THE DAY IN 209 MCINTOSH.



THE HEALTH AND SOCIETY PROGRAM

HSI Fundamental Concepts of Clinical Medicine and Public Health

Introduction to the societal context of health and health care, defining health and disease; the search for causes in public health; concepts in epidemiology, criteria of scientific judgment; bases of clinical decision-making, the limitations of medicine; imperatives of decision-making under conditions of clinical and scientific uncertainty.

MW 2:40 - 3:55, Nicholas Rango, M.D., For further information call x2868

Get Well Doris

The Place is
falling apart
without you!

With Love,
The College
Activities Office.

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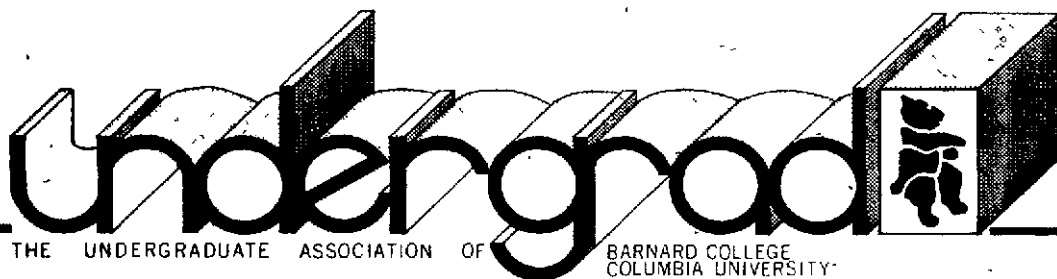
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THE UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATION OF

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UPCOMING SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Club's Carnival '79

*featuring the Barnard & Columbia clubs
and their representatives who will be
on hand to recruit new members*

This year's carnival
follows in the

Country Fair Tradition

ALL AT NO CHARGE

TUESDAY, SEPT. 4, 1979

11 am - 4 pm The Barnard Lawn
(In case of rain: McIntosh Center)

with

- 6 piece country band
OTTER CREEK
- A watermelon festival
- Cotton candy, brownies,
lemonade, apple cider, etc.
- Clowns and balloons

1979 Convocation Ceremony

marking the official opening of the
academic year.

GUEST SPEAKER

Bess Myerson

MONDAY, SEPT. 10, 1979

7:00 p.m.

Barnard Gym

*Champagne reception to follow
- in the College Parlor*

3rd floor of Barnard Hall

The First Annual Student Leader Conference

**FOR ALL CLUB OFFICIALS
AND THEIR EXECUTIVE BOARDS**

Important issues will be discussed
concerning programming & budgeting

Friday, Sept. 13, 1979

The Deanery, Hewitt Hall

Workshop begins promptly at 2:00 p.m.

A reception for the administration
will follow at 4:00 p.m.

R.S.V.P. Stop by the Undergrad Office
Room 116 McIntosh Center
or call us at x2126

A newspaper is the lowest thing there is.

—Mayor Richard J. Daley

Journalism is literature in a hurry.

—Matthew J. Arnold (1822-1888)

Journalism is the ability to meet the challenge of filling space.

—Rebecca West

Journalists smoke like fiends, drink like fish and swear like truck drivers.

—Nancy Tappan

If you believe any or all of the above . . .

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Three one-act plays

Sat. & Sun, Sept. 1st and 2nd
07 Ferris Booth Hall (basement)
3 p.m. - reception to follow
— Admission Free —

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— joining one of our clubs

—working on intramurals

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—helping the recreational athletic program at Barnard

Contact Claudia Campbell at x4927 and Marian Rosenwasser at x2085
Physical Education Department
or drop a note in the RAA office in 108 McIntosh.

IN MEMORIUM

The Barnard/Columbia community was deeply saddened this summer by the untimely deaths of three of its members—Grace Gold, Barbara Pitzele, and James C. Caraley.

Grace was killed on May 16, 1979 when she was struck by a piece of masonry which fell from 601 W. 115th Street, a Columbia-owned building which houses Ta-Kome Foods and Salter's Bookstore. She had just completed her freshman year at Barnard.

Grace lived at 601A Surf Avenue in Brooklyn and was a 1978 graduate of John Dewey High School. She is survived by her parents, Henry and Sylvia Gold, a brother Lawrence, and an older sister Lori, a 1978 Barnard graduate who was Undergrad Vice-President for Student Government in her senior year.

Barbara Pitzele died suddenly on June 11, 1979. She was a member of the class of 1980, but intended to graduate in January. She majored in political science.

Barbara was born on September 10, 1957, and her home was in Homewood, Illinois.

James Christopher Caraley was killed while mountain-climbing in Jasper National Park in the Canadian Rockies. He had set out alone to climb Mt. Athabasca and Mt. Andromeda but failed to



Grace Gold

return at the appointed time. Chris was a junior at Columbia College majoring in philosophy.

He is survived by his father, Dr. Demetrios Caraley, Professor of Political Science at Barnard, his mother Jeanne Benner Caraley, a brother David and a sister Anne. His family lives in Tarrytown, New York.

The *Bulletin* staff extends deepest sympathy toward the families and friends of these three students. We find it almost impossible to comprehend the loss we all feel at their passing. But those of us who remain behind can best pay them tribute by considering our own lives and our own reasons for being members of this community.

Such senseless tragedies can be prevented. We can channel our grief into constructive avenues by redoubling our efforts to gain the education that we need, and that *they* also sought, to insure that other young and vibrant lives are not snuffed out before their time.

Grace, Barbara, and Chris left us a great legacy—memories. The only thing more tragic and painful than their deaths would be for us to forget the joy of their lives.



Barbara Pitzele

Cross Country Schedule - 1979-80 - Coach: Kate Moore

Sat. Sept 15, Pre-season Fun Run, Van Cortland, 11 a.m.
Fri. Sept 28, Princeton, Cornell, Auburn, Queens,
Montclair, Penn., A, 4 p.m.
Sat. October 6, Hunter, Lehman, Van Cortland, 11 a.m.
Sat. October 13, Army, Vassar, Army, 1:30 p.m.
Sat. October 20, Stonybrook, A, 1:30 p.m.

Sat. October 27, Lehman, Medgar Evers, LIU, Montclair
Van Cortland, 11 a.m.
Sat. November 4, EAIAW Championship, W Chester State
Fri. November 9, Ivy Championship, U. of Penn., 4 p.m.
Sat. November 17, AIAW Championship

Tennis Schedule - 1979-80 - Coach: Marian Rosenwasser

Thursday, September 20, Stony Brook, H, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, September 25, Brooklyn, H, 3 p.m.
Friday, September 28, College of Staten Island, H, 12 noon
Wednesday, October 3, Queens, A, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, October 5, Fordham, A, 3:45 p.m.
Friday, October 12, Vassar, A, 3 p.m.
Saturday, October 13, Army, A, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, October 16, Wagner, H, 3 p.m.

Fri-Sat, October 19-20, NYSA, AW Championship, A
Monday, April 7, Drew, H, 2 p.m.
Thursday, April 10, Hofstra, A, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 15, Iona, H, 3 p.m.
Fri-Sat, April 18-19, Middlestates at Princeton
Wednesday, April 23, Pace, H, 2:30 p.m.
Fri-Sat, April 25-26, 7 Sisters at Smith
Fri-Sat, May 16-17, EAIAW Championship

Volleyball Schedule - 1979-80 - Coach: Mary Curtis

Thurs. September 20, Fairleigh Dickinson, H, 5:30 p.m.
Wed. September 26, Fordham, Medgar Evers, A, 7 p.m.
Sat. September 29, Mansfield Tournament, A, 9 a.m.
Wed. October 3, NY Tech and Stony Brook, H, 5:30 p.m.
Fri-Sat, October 5-6, Temple U. Tournament, A, 4 pm. Fri
Thurs. October 11, Queens and Brooklyn, H, 6 p.m.
Sat. October 13, West Point (w/XC & Tennis), A, 2 p.m.
Wed. October 17, Staten Island and Ramapo, A, 6 p.m.

Sat. October 20, Colgate Tournament, A, 1 p.m.
Tues. October 23, CCNY & Baruch, H, 6 p.m.
Wed. October 31, Hofstra & C.W. Post, H, 6 p.m.
Fri-Sat. November 2-3, Ivy Championship, Brown
Thurs-Sat, Nov 8-10, NYSAIAW Championship, W Point
Thurs-Sat, November 15-17, EAIAW Championship
Fri-Sat, November 30-December 1, AIAW Championship

Indoor and Outdoor track and field schedule to be announced. Coach: Kate Moore

Barnard and Columbia Women

MEETING OF ALL ATHLETES

All full-time, undergraduate women
interesting in participating on
the following teams should attend:

• ARCHERY • BASKETBALL • FENCING • SWIMMING and
DIVING • TENNIS • VOLLEYBALL • CROSS COUNTRY and
• TRACK and FIELD

Essential information will be disseminated and organizational
meetings for ALL teams will take place at this time.

Anyone interested in managing, sportswriting or other support staff
positions are welcome.

For information contact: MARGIE GREENBERG
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, X-2085 OR X-2233

Barnard Intercollegiate Athletics

(Open to all Barnard & Columbia Undergraduate Women)

— FALL SPORTS BEGIN —

Meeting of all athletes, Thurs., Sept. 6, 4-6 pm, 304 Barnard Hall

CROSS COUNTRY

Open Work-Outs: Tues.-Thurs., Sept. 4-6, 7-9 am
First Practice: Fri., Sept. 7, 7-9 am
Place: Barnard Hall

TENNIS

Open Work-Outs: Tues., & Wed., Sept. 4&5, 7-9 am
Fri., Sept. 7, 7-9 am AND
Sat., Sept. 8, 9am-12n (if needed)
Place: Columbia Courts on Main
Campus (at 120th St.) or
Barnard Gym (if raining) Sept
6 in Barnard Gym ONLY

VOLLEYBALL

Open Work-Outs: Tues. & Wed., Sept. 4&5, 5-7 pm
Thurs., Sept. 6, 7-9 pm
Try-Outs: Fri., Sept. 7, 4-6 pm
Sat., Sept. 8, 10 am - 12:30 pm
Place: Barnard Gym

Organizational Meetings for: Archery, Basketball, Fencing, Swimming & Diving
and Track & Field will also take place Thurs., Sept. 6, 4-6 pm in 304 Barnard Hall.
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