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Incomplete Brooks Entrance Creates Threat to Security

By Barby Kogon with Amelia A. Hart

"For the money we are paying, the lack of security is abominable and that anyone can wander in or out makes me very insecure in this neighborhood. How can Barnard allow this," said Sally Printz, a Barnard freshwoman, in reaction to the newly relocated entry of the Brooks-Hewitt-Reid Dormitory.

After many months of renovation, the entrance to BHR has finally been moved from Reid to Brooks. While students generally concur that the appearance of the entrance is grand and very plush, many residents, desk attendants and Resident Assistants are uneasy about the lack of security the new door fosters.

The entrance is now being utilized without all the intended security measures

having been put into effect. Currently the situation is such that anybody, resident or non-resident, student or neighborhood stranger can enter the building. The chief problem with the entrance, as is, is that visitors can not be properly checked for identification until they are already inside the building at which point it is very easy for an unwanted visitor to forge his way through the unsturdy two foot gate. Ideally the gate lock is not to be released for a student or visitor until the desk attendant presses the buzz device located behind the desk.

One desk attendant demonstrated that the gate can easily be pushed open without the aid of the electronic "buzz" device. There was a buzz-security system at the Reid entrance but there visitors could Continued on page 3



Student enters new Brooks Entrance. In the foreground is the desk attendant

House System to Further Community Spirit

By Danielle Kim

Academic Year 1983-84 will brung to Barnard a new dorm program designed to create camaraderie among residents. commuters faculty and administrators. The HOUSE SYSTEM, already in effect, is basically a dormitory organization affiliated and led by Faculty-Admin istrators Associates.

Under the House System, each Barnard dorm-both on and off campus-will become individual "units" affiliated with approximately 10 faculty-administrators who have volunteered to serve as Faculty-Administrators Associates. The program will include scheduling and planning of dorm activities, in which the Associates Georgie Gatch, Dean of Residential Life. | will initiate and participate. The specifics of

hese social and academic events will obviously be determined by those students and Faculty-Administrators involved in each dorm. As a result of participating in House System, interactions and communication between students, faculty and administrators will increase, and new and even veteran Barnard women will find themselves on more familiar and personal terms. with the members of the Barnard community.

The House System will operate under each dorm's Resident Director, who will work with dorm students and other interested students i.e. commuters and faculty-administrative members. The Resident Director will also act as a bason between students and the Associates

The students and the Faculty-Administrators Associates will be responsible for planning various activities By allowing commuters' participation instead of limiting it to residents. House System will enhance the sense of commun. ity and create closer contact among everyone at Barnard

House System Program was recom mended to President Futter. Dean of Student Life, Georgie Gatch, and other administrators by the Committee on Student Lafe in April 1982. By September 1982 a special committee was formed to oversee the development of a House System This Committee was composed of faculty, administrators, and students, many of whom were the members of the Class of *83

Before actually instituting the House System this year, the Committee con-

lars of the House System. In order to find the most effective organization of House System at Barnard, the members of the Committee visited such colleges and universities as Hamard Princeton Wellesles, and Yale As a result of careful observation comparison and evaluation the Committee was able to fuse various possibilities to accommodate special needs of Barnard and its location in the city. One sharp difference between Barnard House System and that of a small-town college is that Barnard Faculty Administrators do not reside in their affiliated dorms. How ever this should not be a problem since all residents have the chance to meet with their Faculty Administrators on a regular basis during individual dorm programs

At this point, the initial Committee's work and responsibilities are taken over by Dean Gatch and her Associate, Rosemane Dackerman Dean Gatch said she boned everyone would participate, especially emphasizing the importance of commuter particination, since the main purpose behind the House system is to bring the Barnard family together, not just the ones termed as "residents

The Bulletin is doing an article about cheating at Barnard. If you have ever observed or heard about an incident of cheating we'd like to talk to you. Complete confidentiality is guaranteed if requested. Call x2119 or x1386.

Feminist Union Formed

About 40 women including Barnard students, Columbia students, Barnard alumnae, and even one student from New York University attended the first meeting of The Feminist Union last Sunday.

Jessica Chalmers, who organized the group, said she started The Feminist Union simply, "Because there was no such group on campus. Everybody would ask me why there wasn't this kind of group."

She described the Union as, "A place for women to meet and talk with other women." The group will meet on Sundays with the format of the meetings alternating between lecture and discussion with a guest speaker one week, and discussion among the members within smaller groups of 8 to 10 the next.

The Feminist Union is currently seeking recognition from both Undergrad and Ferris Booth Hall as they hope women from other campuses will join. Asked if men could join the group Chalmers replied that if there was enough interest some sort of auxiliary group might be formed, but "right now this a group for women."

The Feminist Union's next meeting will be held this Sunday at 7:00 in the Women's Center. The speaker will be Temma Kaplan, the new director of the Women's Center.



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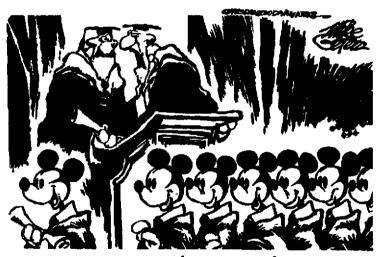
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not force the door open nearly as easily as they can now in Brooks. Furthermore, one security guard showed how one could jump right over the gate. Students have recognized and demonstrated this as well. One Resident Assistant observed, "The desk attendant is not necessary now. The front door is self-operative."

Robert Potaki, Columbia College senior and BHR desk attendant, agreed that the most interesting feature of the door is that you just have to push the door open. The gate does not stop anybody." He also noted that many of the desk attendants are either quitting or working less hours, particularly the late night and early morning hours, because they do not want the responsibility of being on guard when somebody gets hurt. When the entrance was at Reid, Potaki continued, we could effectively stop people from entering the building. Furthermore, he complained that the desk attendants have no direct communication with the Barnard Security office, located in Barnard Hall, in case of an emergency. "Now not even an armed guard can stop somebody from coming in," concluded Potaki.

Another Resident Assistant, who requested anonymity, asserted, "Desk attendants are so disgusted with the lack of security that they do not even pay attention to who is coming in anymore

Some students have speculated that the posh new entrance was built to impress college alumnae. Potaki noted, "Yes, the security obviously is not secure but it looks nice for alumnae when they come unless they arrive after somebody has gotten hurt..

Eventually, when the remainder of the security measures are implemented, all BHR residents will be given a computer key to be inserted into the outer door, which now remains open, to allow building

occupants immediate access into the building. An intercom system and a bubble mirror are still to be installed which will permit the desk attendant to speak to, see and check the non-BHR resident for proper identification. This interchange will take place outside the building as opposed to the present situation which allows the visitor to enter the building before being checked for proper identification.

However, until these further meas ures are effectively secured, students feel that their security is severely jeopardized. According to BHR resident Leslie Stern, The security is just assuming that everyone lives in this building. They are especially lenient with the girls. Most of the time they ask a boy for I.D. and let girls wander in and out. I do not feel safe especially with the dining hall. There are a lot of people going in and out."

According to Sallie Y. Slate, Barnard College Director of Public Relations, the entry was moved from Reid to Hewitt in order to centralize and enhance the quality of the dormitory as well as the area outside the dormitory. She asserted that the College had no intention of jeopardizing the security by moving the door.

Edith Phillips, BHR Residence Director, feels that the doorway has made the atmosphere in BHR more social as more students are gathering in the BHR Quad outside the door. Also, Phillips found that check-in during Orientation and the following week was much smoother this year than in the past. Once students entered the building, they dispersed either to the right toward Hewitt or to the left toward Reid rather than all streaming into the building in one direction as was the case when th Reid entrance was in existence.

As far as security is concerned, how ever, Phillips maintained, "I am not happy with the way it is now but will withhole judgment until all is operational."

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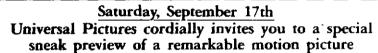
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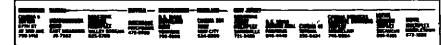
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