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Relief Follows Resignation

Rooney: 'It's time to get on with my life'

by Caroline Palmer

Dunwreath Rooney's resignation Friday as president of the Student Government Association was seen by SGA members and at least one administrator as the best solution to an embarrassing situation.

"I'm just glad she resigned," Senior Class President Salome Freud, who two weeks ago proposed that Rooney be impeached. "I just wanted her out."

Peggy Streit, director of Student Affairs and SGA adviser, said. "In the interest

of Dunwreath and SGA, it was the best possible decision to make."

Rooney, a senior, had been increasingly under fire this year for missing meetings and failing to organize special committees. The criticism came to head March 26 when Freud's proposal gained wide support. Rooney at first defended herself but perhaps realizing she had few supporters, decided to quit at the special Representative Council meeting, which was called to discuss her impeachment.

"I wish to reserve my dignity and I will not succumb myself to slanderous remarks and further abuse," she said in a prepared statement. "It is simply time for me to concentrate on my academics and to get on with my life."

After she read her statement, copies of which were handed out to Rep Council members, she hugged her husband and walked out.

Rachelle Silverberg, a Rep Council member, said that Rooney's resignation "proves she was guilty."

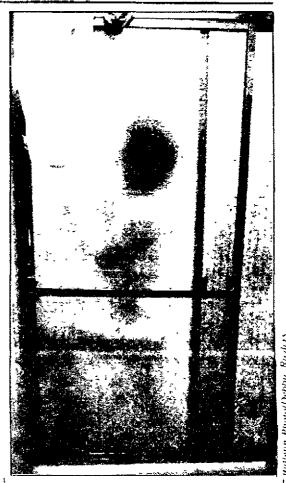
The resignation will most likely undermine the effectiveness of SGA, particularly since it came just days before this week's elections for new officers. "Some people were probably appalled," said Karen Rupert, SGA officer of the board. "It's an unfortunate way to first hear about student government."

Said Silverberg: "It just reinforces student apathy of SGA."

Streit downplayed the importance of the impeachment proceedings and the resignation, saying the events "surprised the campus that there was this kind of interaction, but only a handful of people were affected so the student body wasn't on the whole negatively affected."

Because new officers will immediately take office after elections. Rooney's resignation will have little effect on current operations of SGA. Victoria Pesce, vice president for Student Government, will be acting president until Marian Rothman, SGA vice president for Student Affairs who is uncontested for president, takes over.

Under normal circumstances, the elections would have been run by Rooney. Chris Woodbury, SGA treasurer, and Rupert were the only two people eligible to take over the elections. Rupert said that "[we are] busy picking up the pieces so [we] got a woman from Rep Council [to take] over the elections." Rupert was referring to Liza Chianelli, senior class treasurer.



A "Peeping Tom" was reportedly sighted last week. "I was so scared I couldn't even scream," said one student.

Shower Prowler Stalks BHR

by Rachelle Silverberg

Many Barnard students have been victims of a "Peeping Tom" in the BHR bathrooms last week. In each case the student was in the shower in BHR early in the morning, when a man wearing a dark blue uniform peered in at her.

One victim, a resident on the eighth floor of Hewitt, who asked not to be identified, said, "I thought I was hallucinating. I could not believe it was happening." She was adjusting the water temperature in the shower when she saw the intruder staring at her from under the partition which divides the shower from the rest of the bathroom. She described the man as being thin, of medium height, with dark, curly hair, a moustache, and a very distinct run.

A second student, also wishing to remain anonymous, living on the seventh floor of Hewitt, found herself face to face with the prowler while actually in the shower. She said, "I was so scared I couldn't even scream. I just stood there and didn't know what to do." The man aparently climbed over the partition from the adjacent stall. This was confirmed by the footprints found on the floor of the shower. She also described the intruder as thin, with dark, curly hair and a moustache.

Yet another student saw the prowler peeking through the crack in the partition door. She immediately jumped behind the shower, but the man was still there when she reached to get her towel. When she

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'I'm just glad she resigned. I just wanted her out.'

—Salome Freud

What Rooney Said

To the Student Body of Barnard College, Representative Council and the Executive Board of SGA:

As of 12:00pm today my resignation as President of the Barnard College Student Government Association is submitted, after two years as treasurer and president of the executive board. The reason for this decision is both personal and a protest.

My resignation is submitted for personal reasons because I wish to reserve my dignity and I will not succumb myself to slanderous remarks and further abuse. It is simply time for me to concentrate on my academics and get on with my life.

My resignation is submitted in protest over the complete undermining of my office by baseless charges and continual attacks against me by the Senior Class President, Salome Freud and her group. My tenure as an executive board officer represents two arduous years of hard work and long hours, so it is particularly difficult to accept the fact that one individual, for personal reasons of her own, can file charges against me without substantive proof. Her comments about my missing (continued on page 11)



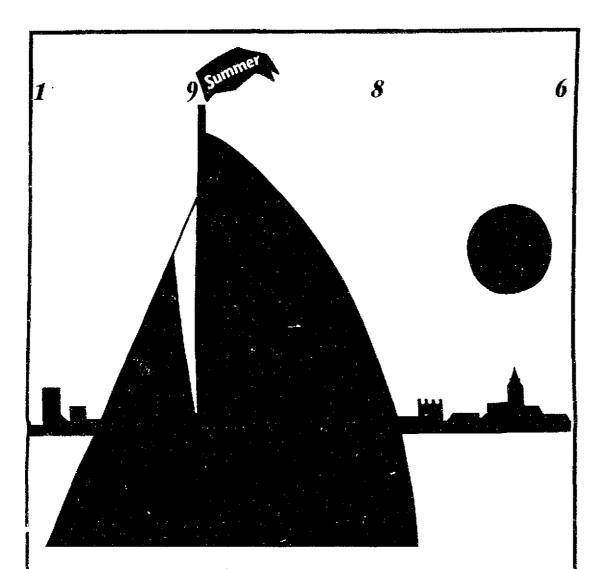
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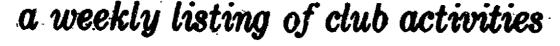
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RICHARD ADAMS, author of *Watership Down*, will be speaking about Animal Rights. A reception will follow. All are welcome. Part of the McAc Lecture Series. Lehman Auditorium, Altschul Hall, 4:30 PM.

BIBLE STUDY on the Gospel of John. All Barnard women invited to attend every Wednesday night, 8:00 PM at 49 Claremont. Sponsored by the Baptist Campus Ministries. 580-2963.

Friday, April 11

NOTHING BLAND, a multi-media event presented by *Upstart*. James Room, 4th floor of Barnard Hall. 8:00 PM.

LAST DAY for all clubs to submit completed forms to the Springfest Committee in 206 MacIntosh. All clubs must participate.

Saturday, April 12

NOTHING BLAND, 8:00 PM.

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SOPHOMORES and JUNIORS, check the Registrar's and departmental bulletin boards for meetings with major departments and programs. The following have been scheduled:

WED., APR. 9 Theatre, Noon, 229 Milbank; Psychology, Noon, 415 Milbank; Education, 2–5 p.m., 335 Milbank; Religion, 5.30–7 p.m., 207 Milbank.

THURS, APR. 10: Anthropology. Noon, 325 Milbank; Biological Sciences. Noon, 202 Altschul; Economics, Noon, 302 Barnard; Education, 2–5 p.m., 335 Milbank; Environmental Science, Noon, 334 Milbank; German, Noon, 320 Milbank; Music, 2:10 p.m., 409 Milbank; Political Science, Noon, 421 Lehman;

Spanish, 4.30, 207 Milbank SIGN-UPS FOR AUTUMN '86 COURSES. Pick up list of Barnard courses for which you must sign-up to secure September enrollment, 107 Milbank

NOTE FOR PSYCHOLOGY laboratory and statistics courses Seniors, MON., APR. 14; all others, TUES., WED., APR. 15–16, 415 Milbank; for intro ECONOMICS courses, Apr. 15; for certain BIOLOGY courses, Apr. 21–22.

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Students View Political Activism Selfishly

by Michael Skrebutenas

At the most recent meeting of the Co-alition for a Free South Africa, a coalition, member proposed that a tangible connection be made between racism in South Africa and racism in America—namely on the Upper West Side. Donations of money and canned goods were to be given to the Columbia/Barnard Community Lunch Program at the Broadway Presbyterian Church. However, objections to donations were raised on the grounds that they were mere "charity." One participator at the meeting went so far as to say that the soup kitchen was a place for "rich and affluent kids to assuage their guilt."

It appears that many students see political action far too narrowly; they are convinced that their cause is the righteous one. Long before the Coalition ever appeared, Columbia students worked at the soup kitchen. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for the past four years, volunteers have come from Columbia and volunteered their time and energy to a cause that is much more than just a charity.

Students that work at the kitchen come for a variety of reasons. Some attribute their motivation to political conviction

tions. Others work because of a religious motivation. Why people work is much less important than the work itself. We feed close to 200 people each day. Many of them receive additional assistance of welfare advocacy at our Entitlements Clinic.

In this time of cutbacks and the "zeroing out" of human service programs, the kitchen remains open. Its work is more essential than ever. We feed the homeless, the unemployed, and we help to stretch the tight budgets of the working poor.

To deny that the soup kitchen's underlying principles are political is a great disservice. Our work is less a volunteer organization than an arrangement in which people carry out tasks for which they would otherwise be compensated in the work market. Students cook, wait on tables, clean, and perform a variety of other "menial tasks." Our work requires too much commitment and discipline to be just another charity. By empowering students with the ability to change the lives of some of the city's poorest people, we deserve to be recognized not only as politically active but compassionate.

Michael Skrebutenas, a senior at Columbia College, is coordinator of the Columbia-Barnard Community Lunch Program.

What's Wrong With SGA

At the end of spring semester last year, Allison Breidbart resigned her position as SGA Officer of the Board. This year the student body witnessed the resignation of Esther Menashe as junior class president. Esther Holzer as SGA vice president for student government, and most recently. Dunwreath Rooney as SGA president. Granted the reasons and circumstances under which these officers have resigned are varied. We cannot, however, help but wonder what's wrong with student government.

Unfortunately, the current elections offer little comfort. This year, like last year, the candidate for SGA president, the highest office in student government, is running unopposed. Many outstanding leaders (Camille Lampart, for one) are conspicuously absent from the polls. Other than a select number, candidates' platforms were not published. It was even reported that some platforms were lost. On Monday a meeting of the candidates was called, but the organizers of the meeting did not show. The candidates were left unattended until a SGA officer was summoned.

We cannot but wonder what's wrong with student government.

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Complaints?

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Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

Next year, Barnard students will pay 7.6 percent more tuition than we paid this year. This year, a full-time student is paying \$10,112 in tuition alone. Next year, she will pay closer to \$11,000. At most public colleges and universities, tuition is less than half that figure.

Inherent in the choice to attend Barnard instead of a state school is the expectation that one is receiving more for one's money. And we are, in many, many ways. Private schools of comparable expense and public schools of comparable academics would be hard-pressed to approach the caliber of a Barnard education.

In other ways, however, it is questionable whether we do get our money's worth. Specifically, in some sectors of this institution, we are treated with less than the respect and courtesy we as paying customers and human beings deserve.

Recently, a spohomore transfer student was told she could not pick as a junior in the housing lottery because the Registrar's office had classified her as a freshman. When the student asked how she could regain her rightful status, she was told in no uncertain terms that the Registrar did not care to discuss this problem (without knowing what it was) prior to the housing lottery deadline. Is it fair that this student should lose her place in

the junior index simply because the Registrar is unwilling to discuss her problem? This kind of unresponsiveness and inflexibility seem characteristic of the Registrar's office, based on more than a few horror stories I have heard.

Furthermore, is it too much to ask for a bit of courtesy when one approaches the window with a simple question? Unbelievable as it may sound, a *Bulletin* staff member related to me the response she received when she asked for a second blank copy of the program planning form. She was refused on the grounds that "we want people to get it right the first time." This is extreme pettiness at best, and extreme nastiness at worst. Unfortimately, this student is not the first to remark on the surliness of the people at the window.

Finally, we are not educating ourselves as a service to the Registrar's office. That office provides a service to us—one that is essential to any academic institution. Furthermore, we pay a price for this service. One of the reasons we pay such a high price is to avoid dealings with unfeeling beaurocracy. Consequently, there is no excuse for the nastiness and inflexibility that characterizes most dealings with that office.

Rachel Powell BC '88

Opinions

Nicaraguan Fiscal Intervention: No Easy Solution

by Eric V. Smith

The cause for which the Contras are reputedly fighting is a worthy one. We cannot be sure whether or not these rebels actually believe in the values of democracy and freedom. But if we assume they are giving their lives so that their progeny can enjoy man's malienable rights, we must give them our support. Exactly what kind of support and under what conditions remains at question. The Reagan Administration would do well to do a bit of selfexamination before condemning the hypocrisy and bellicosity of the Sandinista government and before crying for funds to depose its leader, Daniel Ortega.

A few hundred miles from the Sovietbuilt bastion of communist tyranny in Managua lies an American-built bastion of capitalist tyrrany, the Pinochet government in Chile The president condemns the Ortega government, and for good reason the Sandmistas are repressing their citizens and ignoring earlier promises of democracy With outrage at these iniquities, and colorfully prognosticating the Sandinistas will open the floodgates of a "sea of red," Reagan pleas for funds to militarily remove what he sees as a "threat" to America's safety. Meanwhile. Reagan implicitly praises General Pinochet with eash and, until a recent UN resolution, a conscious disregard of flagrant human rights violations. Certainly a friendly dictator is preferable to an imimical one. But if we are to consistently support anti-autocratic "freedom fighters," it would seem only logical to throw guns and advisors at the opposition forces in Chile, and, among others, South Africa One could not easily prove Pinochet reflects the desires of his constituents any more than does Ortega, and no one would argue Botha has any claim to a democratic mandate nor any regard whatsoever for the rights of man. The U.S. cannot condone a dictator in Chile or South Africa

do so is tantamount to hypocrisy, a vice for which our president would probably criticize his Nicaraguan counterpart. Official American objections to the abuse of human and civil rights in Nicaragua would have more force, both within the U.S. and in the international arena, if it were accepted generally that we oppose all forms of tyranny, not just those on the left. Before we begin working to remove a 'bad' government in Nicaragua, we should make every effort possible to make the governments in South Africa and Chile 'good' ones, truly deserving of our moral and/or fiscal support.

solution to this conflict. Talk to Ortega; convey to him this country's deep belief in the need for representative government guarding certain basic rights and a desire on our part to help him establish such a government, and he just might offer some concessions. Granted, the Sandinistas will not negotiate away their hold on power. But we cannot realistically expect them to, and making the Sandinistas' abdication the goal of negotiations guarantees the failure of diplomacy. Nicaragua's Ambassador to the U.S., Carlos Bernheim, has said: "We are ready to negotiate all national-sec-

chance to achieve a mutually acceptable



Once consistency is established, the Administration can argue from the moral high ground. This country stands for justice, freedom, and government by the people. We should support those who are willing to give their lives for these same rights. But one need not give one's life. unless all other options have been exhausted. Have we and our friends the Contras exercised every option available. has Philip Habib or Georege Schultz ever actually sat down and talked with the Sandinistas? No-Reagan refuses to give Ortega the courtesy of a discussion Dipwhile condemning one in Nicaragua. To lomacy has not been given a reasonable—allies in Europe evidence. If further

urity concerns the U.S. has with us. We will allow no Soviet bases." Ortega himself has said, "If the U.S. feels that Nicaragua is a threat to its interests in the region, we will look for mechanisms of security so the U.S. feels secure." The governments of Latin America are, by and large, willing to let Nicaragua keep its revolution. They are more interested in negotiating safeguards designed to keep Nicaragua from spreading insurrection to their countries. America can accept compromise; Socialism can be combined with Democracy, as some of our oldest and best

bloodshed, expanded conflict, and American military involvement can be avoided, negotiation should undeniably be given a serious chance.

First, we must eliminate hypocrisy in foreign policy. Next, we should discuss our feelings with President Ortega. If, and only if, these avenues prove fruitless, Congress should give Reagan what he has asked for aid for the Contras. Realistic assessment of the threat the Sandinistas pose to the region, as well as to the U.S. itself, clearly exposes the risks of a policy of benign neglect. But any funds must be linked to simultaneous negotiation, for three reasons. (1) Few experts think the Contras can either defeat the Sandinistas militarily or force them into negotiations where they can be defeated policially (especially with only \$100 million in aid, the current Reagan request) If Congress goes along with the White House, but the Contras still fail, we will be left with only two choices, accepting defeat and humiliation or coming to the rescue with our own troops. The U.S. could find itself entangled in a difficult guerrilla war with unpredictable domestic repercussions. (2) Even if the Contras can hold on for any length of time, there is doubt as to whether U.S. public opinion will persist in their favor, especially as the war becomes longer, bloodier, and more expensive Fiscal intervention in Nicaragua does not promise clear or early results. The opposition on Capital Hill will persist and. without the results to prove them wrong. eventually succeed in cutting off aid. In the interim, the Sandinistas will have militarized the society even further, perversely helped by the pretext of civil war; and they will have built up an even greater grudge against Uncle Sam, hence an even greater incentive to foment subversion among their rather fragile democratic neighbors (3) Achieving a settlement with the Sandinistas would be difficult (continued on page 11)

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Cousin George (Steven Hill) shooting at the shadows of a decaying mind

Southern Scars & Sadness

by Lynn Charytan

"On Valentine's Day" It's about a town in Texas and the people who live there It's about love and despair and madness and death. It's worth seeing. Defi-

Horton Foote, who wrote it, also wrote the screenplays for "To Kill a Mockingbird," "Tender Mercies," and "The Trip to Bountiful "Foote is from the town in Texas where the movie takes place, his parents provide him with the material for the main characters. Foote is wonderful He's like a little bit of Faulkner, a little bit of Tennessee Williams, a little bit of Sam Shepard It you want to know what that adds up to, go see the movie

"On Valentine's Day' has a story sort of Elizabeth Vaughn (Hallie Foote-Horton's daughter) elopes with Horace Robedaux (William Converse-Roberts) That upsets her parents (Michael Higgins and Rochelle Oliver), a lot Later they all make up That's part of the and then there are then friends Bobby Pate (Richard Jenkins), who drinks, and drinks, and Miss Ruth (Carol Goodheart) who sings and is a spinster

There's also George Tyler (Steven Hill), Horace's cousin, who can't remember and gets headaches And Bessie (Jeanne McCarthy), who wants guinea pigs.

A lot of things happen, with Elizabeth and Horace Robedaux stuck in the middle of it all. Everyone in the story's been dumped or disappointed, and they've got despair eating at them—but the Robedaux seem (emphasis on SEEM) free of those troubles. They married on Valentine's Day They have each other They seem content No one else is, at all there's real sadness in them. So they hang out with and hang on to the Robedaux, and it helps them

Well, it makes them feel a little better At least a little. Some of them

That's the whole story sort of Everything happens at once and nothing really happens and when the movie's over you realize you've forgotten to breathe and your muscles are tensed It's sad and frightening, and it's funny Very funny You laugh because it's so absurd-disjointed conversations, non-sequitors, just plain weird behavior and half-solved riddlesand yet it still all seems to have a certain

Foote's people are so many things layers and layers of unknown things And the acting is incredible, strong, and beyond real Hill's Tyler is one of the bestacted characters you'll ever see, and McCarthy's wide-eyed Bessie is completely distracting Together, the characters pull you into their strange and rich existence with a powerful force. So does the movie's beauty, not just because the camera work is excellent and because it's all shot on location in Wayahachie, Texas, where everything is green and the old South is still hanging ou

So you should see On Valentine's Day There isn't any good reason not to like it. Except that it Il disturb you, and make you think and make the streets of New York seem really foreign when you get back outside. But all that may just make you want to see it again to figure it out, to get to know the strangeness of its people, and to get lost on the streets

On Valentines Day opens on Friday

Bare Chested, Empty Headed

adventure, it's a job!"

by Geralyn Weiner

"Ladies, this is NOT a PTA meeting! No tupperware allowed here "You're at Chippendales, the all-male, burlesque revue specializing in "women's fantasies" and "reverse sexism" Bulging biceps, til ceps, and other things. Skin-tight pants, bare chests, blaring lights. AND G-strings await you at Chippendales, located at 61st

Chippendales' "FOR LADIES ONLY" all-male burlesque revue originated in Los Angeles and is now in its third year in New York. This performance began with Cindy Lauper's "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" and The Weather Girls' "It's Raining Men"—which seemed very appropriate The Chippendales male dancers were then introduced, clad in pants so tight circulation seemed challenged, revealing muscular chests which appeared sculptured. I ordered a strong, over-priced margarita and tried not to appear too astonished when a dancer ripped off his pants and began to strut around thrusting his blinking G-string in screaming women's faces

"Times are changing, ladies!" the MC screamed in a very unconvincing manner as he rollerskated around the dance floor He reviewed the 'rules' for the show tips were allowed, but NO stuffing (there's no room anyway, he assured us), you can look, but you can't touch, and the three magic words of the evening were, 'TAKE IT OFF" I somehow felt that the MC sounded like Mister Rogers instructing us on how to behave like 'good little girls'

"For how many of you is this your first time here? Oh, and they say virgins are so hard to come by nowadays!" The MC's jokes were getting increasingly disasteful, reaching their low point as he introduced the dancers: "Meet Scott, he's a landscaper, and ladies, he'd love to fertilize your bushes. Robert, he's a pilot who will fly into your cockpit. Anthony, our secretary who takes fabulous dictation!" I ordered another drink. "Ladies, which one do you want to take home?" Hundreds of women seventy-year-old, petite, powdered grannies, punkie-looking progressives, high-heeled, hairsprayed women with gobs of make-up, conservative career girls with expensive engagement rocks. Their screams filled the air, along with countless fingers pointing at the smiling

The show consisted of several dance routines including one in which the dancers dressed in ape suits and clubbed each other. Although the audience was insistent in their demands of "TAKE IT OFF," unfortunately the men kept their glow-in-thedark G-strings on In between every act there was a commercial for Chippendales mugs, calendars, gift certificates, playing cards it's really quite an enterprise The whole show began to appear more and more commercial when women started waving bills enthusiastically for a kiss from their favorite dancer Foitunately, I caught my friend's five dollar offer over MY head just in the nick of time to avoid a close encounter with Conan the Barbarian who had five shades of Revlon lipstick all over his face from his pievious encoun-

Maybe I was just too uptight to enjoy the festivities, but the show didn't improve even after four drinks. Perhaps I was too instilled with Barnard's feministic ideology Regardless, the show fell short in creativity and substance. I recommend buying a Chippendale's G-string, ladies, for that special someone in your life and saving yourself the twenty-one dollar admission price

Escapists: Pulling the Past Into the Present

by Stephanie Smith and Elizabeth O'Neil

As leading actor Kevin Kline says, "Violets are Blue' is a 'gentle, sensitive, difficult sort of love story. At first one may think that the movie is going to be another trite triangle-relationship type love film, but as it unfolds, one sees that

Gussie Sawyer (Sissy Spacek) and Henry Squire (Kevin Kline) were high school sweethearts, caught up in their own love affair and certain that they would remain together forever. Fifteen years later. Gussie, now a successful international photojournalist, returns home to Ocean City. Maryland, where she was born and raised, for her first real vacation in thirteen years She encounters Henry Squire, of course, who has taken over the newspaper that his father once ran. He is also married and has a thirteen year old son. The impending conflicts surface when Gussie has dinner with Henry, his wife Ruth (Bonnie Bedelia), and his son Atticus (Jim Standiford), and it soon becomes evident that the old feelings between Gussie and Henry are as strong as they had been before

When they become involved, Gussie



Ruth (Bonnie Bedalia) and husband Henry (Kevin Kline) in the sometimes sacred matrimonial bed.

realizes that she envies Henry's permanence his home and his family. Henry, at the same time wishes that he had had the kind of exciting career that Gussie has even Ruth and Atticus are in awe of Gussie and her accomplishments. Through their relationship we see the difficulties in reconciling oneself to the choices one has made. We also see the futility of attempting to change these decisions to fit one's dreams this type of change is inevitably destructive 'Violets are Blue" appropriately illustrates the difficulties of making choices as well as the mature resonsibility inherent in stability. As Kevin Kline says, "the film deals with romanticism versus pragmatism, and responsibility versus impulsiveness." Kline thinks the film has a "good heart" and was not made on the premise of being a block-buster show.

The thoughts of Kevin Kline nicely sum up our feelings on the movie "Violets are Blue" does have a good heart as well as the capability of making a strong impact on the audience. The acting of all three main characters is superb, as is that of the supporting cast. "Violets are Blue" is a gentle and sensitive love story, but also a

Barnard's 'Brodie' Makes the Grade

by Rachel Faulise

"The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" could be called a boring, dry, dragging romance, unless, of course, the characters come alive as convincingly as they did in the Barnard College Theatre Program's performance, last Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at the Minor Latham Playhouse. Even sitting through the first act gave a strong enough impression as to the dimensions of the characters to make the play instantly engaging.

The play revolves around the controversial, yet influential ways of Miss Jean Brodie (Kim Rosenfield), a liberal teacher at a conservative girl's school in the 1930's. Conflicts arise regarding her re-

lationships with her pupils, the "Brodie Girls" (Jennifer Scheman, Kelly Sabini, Elyse Ellis, and Clare Cotugno), and the disapproving headmistress, Miss MacKay (Laura Callanan) Jean Brodie's love interests cause even more problems in and of themselves, one teacher, Teddy Lloyd (Steve Auerbach), is the jealous ex-lover, while his competition is Gordon Lowther (Byron Lovd). Brodie's newest flame

The play's story line is really part of another story: Sister Helena's (C. Alexandra Styron) discussion of a novel with a southern Baptist reporter, Mr. Perry (Tony Morris). The intricate network of relationships which we see enacted in the

school setting is the depiction of Sister Helena's personal memories which she has incorporated into her novel. At different points in the play the action moves from the present discussion, between nun and reporter, to the actual past upon which the novel is based.

What inspired Sister Helena to record her past and what engages the audience as well is the character of Jean Brodie. Miss Brodie's aspirations of molding her students into the "créme de la créme" are merely her self-serving means for personal aggrandizement. Her relationships with her lovers show her manipulative side, and her interaction with Miss MacKay displays (continued on page 9)

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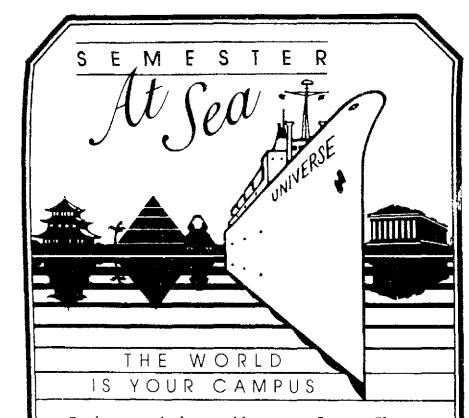
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Class of '86 'Reserves' Gift for Lehman Library

by Elisa B. Pollack

A phone-a-thon is currently underway to solicit pledges from the class of '86 for this year's senior gift-improvements to the reserve room to Lehman Library. Already \$7,360 has been collected according to Allison Breidhart (BC '86), Fundraising Chairperson.

Salome Freud (BC '86). Senior Class President, reports that "there is little more than half the class left to contact which will take about two to three weeks." The suggested pledge is \$50-\$25.00 to be given in October and \$25.00 in May.

The senior gift has long been a tradition at Barnard. Last year's class far surpassed their pledge goal of \$10,000.00. Their money, along with this year's gift will go toward the reserve room. Jennifer Biberman of the Development Office said that this was due to the "initiative of the class." She and Laurie Sax, also of the Development Office, helped coordinate both this year's and last year's phone-a-

Polls were sent out to the Senior Class with choices for what the gift should be. Library refurbishing was the most popular choice. Breidbart said "three quarters of the seniors had it among their first three choices. On the Senior Planning Committee, it was the overwhelming favorite."

Elizabeth Corbett, Head Librarian, said that the gift will be spent to improve the lighting and the bathroom, add brighter colors and different kinds of furniture, and possibly make "different sections arranged in different ways to provide a variety of study environments." She reports that she's very excited about the gift and is "anxious to make the library more appealing."

Not everyone, however, is happy about the senior gift. Felicia Morrison (BC '86) said she "would like to see things done before the library . . . I'd do things in the dormitories first . . . more upkeep . . . I feel it's not the best use for it." Ainat Beniaminovitz (BC '86) said she "would have rather seen the money going into computerizing the library a little better . . . I voted for computerizing."

Senior Sheri Schanzer thinks it's "a wonderful idea. . . . Many Barnard students go to the Columbia Library to study because our Reserve Room is not up to par." Gila Bash (BC '86) said changes are "necessary because the Reserve Room needs help . . . it's an appropriate gift for the Senior Class and more practical than donating a lawn . . . it benefits all students."



Americans to Join Hands for Homeless

by Jacky Grossman

As residents of New York and as students at Columbia University, we cannot help but be aware of the plight of the homeless. There they are—in the streets, on the subways, begging for a dime to buy some food. Now, Columbia students have a great opportunity to help these people.

On Sunday, May 25 at 3 p.m., approximately six to ten million people will join hands in a human chain stretching from New York to Los Angeles. Hands Across America, a project of USA for Africa, is billed as the "largest community gathering in national history." Its goal is to raise as much as 100 million dollars for distribution to various organizations which aid the needy and the homeless in the United States.

The idea for Hands Across America came from Ken Krogan, a member of USA

for Africa. He thought of it after a friend asked "So what's next?" following the highly successful campaign last year to raise money for famine victims. Getting it all together took many months of hard work, and hundreds of hired staff members including campus coordinators, professional consultants who have worked on large scale productions such as this one before, and finding widely known celebrities to donate their time. One such person is Lili Tomlin, whose benefit concert on Monday, April 7th raised thousands of dollars which all went to Hands Across America.

The logistics of such an undertaking are very complicated. In preparation, one person drove across the country in order to find a suitable route for the human chain, which will go through sixteen states. It is estimated that Hands Across

America will touch sixty percent of our country's population within one hundred miles of either direction of the line.

As expected, New York has the largest number of participants already signed up to join the line. This will necessitate the formation of ten lines in New York as opposed to one line in states with smaller populations and fewer participants such as New Mexico, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. In addition to New York's already huge number of participants, many people from smaller states will be coming here to join the line. John Hoyt, Operations Director of Hands Across America says that he tries to discourage people from doing that so as to have a better distribution between the states, but that is inevitable.

In New York City, the line starts at Battery Park, and goes up West Street to

57th Street. It continues all the way up the West Side Highway, to the Henry Hudson Parkway and into the Bronx.

What can you do for Hands Across America? John Hoyt says that a lot of volunteers are needed at the local headquarters before the event, and also to act as line marshalls on May 25. To volunteer your time or to receive information on how to become a line marshall, you can call Hands Across America at (212) 921-7010. The headquarters are located at 21 West 38th Street, New York 10018. Hands Across America is also eagerly looking for someone to be the Columbia University Campus Coordinator. If you're interested, give them a call.

To become a part of the human chain, and to make a pledge, you can call 1-800-USA-9000.

'Brodie' Makes the Grade

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her utter lack of respect for authority. All the while, Miss Brodie's facade suggests an altruistic woman in her "prime" who is in search of truth, happiness, beauty, and other qualities of the truly "elite." However, underneath the surface lurks an adversely affected and incurable romantic. This is not to say that Jean Brodie can be her repulsive self without the other characters' acquiescence—however unwitting. The reponses and actions she stirs in her companions add even more dimension to this disillusioned lady. The pupils,

Brodie's lovers and the headmistress are necessary if we are to see clearly the qualities of Miss Brodie which compell Sister Helena to write her novel.

The overall strong acting, the minimal set and the functional staging contributed to the success of this play. Two of the actors, Kim Rosenfield and Steve Auerbach, skillfully brought the emotions of their characters to life, as well as carrying off a number of convincing mannerisms. By and large, though well-rehearsed, the remainder of the cast sometimes failed to capture the emotions of their characters.



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What Rooney Said

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commencement committee meetings are a prime example of these petty allegations.

I have attached copies of letters, which support my belief that I have fulfilled the duties of my office. These supporting papers are to be filed with this letter. I would suggest for those who wish to accuse others to assess their own performance before passing judgment.

In addition, the SGA constitution and by-laws as they exist are not capable, in any case, of handling charges against officers. I strongly recommend that a committee be formed to aid in the modification of these documents on at least the following points.

- 1. The issue of jurisdiction must once and for all be settled.
- 2. Procedures for impeachment should be instituted and stream-lined to facilitate the removal of negligent student officers and members of representative council. Further, I suggest, in the interest of justice, that in all of these deliberations the utmost care must be taken to preserve the rights of the accused and to allow for due process to occur in a timely manner.
- 3. Procedures for holding responsible those persons who abuse the system with false accusations should be instituted.

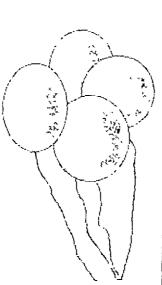
In closing, I would like to say that I have enjoyed knowing the many fine people in the Student Government Association. I hold the work that SGA does in very high regard and I feel it is not appropriate to subject SGA or myself to a mud-slinging contest far and away beneath what we both deserve. SGA is a fine organization, and I wish it and each of its members well in the future. I also appreciate having had the opportunity to know so many of the students at Barnard and indeed throughout Columbia University I wish you all a brilliant and happy future.

Respectfully submitted C. Dunwieath Rooney, BC '86

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enough under any circumstances. But it would be virtually impossible without the military pressure of the Contras to give the Managua regime an incentive. While the U.S. makes a good-faith effort at diplomacy, it should hold open the possibility of sterner measures later on, if the Sandinistas prove intransigent or if they violate the agreements they sign. This approach would require fine calibration, carefully assessing when to deal and when to threaten. But unless the Sandinistas know the Administration is not just bluffing. they will have no motivation to end their impingment of human and civil rights.

Shower Prowler

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tried to leave a second time, he was gone. The student claims, "I have never felt so vulnerable in my life."

These incidents have been reported throughout BHR. In none of these instances did the intruder say anything, nor did he try to attack the students. As one victim claimed, "I guess he just stood there and watched until I saw him." Once he was noticed, however, the prowler quickly left the scene. No other BHR residents claimed to have noticed a strange man loitering in either the hall or the bathrooms.

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by Eda Lerner

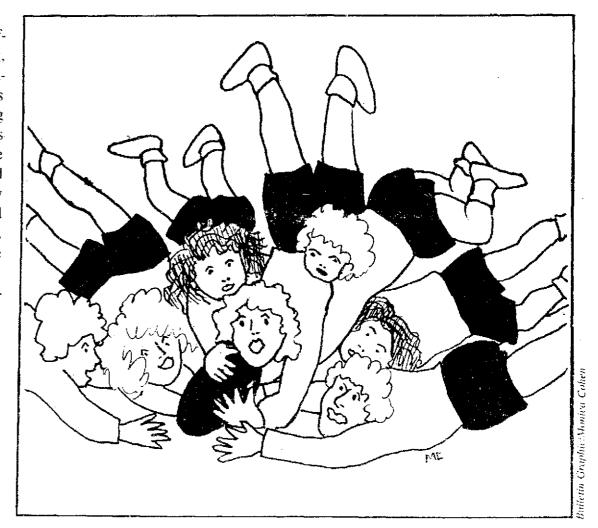
There is a new sports group being formed on our campus this semester. Although it is raising many brows, not enough women are forgetting their fears and going out for the Women's Rugby Club. Many are biased because of the roughness displayed by the Men's Rugby Club. However, these women add a new finesse to a sport primarily played by men.

Andy Werden, a rugby player for the Columbia Men's Club and also an organizer of the Women's Club describes rugby as "the ultimate egalitarian sport. The women's game is played the same as men do but when it is played it is very much a women's game." Although usually thought of as brutal, "when played well. rugby is characterized by its speed, agility, and teamwork," added Andy. The stereotypical beliefs surrounding male and female sports induce many to feel that rugby players are hulk-like and barbaric. similar to the East German Football team. As a result, chauvinistic statements are still being made about women who play this sport. Others stress that because men have more strength, a men's team is more violent, whereas a women's team uses more balance, coordination, teamwork, and less tackling.

Although rugby is not a highly visible sport in America, it is very popular in Western and Eastern Europe. Rugby originated in Great Britain and is the basis for

American football. The most obvious differences are that rugby has no blocking, no forward passes, and no padding. Padding is not used in rugby, which causes players to be more cautious when hitting than in football, resulting in less injuries to rugby players. Unlike football, only the person with the ball can be tackled and when tackled the game continues. Rugby is played in two 40-minute halves and players are not taken out unless injured. Endurance is thus the key. During the Five Nation's Tournament in Paris this spring, the team from England, which was physically bigger, was defeated by the French team that excelled in speed.

While rugby is played throughout Europe, not many Americans play the game until they enter college. Almost the entire Men's Columbia Rugby Club had no experience before joining the club. The Women's Rugby organization began as an outgrowth of the Men's Club. Dennis Ward and Andy Werden, both members of the Men's Club, want to coach the women because as Andy stated, "We are confident once we get a team they will continue to play it." Although the Women's team is not an independent club yet, the team hopes by next semester that it will be. Only 15 players are needed to get started and 25 women have already shown interest and attended practices: however, only 8 faithfully attend practices and even less have previously played rugby. The team has been having trouble getting gym space



Displaying finesse in the thick of the scrum.

and even Morningside Park is full with teams practicing. Nevertheless, they are motivated to play their first game in early May against SUNY at Stonybrook. Anne Whittimore, a sophomore transfer and member of the Club has played rugby at another university and believes a strong rugby team is strong physically and emotionally: "The emotional aspect of the

game is strengthened by the after-game keg which allows teammates to party with the people you just played with. It makes the game more fun and takes bad competitiveness out of the game."

The Rugby Team practices Friday at 4:00 pm and Sunday at 2:00 pm.

Meet at the sundial

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Women's Track and Field Saturday April 5, 1986 Army Invitational West Point, NY 5000m. Run: Emily Hildebrandt — 3rd place (20:24,46) Sheila Goldman—5th place (22:26.99) Koch-Weser-6th Jennifer (22:30.09)3000m. Run: Sarah Zehr-6th place (11:07.0) Emily Hildebrandt—10th place (11:50.4) Lynn Nicholas—7th place (11:47.6) Chris Mulkiewicz-did not place (12:38.4)1500m. Run: Sarah Zehr—did not place (5:12.9) Ilaria Rebaay—did not place (5:19.1)

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Bonnie Siegel—4th place (1:03.1)

Kathy Sheils—did not place (5:20.8)

Bonnie Siegel—4th place (1:03.1) Stephanie Spencer—6th place (1:04.37) Heather Sanderson—7th place (1:06.27) 400m. Hurdles:

Stephanie Spencer—1st place (1:09.31) Andrea Franchett—3rd place (1:14.6) Bonnie Siegel—4th place (1:17.6) Heather Sanderson—5th place (1:23.9) 200m. Dash:

Sarah Geary—did not place (29:4) Lisa Landall—did not place (30:39) Karina Foley—did not place (31:43) 100m. Dash:

Sarah Geary—2nd place (14:23) Lisa Landau—3rd place (14:85) 100m. Hurdles:

Andrea Franchett-4th place (17:01)

Karina Foley—6th place (18:05)

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4 × 100m. Relay: Sarah Geary And

Sarah Geary, Andrea Franchett, Bonnie Siegel and Stephanie Spencer—2nd place (53:49)

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Emily Valiquette—2nd place *Javelin*:

Carrie Daly—1st place (143'1½") Ellen Bossert—4th place (114'9")

Ula Lysniak—5th place (98')
Bernadette Wroblak—did not place (82'1½")

Shotput:

Emily Valiquette—5th place (34'9")

Women's Crew Team: It was a tight race between the Connecticut College and the Columbia Women's Varsity Eight, but Columbia put up a relentless fight and soared across the finish line first, beating Connecticut College and leaving the Coastguard boat trailing lengths behind. The First Novice Eight also pulled their way to first place and the second novice boat came in third. The race took place at the Coastguard Academy in Connecticut last Sunday.

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