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Break Elimination Discussed

by Caroline Palmer

A proposal under consideration by the University Senate to create a study week before final exams may mean there will not be a four-day Election Day weekend in the future.

The Education Committee of the Columbia University Senate will meet on Tuesday, November 18 to discuss the proposal and its implications, says Columbia Deputy Provost Michael Mooney, a member of the committee.

The proposal is not a new one. It was made more than 18 months ago by students who are no longer members of the Senate. After being discussed in the Senate the proposal was sent to the Education Committee which formed a sub-committee to look into the issue. "It is not an active proposal before the Senate at this time," says Mooney.

The original proposal was to create a study week before the final exam period. Because there must be a certain number of teaching days in a semester, committee members need to add teaching dates somewhere else earlier in the semester to take out teaching dates at the end. "The Election Day holiday is a likely candidate," says Mooney, adding that "the proposal is not to deny but to give something" to students.

President Ellen Futter says that "if it's a toss-up between the break and the

reading period" then she is interested to hear the students' input. Futter feels that although it is a good idea to have the mid-term break because other schools have it, an "extended reading period may be a good trade-off." However, Futter says the proposal is a University decision and Barnard does not have much say in the matter.

Marian Rothman, President of the Barnard Student Government Association feels that the Election Day weekend should remain a University holiday. The holiday "is good for students who want to be responsible and vote on Election Day," adding that other schools have fall breaks.

The calendar for the 1987-88 academic year includes the Election Day holiday weekend. According to Columbia Senior Vice-President Joseph Mullinix, changes in the academic calendar "take a very long time [and] are very complicated."

The Election Day holiday was the outcome of a student proposal made in 1968 which called for a week-long holiday in which students and faculty could work for election campaigns. The two-day holiday (added on to the weekend) was the compromise offered by the University. According to Mooney, the holiday gave people who were interested "an opportunity to be active in the campaign process [and to be] involved in the final days of a campaign."

Prof. Thaddeus to Read Poetry

by Lainie Blum

Women Poets at Barnard will present a reading and reception in honor of Janice Farrar Thaddeus on the publication of her book, *Lot's Wife*. The event, which is co-sponsored by the English Department and the Alumnae Affairs Office will take place in Sulzberger Parlor on Friday, November 21, at 4 p.m.

Thaddeus became an Adjunct Associate Professor of English at Barnard in 1982. This term she is on leave and is lecturing in history and literature at Harvard University. She is an alumna of Barnard (BC '55), and was graduated Magna Cum Laude with honors in English. She received her M.A. and Ph.D from Columbia. When asked about her undergraduate experience here, she explained, "Barnard has always supported women. I felt I could work and achieve as a woman and that the world would support me. My undergraduate experience was extremely important."

Yet her good experiences at Barnard were not limited to her days as a student. She taught at the College from 1956 through last term. Through contact with her students in many poetry writing seminars she taught over the years, she "developed a sense of the sort of poetry that women write." In fact, this "sense" she acquired enabled her to successfully pub-



Poet Janice Farrar Thaddeus

lish numerous articles, reviews, and poems. Her latest accomplishment was the publication of her book of poetry, *Lot's Wife*.

She is looking forward to her reading on Friday. "When I think of my audience as a poet, the Barnard community is one of the most important," she said. "I am writing to the students, my colleagues, and my alumnae friends at Barnard."

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For samples of Prof. Thaddeus' poetry see page 3



Residents of the 600's turned out for the Progressive Dinner last Sunday, November 17. Hors d'oeuvres were prepared and served in 620, entrees in 616, and desserts in 600. The dinner was sponsored by Project Freshstart.

Security is Still an Issue

by Rachel Powell

The problem of how to increase security awareness at Barnard has continued to be a widely-discussed problem. The organizers of last week's rape vigil met again this week with interested students to discuss ways of attracting community attention to campus security issues.

One of the vigil organizers' ideas newsletter or column in the campus newspapers. This forum would exist to report recent incidents in the community, and possibly tips to avoid further problems. Those in favor of such a column or newsletter say that they feel it would help the college community to draw together on security issues, as well as foster awareness through its reporting of incidents involving other students. However, others disagree

with this, believing that a printed "police beat" column would do very little to prevent incidents such as sexual assault or theft, and would rather call undue attention to Barnard as a particularly unsafe campus. Barnard's Vice President for Student Affairs Barbara Schmitter said in a recent interview that "we are very open to suggestions, but frankly we are also concerned with Barnard as a national college." According to Schmitter, the administration is very committed to working with students to improve security, but feels that a security column is not the best answer, in part because such a column might discourage prospective students who know nothing about security in New York in general to receive a wrong impression of Barnard.

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The Bulletin Board

a weekly listing of club activities

Wednesday November 19

Winterfest Committee Meeting. Lower level McIntosh 6:30.

"Cognitive Ethology in the Sub-Arctic: Can Birds Actually Reason?" Come and hear Kimberlee Pietrzak, a Barnard student, speak on her summer research experience. Sponsored by the Biology Club 903 Altschul 12:15 Noon.

TOP GIRLS by Caryl Churchill, directed by Gordon Gray. A "serious comedy" acted by 7 Barnard students, detailing the plight of women in a male dominated society. Minor Latham Playhouse. Also November 20, 22 at 7:30; November 21 at 5:30.

Weekly rap group forming to discuss our feelings about sexual harassment, abuse, and assault. First meeting this Wednesday. Barnard Health Services, Lower level Brooks 5 PM.

Furnald Recycling has begun! The newspaper recycling center, located in the basement of Furnald (behind the Grocery store) is now open. Newspaper may be dropped off anytime, in the designated area. Drop off points are also located in 616 West 116th Street and in Carmen.

POETRY BY LATIN-AMERICAN WOMEN. Reading and open discussion on the poetry of Latin-American women. Speakers: Montserrat Ordonez, Agueda Pizarro Rayo, and Cecilia Vicuna. 207 Milbank 4:15 PM.

Thursday November 20

CHAMBER MUSIC by Arthur Kopit, directed by David Rosenberg. A one act drama. Marion Victor Studio, 229 Milbank 5:15 PM. Also November 21 at 12:15 and 5:15 PM. November 22 at 7:30 PM. Admission is free.

THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK. The poignant Pulitzer Prize winning drama based on the accounts found in the diary of a young girl escaping Nazi terror. Presented by the Columbia-Barnard Jewish Theater Group at Teachers College Horace Mann at 8:00 PM Auditorium. Also November 22 at 8:30 PM and November 23 at 2:00. Admission \$3 with CUID.



No Preservatives

Deborah Pardes

I'm in the mood for mush.

I spent this past weekend with 26 kids in a camp in Warwick, NY. I got paid to be the songleader. Yea. Don't be jealous.

These 26 aduldren, as I have come to call them, are in the 10th grade and are soon to be confirmed by their temple rabbi. They all went on this weekend to indulge, but not in nature, and not in camp food. They came to indulge in themselves. A bunch of trendy, Great Neck teenagers hung out in the woods for 48 hours and introspected. They took all the problems of the adult world and rolled them into little mazoballs and swallowed them whole. And I sat there with my guitar and watched.

There's something extraordinary about raw, human emotions. They can't stay bound in a book, or stuck in the abyss of a tv screen. They jump out and hit us in the face with an unavoidable force that penetrates deep into our gut. They're like William Hurt with boxing gloves. Now, back to camp. (I just had to get that stuff down on paper.)

So, there sat these aduldren having epiphanies every 4 minutes. Their revelations focused on their dealings with anything from peer pressure, to honesty, to drugs, to sex, to selling gifts back for store credit. I certainly didn't feel above it all, above all this 'thinking.' I felt so close to their experience that I stopped to wonder exactly *who* sent me here on this retreat. Maybe Peggy Sue got confirmed instead of married. The other 'leader' hadn't a clue about my sudden confusion. He actually admired the intensity that I had when I related with the group, and he thought that I must have picked up my technique in some college course on social work. Ha! If he only knew that his prized songleader was fired from her last camp job because she conspired with the 'problem campers' in secret boathouse meetings. People are often studied outside Teacher's College classrooms, too.

But these poor highschool sophomores have more than two years left of an institution that will constantly remind them of their phobic-philled past. I never actually realized how hard it is to break out of your highschool cocoon. The shell is so thick with your affiliations, your

'clique,' your clothes (are they cool?), your look, your religious commitment, and your social skills. I know that most of these aduldren went back to school on Monday and found that their weekend decisions had very little conviction to fall back on. They most likely had a very hard time reshaping any part of themselves, because their loving peers, as usual, already did a very thorough job for them, and left no room for change, and no room for growth. Take Doug, for instance. He said that he and his friends harass this one guy everyday at lunch. And this weekend gave him good reasons why not to continue. Now, I'm not quoting family tv morals here. Doug is basically a butch and wants to change. But one meaningful weekend and several personal statements may not hold water in competition with two years of buddyship with his friends. I can't sit here now and frown upon his weakness. I'm sure that he tried to change his ways—at least for 5 minutes. But beyond that, he still lacked the faculties to push further, even after an inspiring weekend in the woods with me.



I'm convinced that highschool is one of the hardest times in a decent person's life. (But if you're not so decent, then highschool is the best time of your life because past that point, people in the real world can't deal with you.) In case you're condemning my use of the word 'decent,' let me weezle my way out by defining it as a word that conjures up images closely related to Ogden Nash poetry. (He's the guy who talks about purple cows.) This past weekend, I certainly reverted back to a 10th grade state of awareness, but not without a 16th grade retrospect. Does that

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Bear Essentials

PASS/D/FAIL DEADLINE: WED., DEC. 3. is the last day to file a request with the Registrar for P/D/F grading. You are reminded that unless a course is graded P/F for all students (E.G. Experimental Studies BC3001), the instructor records a letter grade on the grade sheet. If the instructor's grade is either D or F, it is D or F that is recorded and computed in your GPA. The P/D/F card, filed in duplicate, should be read with care before you sign. Freshman English and courses for the major and the minor may NOT be elected P/D/F. To keep governing conditions uniform, the DEADLINE IS ABSOLUTELY FIRM AND THE DECISION IRREVERSIBLE. (See p. 52, Catalogue re Dean's List before filing.)

MAJORS IN ENGLISH, HISTORY,

OTHER HUMANITIES: "Academic Futures: The Return of the Graduate School Option." Members of the English and History Departments will discuss opportunities in the humanities THURS., NOV. 20, 4:30 PM, BHR Living Room. Refreshments.

HELP!! FRESHMEN!! A support group for freshmen experiencing stress/anxiety/bewilderment will be meeting every Tuesday. If you missed the first two meetings, there's still a chance to attend. Co-sponsored by the Dean of Studies Office and Health Services.

CORPORATE RECRUITMENT PROGRAM ORIENTATION/REGISTRATION: Management training program in the financial services or retail industries—highly competitive fields. Important infor-

mation session MON., NOV. 24, 4-5 PM; TUES., NOV. 25, 1-2 PM, Jean Palmer Room.

INTENSIVE CAREER PLANNING WORKSHOP to help clarify your interests and talents in exploring career fields. All students welcome. Must sign up in Career Services, 11 Milbank, for WED., DEC. 3, 12-2:30 PM. Ella Weed Room, 223 Milbank.

PRE-LAW STUDENTS: If your GPA is 3.5 or higher and you will have completed at least 60 points at Barnard by the end of this academic year, you might be eligible for the Columbia Law School Accelerated Program in Interdisciplinary Legal Education (A.I.L.E.), a joint A.B.-J.D. program which starts in the senior year. The February 1987 LSAT must be taken

For further information consult Dean Rowland, 165 Milbank, after DEC. 8, or p. 43 of the Barnard Catalogue.

PRE-MEDS: Dr. Marion Phillips, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, University of North Carolina School of Medicine, will be at East Campus Center for Career Services, DEC. 10, 10 AM-4 PM to speak to Pre-med students. (UNC accepts 20 students a year from other states.) For more information or an appointment, call x5495.

NEED HELP WITH CALCULUS? Assistance awaits you in the new MATH HELP ROOM, 404 Altschul. Fully staffed, it is open MON.-THURS. 9:30-5, and FRI. 9:30-4.



by Anna P. Mohl

BC Ups and Downs

Author's Note: Read the following with great care: it could happen to you.

Barnard student Caroline Palmer was trapped in an elevator in Barnard Hall on Tuesday November 11th. Before Palmer entered the elevator on the BHR side of Barnard Hall, she asked one of the maintenance men if the elevator was working. After turning a few keys, he disembarked from the elevator and assured Palmer the elevator was operational. Palmer entered the elevator, and pressed the button for the fourth floor. The elevator moaned, quivered and jerked upward. The elevator came to a sudden stop at the 1 and 1/4 floor where Palmer remained for an hour while help was sought on that Veteran's Day. Police arrived to rescue the entrapped student: the elevator sat four feet above the floor of the first floor. Palmer leapt to safety, then bestowed upon the Barnard community words of infinite wisdom, "Never get stuck in an elevator on Veteran's Day."

Dorm Storm

Talk of the elaborate plans for the new dorm can be heard across the campus. Such was the case in the mid-1950's, under Barnard President Millicent McIntosh, when a new dorm was being planned to alleviate the still unsolved housing problem. The plans originated as a \$2,000,000 dormitory and student center to be built on the south lawn, forming a quadrangle with Barnard Hall, Brooks and Hewitt. There would be a snack bar, a game room, a new faculty dining room, and the kitchen would be renovated. The building plans changed many times during the organization and development of the new facility. It was decided to build the student center separately from the dorm. The \$600,000 center, to be located between 116th and 117th Street, would be three stories tall, and contain a student lounge, snack bar, commuter lockers and dressing rooms, and other facilities. The separate residence hall would be nine stories, costing \$1,100,000. It would house 150 students: fifty doubles and fifty singles. Each floor would be furnished with a study lounge, equipped kitchenette, and "ironing room." Overnight accommodations for twenty-eight commuter students was to be available. The dorm would also contain a television area and two "beau" parlors on the second floor.

The result of these plans was the two story McIntosh student activity center (two stories so not to block the sunlight within the quadrangle—sound like a familiar issue?). And the dorm? Reid Hall was built eight stories high and attached to Brooks Hall. So much for kitchenettes and floor lounges.

Nominate Your Prof

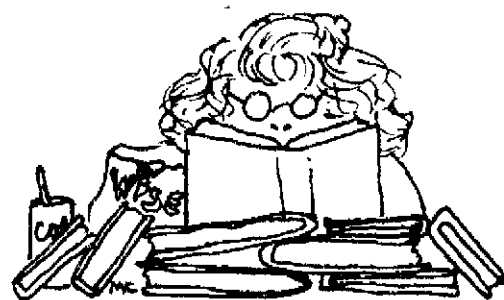
by Erica Reedy

Students, now is your chance, your only chance, to pay formal tribute to your favorite Barnard Professor. Nominations for the prestigious Emily Gregory Award are being accepted until November 24th. The Emily Gregory Award was established in 1975 in honor of Emily Gregory, the first female tenured professor of Columbia University. The purpose of the award is to recognize and honor a professor chosen by students to be the most distinguished Barnard Professor for the academic year. Each student is welcome to submit a nomination for the professor of their choice. This nomination is to be in essay form and to focus upon the professor's capacity to teach and willingness and ability to serve Barnard College. The professor should be an outstanding role model for the entire Barnard Community. Nomination forms listing the proper criteria for selection are available in Lower Level McIntosh, on the door of the McAc office.

In the past, the award has been presented at a ceremonial dinner during which the student reads her award winning nomination. This year, however, the professor will decide how he or she wishes the award celebrated. The award committee, acting in conjunction with the Office of Alumni Affairs, strongly encourages students to submit nominations for this award, a lifetime honor to be bestowed upon the professor of your choice.

Previous Award Winners include: John Chambers, History; Inez Smity Reid, Political Science; Mira Komarovsky, Sociology; Dennis Dalton, Political Science; Donald D. Ritchie, Biology; Phillip V. Ammirato, Biology; Bernice G. Segal, Chemistry; Margarita Ucelay, Spanish; Viviana Zuber, Sociology; Kenneth James, English; Holland Hendrix, Religion; and Jeanette Roosevelt, Dance.

We're burying ourselves in our books. . .



Good Luck on finals and see you next semester

Blood Flows Smoothly

The annual Columbia University Blood Drive commenced on the Barnard campus November 10th and 11th. The drive, characterized by students walking around drinking Tang and munching on jelly beans while holding their arms, was successful. The first day eighty-one pints were drawn and ninety-three the second day, totalling 174 pints. Barnard reached 97% of its goal, which had been set at 180 pints. Overall, school support was high and with a considerable number of volunteers who helped with various jobs during the drive, everything ran smoothly.

Census Jobs

The Census Bureau is looking to hire temporary interviewers to help in the New York City Housing and Vacancy Survey to take place early next year. The survey is to determine the quality and quantity of the city's occupied and unoccupied housing. The gathered information will be used by the municipal planning and housing authorities for decision making concerning rent control, urban renewal, rehabilitation of buildings, and new construction. The work will last approximately three months, and applicants must live in one of the five boroughs. Those interested are urged to contact the Bureau of the Census.

Survey Says . . .

A survey of 4,349 college students from across the country, conducted by Simmons Market Research Bureau for the College Stores Research & Educational Foundation, dealing with various subjects, reflected that today's college students are more conservative than the generation which preceded them. The following are the results to a few of the questions.

Seventy percent of the students believe cigarette smoking is harmful (which is why *nobody* at Barnard smokes); and forty-eight percent indicated they would not date someone who smokes.

Fifty-six percent believe premarital sex is always or sometimes wrong; ninety-five percent said extramarital sex is always wrong; sixty-nine percent prefer to postpone marriage until they have achieved their goals.

Eighty-four percent said cocaine is harmful, and sixty-two percent feel the same about marijuana use (yes, but how many of them still use it?). Only ten percent felt alcohol use is harmful.

Ninety-six percent spent more money on clothing during the last school year than on any other item—the median expenditure being \$187.40. Four percent of discretionary income was spent on health and beauty aids.

Politically, thirty-seven percent consider themselves Republican, twenty-eight percent Democrats, and thirty-one percent Independent.

Sixty-nine percent said religion plays an important role (of varying degrees) in their lives. Twenty-six percent attend religious services at least once a week, fifty-six attend at least once a month.

Seventy-three percent favor the death penalty.

Almost seventy percent think abortion should be legalized.

Fifty-six percent use bank credit cards.

Thirty-nine percent purchased a used car and sixteen percent own new cars.

Sixty-six percent of the students own stereos.

Security: Live Topic

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Apparently, some security improvements suggested at the vigil have already been made. In a memo distributed to all Barnard students this weekend, Director of Security John Scacalossi stated that call boxes have been installed at both the Reid gate and the 119th street entrance to the campus. In addition, there is now a full time guard at the Barnard gates. Also under discussion are new lights for the Milbank courtyard and the possibility of a student ID checker in Lehman in order to add another guard to night patrol of campus and environs. Other ideas under discussion by the vigil committee are mandatory self-defense classes for entering freshmen, and a security council made up of representatives from each dormitory.

Additional meetings with Dean of Student Life Georgie Gatch and Mr. Scacalossi will be held this week, on Tuesday, November 18, and Wednesday November 19 at 6 p.m. in the Reid Hall lounge.

Poet/Prof Thaddeus to Speak

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An active reader and member of organizations, such as the Poetry Society of America, Thaddeus commended the Women Poets at Barnard program. "It's one of the most thrilling undertakings at Barnard. It's exactly what Barnard is here for—to support women, and especially women's achievement in the arts."

WAR AS IT OUGHT

The war, she said, begins at nine: maché muskets, fortifications, four mud towers athwart the river, tomorrow, in the sweetest early sun, a pile of rocks, four kids, a war.

Now the bright nonsense of the morning air, whirr of a ruby bird; I go to monitor the war find her riding a beech. "Hey, what about the war?" Dumb question down here bleated, Disdain. "We quit," she says, "They cheated."

OPEN CHORUS

Women are many-walled, every entrance open. Even their mouths will listen.

They are the bold parenthesis, sudden in official rhetoric.

They are the silences challenging the sentences when we honor the brave.

They are the wild bounce of light at the end or beginning of a tunnel, a night.

Like stars they consume: like Black Holes pull everything in.

Women are many-voiced—lullaby, aria, shout. Even their hands will speak.

Janice Farrar Thaddeus

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Improve Columbia University

by Hal Shapiro

Two recent attacks against Barnard students have caused me to consider some crucial points about the university that require serious attention—not the least of which is security.

We all know that New York City scares off just as many high school seniors contemplating colleges as it attracts, even if its "Beirut-on-the-Hudson" reputation is blown out of proportion. Columbia and Barnard have a responsibility above all else to protect the students: educated minds at the expense of violated bodies comes at too high a price. Although the Barnard administration's desire to keep its name off the New York Post's front page is understandable, the genius that decided to inform only a select hundred or so students needs a refresher course in ethics or public relations.

I am not advocating a military state on campus, but the security force often seems a bit thin. Additional guards should be posted at strategic points offering a measure of deterrence to potential criminals. While no security force can completely thwart all problems, the current level of protection seems inadequate.

Other areas of high priority are:

NEED-BLIND ADMISSIONS: Being one of the few remaining schools maintaining a need-blind admissions policy gives Columbia a rare stature in academia. Our students are accepted on scholastic ability rather than the ability to pay the high costs of education. The university is working hard to keep this policy which is by no means cheap. Need-blind admissions requires constant and generous alumni support. If you happen to be wealthy and reading this, you might want to consider giving. Don't think of your donation as sponsoring the education of a future communist, think of it as supporting a school that's been damn good to you.

HOUSING: Four-year, guaranteed housing is a must for any major college. Obviously, the university has some space shortages to overcome in accommodating thousands of students, and the decisions

to build new dorms at both Columbia and Barnard appear to provide a solution to the problem for the time being. Granted, students are bummed because Columbia's Schapiro Dormitory will be built off-campus while Barnard's plans for a new dormitory will enclose the precious BHR quad, but the benefits of these buildings far outweigh their inconveniences.

SOCIAL SCENE: This place lacks some of the zest of other colleges and it's hard to say exactly why. Part of the problem seems to be the enormous choices students have in New York City, which ironically is the best part of the social scene at Columbia. When the weekend rolls around, everyone disperses throughout the city doing their own thing. Fraternity parties drawing fifty people at one time fall under the category of "rousing success"; at other schools, fifty people constitute a seminar, not a party. For starters, let's bring back the old pub; the 'Plex is boring and everyone knows it.

FOOTBALL: Hey, what more can be said? We've tried a new coach—where have you gone Jim Garrett with your promises of undefeated seasons?—and a new stadium, but the results are the same: an endless string of heart-rendering defeats. McElreavy and the players are trying their best to stop this madness, but to no avail. Call me a depressing pessimist, but I think people are starting to lose interest in the football team. Part of me says let's bag the whole proposition, but hey, football is an integral part of our Ivy League status. Instead, we have got to attract some incredibly large fellows who like to hurt people. Until we do, burning conservatives in effigy will remain our best attended sport.

These are top on my priority list. I think these areas need all of our support. If any of you out there, if anyone cares, if anyone is reading this, I want to hear your ideas. If any elected student reps have any ideas, I think the students would love to read them. Contact the Bulletin and we'll print them.

Hal Shapiro's column appears weekly.

Remember the Honor Code

As final exams fast approach and the semester draws to an end, every Barnard student should take a moment or two and consider the implications of the honor code.

To some people, the concept of an honor code may be as outdated as etiquettes and manners, but an honor system represents the highest developed bonds of any given community. An honor system allows a group of people to come together and work together in a fashion acceptable to every member of the group. Here at Barnard, it is still a viable institution.

We come to Barnard from very diverse and different backgrounds and cultures; we possess values that are just as diverse. However, through the honor code, we are all united by our common commitment to fairness and honesty, academic and otherwise.

But it is not enough to just sign our names to the code every September and January at registration. We must adhere to it in our academic endeavors, we must affirm, and reaffirm its spirit by frequent discussion, debate, and definition of the code.

Editor's Note: This is the final issue of the Bulletin this semester. We will resume publication in January after Winter Break.

You are cordially invited to the

Annual Bulletin Change of Board Party

Come meet the outgoing and incoming editorial board

Wednesday December 3 at the Deanry 6:30 All Welcome

The opinion of the Bulletin is represented only in the unsigned editorial. All commentaries, columns, cartoons, and letters represent solely the opinions of their authors.

Students Against the Dorm

The recent rape vigil attests to the Barnard community's ability to come together as a cohesive group in the face of adversity. The vigil was a useful outlet and perfectly illustrates why freshmen like Julie Walsh (*Bulletin* letter, 11/12/86) who are feeling disillusioned about their school should not give up hope. They should not give up on issues of campus security or especially on the issue of the new dorm site.

The letter last week complained that no freshmen or sophomores were on the Dormitory Advisor Committee. This is incorrect. I was a sophomore when I was asked to be a member of the Committee last spring. I now feel that the concerns of all students, present and future, were ignored in the planning stages. I refuse to

believe, though, as Ms. Walsh does about the new dorm, that "what's done is done." This is incorrect, too. The administration has not yet heard all the concerns of a dissatisfied student body. Some of that disillusionment, frustration, and anger put to use can show the administration that we really care about the beauty, integrity, and future of the Barnard campus.

There is an outlet for this frustration. Students Against the Dorm at BHR will be holding its first meeting this Sunday, November 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the Brooks Living Room. All those interested are welcome to attend. If you have not yet signed our petition, please do.

Chris Browne
CC '88

Advisory Committee Member

Give Peace A Chance

by Erica Etelson

Last March, hundreds of Columbia and Barnard students joined the March on Washington for women's rights. The issue was abortion, and the marchers were there to demand that their freedom of choice be respected. Last Saturday, fifteen Columbia and Barnard students made another trip to the Capitol, this time to support, congratulate and celebrate the conclusion of The Great Peace March for Global Nuclear Disarmament. We rallied with thousands of peace activists from across the country whose souls and consciences were stirred by the absolute commitment of the 350 marchers who crossed 3235 miles in the name of peace.

As we listened to the timeless songs of Pete Seeger, to Senator Ed Markey's explanation of what the trillion dollars proposed by Reagan for Star Wars could mean in consumer buying power, and to Carl Sagan's call for the imperativeness of a nuclear-free world, the big, white house across the street seemed distant, unfeeling, and grey in the foggy afternoon light. As we joined hands with strangers, there was a bond running like a thread through us all, creating a force which transcended apathy and opposition.

The marchers embodied the dream we all have for peace, jobs and justice. As they traversed the vast plains, the struggling farmlands, and the industrial towns which have come to symbolize America, they set the record straight: For young and old, Blacks and Whites, straights and gays, liberals and conservatives, peace is the common goal we share.

of nuclear stockpiles) to the sidelines. The Peace Marchers spread word of our exasperation with this kind of complete irresponsibility in controlling the most awesome and all-encompassing threat to our safety and our future. They have carried the message that we have had enough of spending billions of dollars on a destructive force already 6000 times that of Hiroshima

concentrating our efforts on bilateral disarmament. It's time to accept the Soviet Union's offer for a testing moratorium. We will no longer be hostages of the arms race between the superpowers. Enough is enough.

Each of us left Washington with the security of knowing that there are at least fourteen other concerned and socially responsible activists among us. Fourteen is a sadly disproportionate number, especially when compared to the staggering turnout in March. Often it is easier to defend your beliefs when they are of a delicately personal nature like abortion. Now is the time to realize that stopping the arms race is the most effective assurance of personal well-being that exists. Liberties like the right to choice can only be useful if we are alive to enjoy them. Commitment to arms control is simply self protection; it's about the survival of humanity and of a society in which we can rejoice in the personal liberties we've accumulated since the beginning of civilization. Jesse Jackson explained that our strength is not in numbers, but in being morally right. We are right. We know we're right. And because we're in the right, our dreams will one day become reality.

"Commitment to arms control is simply self protection; it's about the survival of humanity and of a society in which we can rejoice in the personal liberties we've accumulated since the beginning of civilization. . ."

Peace is not a point of contention—only Reagan's sidestepping of the issues and feigned commitment to arms control has turned arms control into a political arena and pushed it far away from the center of concern where it belongs. Reagan has turned arms control into a non-issue, a dead zone. Ridiculous proposals such as SDI force more central ideas (such as the necessity of a Comprehensive Test Ban and the reduction and freeze in production

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Oxfam: A Commitment to Conquering Hunger

Even as the season of giving thanks approaches, much of the world has little to be thankful for. While there are indisputably enough resources to feed all of the world's people, ignorance and ideology prevent this. Yet even in the face of the staggering problem of world hunger there is cause for hope. Oxfam America is one organization committed to confronting the causes of hunger and, by working closely with the local population to determine its individual needs, finding long-term solutions to these problems. The following projects are representative of the work Oxfam America does:

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*Silk weaving and poultry and fish raising by rural women in Bangladesh;
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Fast Day, by donating their meal card for a day or by giving to volunteers soliciting at locations around campus.

The Columbia/Barnard community has worked with Oxfam, educating and fundraising, since 1979. Our efforts have

awareness about hunger issues is the Oxfam Hunger Banquet, a meal simulating food distribution and consumption dynamics in different countries around the world. Following the meal, which begins at 6:30 p.m. in room 212-214 Ferris Booth Hall on Tuesday, November 18, a member of the Oxfam Speakers Bureau will discuss the international politics of hunger. Tickets are \$1, and are available at the door or at 110 Earl Hall (280-5110).

I should mention that one very important part of our fundraising for Oxfam America is that fully 25% funds collected go to the Community Lunch Program at 114th St. & Broadway, which is run by the Union Theological Presbyterian and Catholic Campus Ministries. We see a commitment to helping the disadvantaged in our own neighborhood as inseparable from our commitment to the disadvantaged in other parts of the world.

Pete Jablonski
Coordinator
Columbia/Barnard Oxfam

"A salient feature of Oxfam America is its commitment to change, not charity. On Thursday, November 20, members of the Columbia/Barnard community will have the opportunity to participate in the nationwide Fast Day, by donating their meal card for a day or by giving to volunteers soliciting at locations around campus."

As is evident, a salient feature of Oxfam America is its commitment to change, not charity. On Thursday, November 20, members of the Columbia/Barnard community will have the opportunity to participate in the nationwide Oxfam

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

As representatives of the Barnard community with a special interest in the well-being of its members, we lament the *Bulletin's* lapse into contentiousness and its abdication of journalistic responsibility. Two recent events have demonstrated the *Bulletin's* instinctive reaction toward divisiveness: the sexual assault of a student at the Lucerne, and the Hall of Fame induction of Dean of Disabled Students, Julie Marsteller.

A reader of your pages was left in the dark on the most important aspect of these events: the facts. Not only was the account of the assault poorly written and misleading, it immediately swerved into hearsay and mutual recriminations. It quickly became trumpeted as a "cause," with little sensitivity to the young woman and the singularity of her trauma, as well as the journalistic injunction to explore the facts of an event before it is an "issue."

Regrettably, the same is true with Dean Marsteller: the occasion of her award was railroaded into a debate on the effectiveness of the Office for Disabled Students. This latter issue, worthy as it may be, is not a news event but a subject for discussion to be undertaken elsewhere in your pages. Unless, of course, it is meant explicitly as a reflection on the worthiness of Dean Marsteller as a Hall of Famer; an endorsement of such a malicious view be-

longs on the editorial pages, if you have the wanton courage to do so.

What is the common thread in these complaints? A tendency to divisiveness; a preference for argument over information; a streak of yellow to glow off the black and white. Our community is better served when better informed and effectively brought together.

Mary Artis
Beth L. Josephson
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Reviews

South American Ha-Ha's

by Miriam Topas

Quino is the *nom de plume* for Joaquin Lavado, a cartoonist from Argentina. For twenty years he has been popular in South America, Europe, and Canada; now he debuts with *The World of Quino* in the United States.

Quino draws what he would like to see happen behind the scenes—linear conceptions of the mind. In doing so he covers a spectrum of topics. Politically, he speaks out against the arms race in a clip where the leader of a country is proudly shown by his general the capacity of their weapons, the premier then gets into his limousine where we see him vulnerably clinging to his teddy bear. Quino also comments on the detriment of technology. In a cartoon, a large group of people celebrate the tenth anniversary of their company, in the second frame the company celebrates their sixtieth anniversary—this time there are three people present and two computers have replaced the rest of the party.

Quino observes people; he has a "Murphy's Law" perception of how things happen to them—that is, if something can go wrong it will. A man looking for a nail, finds a screw, he then searches for a screwdriver and finds a wrench, so he abandons the screw in search of a nut; he looks further only to find the nail.

More frequently than not, Quino illustrates the darker side of human nature. As a government official prepares to board



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an airplane, he hugs various officers on the runway; after the airplane takes off—the officers realize that they have been pickpocketed. An acclaimed artist unveils a great statue: $2+2=4$; he returns to his office where there is another statue: $2+2=7$, and a sales chart showing expo-

mental growth. Indeed, according to Quino, man is almost always looking out for number one. Sometimes Quino is even fatalistic as when he depicts a scene from heaven where the angels are playing bingo to decide whose lot will be cast, down below.

The World of Quino is enjoyable and picks up speed toward the end. However, if you are a *Far Side* fan—and we know you are—*The World of Quino* will not have enough of the off-the-wall wild and craziness which you have grown accustomed to.

Three . . . Two . . . One . . . "Menage" Explores Those Human Numbers

by Lynn Charytan

Relationships, the theme of many a movie, take on a new twist in Bertrand Blier's movie "Menage." Billed as a burlesque, often lewd and sexually convoluted film, "Menage" delivers more than this. It offers a farcical and yet depressing glimpse of the nature of "romantic" interaction.

The plot revolves around the arrival of Bob (Gerard Depardieu) into the lives of two down-and-outers, Antoine (Michel Blanc) and Monique (Miou-Miou). Bob is an off-beat thief with an overactive libido, which soon—or rather immediately—is focused on Antoine. Bob turns the couple's luck around, and grateful, unprincipled Monique sees no problem with anything developing between the

two men, as long as she, too, is included—and as long as the money continues rolling in. However, benevolent Bob turns out to have a streak of something decidedly ugly in his personality which perverts and dominates the lives of his new friends, leading them all to an end which belies his original promise.

As the plot unfolds, the three characters experiment with countless sexual arrangements, but there is one element that is common in all of them. This is power—power and dominance. In each relationship there is one figure who ends up being submissive and unhappy but unable to resist continued humiliation. It is this common strand that makes the film so depressing, despite its humorous tone. Each relationship is uglier than the one before it;

Blier portrays love as one of the uglier human activities.

"Menage" is endowed with complex characters acted by a very polished cast. Depardieu is wonderful as the oversexed Bob, and no one will be able to forget the spectacle of Bob in nothing but leopard-spotted underwear and tattoos, stalking around effeminate and mousy Antoine. As the pathetic and abused-by-all Antoine, Blanc is perfect, and his rebellion, in woman's dress, is another of the film's memorable moments. And Miou-Miou as the utterly despicable but ultimately understandable and pitiable Monique, brings depth to a character who might otherwise be overly superficial.

In general, "Menage" is well-filmed, well-acted, and well-directed. Its lines and

its plot are tightly knit into the character of sardonic black humor that the French do best. And yet, the flavor of "Menage" is just a bit too bleak to be funny and a bit too matter-of-fact to be sympathetic. Though it is a farce, the film's ending is not funny at all; an iota of human compassion demands that one feel thoroughly depressed rather than convulsed with hysterics. And indeed, once the shock value of Depardieu's homosexual appetite stops producing giggles, the film becomes a much sober experience. In any case, fun or not, "Menage" is worth seeing, and worth thinking about.



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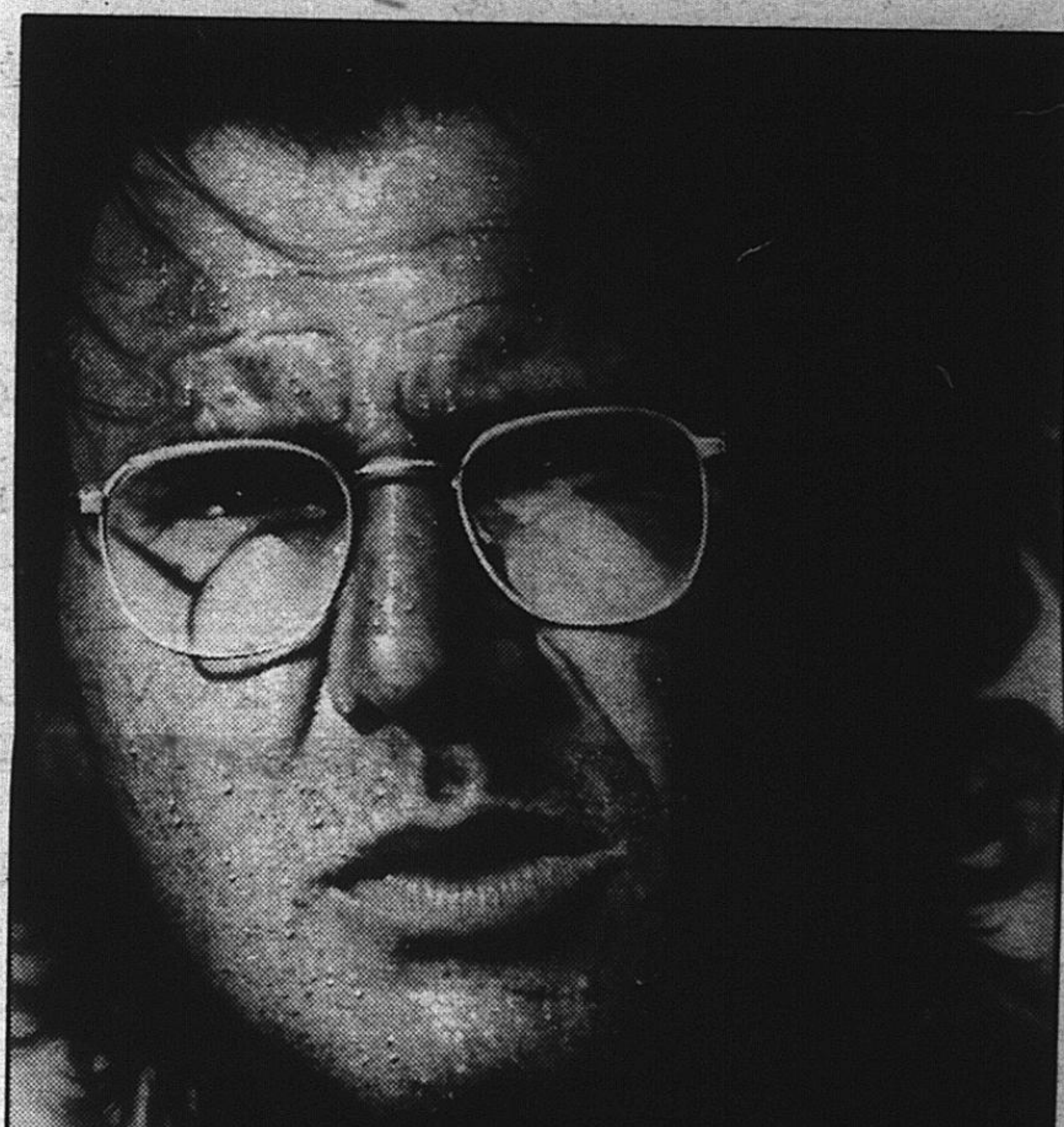
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Tennis Falls for Love (and More)

After an undefeated season this fall, Columbia tennis succumbs to a few losses at the ITCA.

by Erik Price

Philadelphia 11/14/86—With the confidence of a proven winner, Coach Eve Ellis brought a pack of Lions to the Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches' Association (ITCA) tournament in Philadelphia last weekend. Held on the University of Pennsylvania campus, the ITCA tourney is a regional, invitational gathering of some of the East Coast's premier tennis players. The top guns of the Ivy League were all present as well as athletes from the Big East and Atlantic Coast Conferences. Held at the end of the fall tennis season, the tournament is both the qualifying step towards women's nationals in the spring, and a good opportunity to tune up and view the opposition for the all-important divisional competition in March. Based on their impressive, undefeated record in the fall season, the coaches' association invited 6 Lion players to Philadelphia, equalled only in number by the 6 women sent by Harvard. The Columbia presence was not only physically noticeable but mentally effective upon their arrival in Penn's indoor tennis complex. A whisper literally ran through the field house that the women from New York were there, and they had stormed through their opponents earlier that fall. Though their individual performances that day and the next proved to be less effective than their team presence, the Lion women flexed some youthful muscles and pinpointed others that need some rehabilitation.

The singles competition saw some early and surprising losses for some of Columbia's younger talent, solid performances by two relative veterans, and a sterling show put on by Happy Ho, a Columbia freshman from St. Petersburg, Florida. Ho, clearly the Lion's most valuable player in this tournament, also was impressive with her partner, fellow freshman Rahdi Majmudar, in the doubles competition.

Early on in first round play, the Lion's lost the talents of freshmen Sue DeLara

and Katherine Wanner. DeLara, from Pasadena, Ca., was visibly frustrated after her loss to a physically weaker Syracuse player. "I was really off today, but I'll be back," she said. With a little more consistency added to her California-clean groundstrokes, there is little reason to doubt her. Katherine Wanner took her opponent from Old Dominion in Virginia to three sets of hard fought tennis, but lost 6-4 in the third. In the face of fatigue, a gutsy Wanner came up with a huge serve at match point but a dramatically long final rally wearied her and ended the match.

Amy Perkel and Leslie Gittess, two players with more collegiate experience, played well and advanced into the later rounds. Perkel thoroughly dominated her opponent and Gittess, playing intelligent tennis, took advantage of her opponent's weaknesses and posted a 6-2, 6-2 victory Gemma Alexander-Mozeak of St. Johns. "I've played Gemma before, and I knew she was as real up and down player," said Gittess. Both players lost quickly in later rounds to seeded opponents. Gittess was beaten by the 5th seed, Stephanie Fusco, who plays number one for Brown. Perkel lost to the 9th seed, Linda Molumphy, another Brown University player. "My butt was kicked out there. Look for some better tennis from me in the Spring," said a still confident Perkel. Majmudar, the fourth Lion freshman, got a bye into the second round but lost 6-1, 6-3.

Out of this somewhat depressing turn of events, a powerful Happy Ho raised the spirits of her teammates. After dealing crushing defeats to her first and second round opponents, Ho was set to play a seeded and well-known Princeton player, Hilary Shane, in Friday's third round. During her Thursday matches, Happy's trademarks of angry topspin and deep, hard serving drew cheers from her somewhat bitter Columbia teammates in the rooting section. Importantly, Columbia's spirit was really the only show of comradery evident in the entire tournament. "Happy's

two Florida women played well individually on the court but they failed to come together aggressively against a strong Harvard team that featured Kathy Vigna, last year's singles champion. "We played alright, but we need to improve a lot . . . especially on getting to the net. We need to get tough and gain confidence. Those Harvard girls were full of it," said Perkel.

In their second round match, Ho and Majmudar faced two more of the Harvard Crimson. The two freshmen, showing unlikely determination and resolve, crushed their Ivy League rivals 6-2, 6-3, to the delight of their coach and the Columbia "rooting section." "Wasn't that great?" beamed Coach Ellis over and over again for the next three hours. "It used to be that everyone was afraid to play Harvard. Obviously that's no longer the case with us. As far as I'm concerned, this is a real big win," elaborated Ellis. Ho and Majmudar fell in the third round to a Penn State team, seeming a bit tired after their Harvard match. Coach Ellis, however, was still smiling; she knew they had done something important.

Though they did not come back from last weekend's ITCA's with a statistically great performance to brag about, the Lion women's tennis team did far better than break even in their attempt to rise to the top of East Coast competition. Their appearance as a solid, unified, and spirited team as well as key efforts on the court against Ivy League opponents, namely Harvard, set the stage for greater success this Spring.



just fun to watch," said her coach, Eve Ellis. "She's our strongest hitter, and it's easy to see why when we use the weight room," continued Ellis. Ho went on to lose to Shane on Friday morning in a match marred by controversial line calls. "The Princeton girl made a lot of questionable calls on important points. She seemed unfair and it hurt Happy's game," said team captain Teresa Saputa.

The doubles competition saw more lukewarm performances by 2 of the 3 Columbia teams, but the general effort was again saved by a great tournament from Happy Ho, and her partner, Rahdi Majmudar. Their matches proved the dramatic and strategic climax of the entire tournament. The team of Gittess and Delores was beaten in the first round, where the Miami Beach combo of Amy Perkel and Katherine Wanner fell in the second. The

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