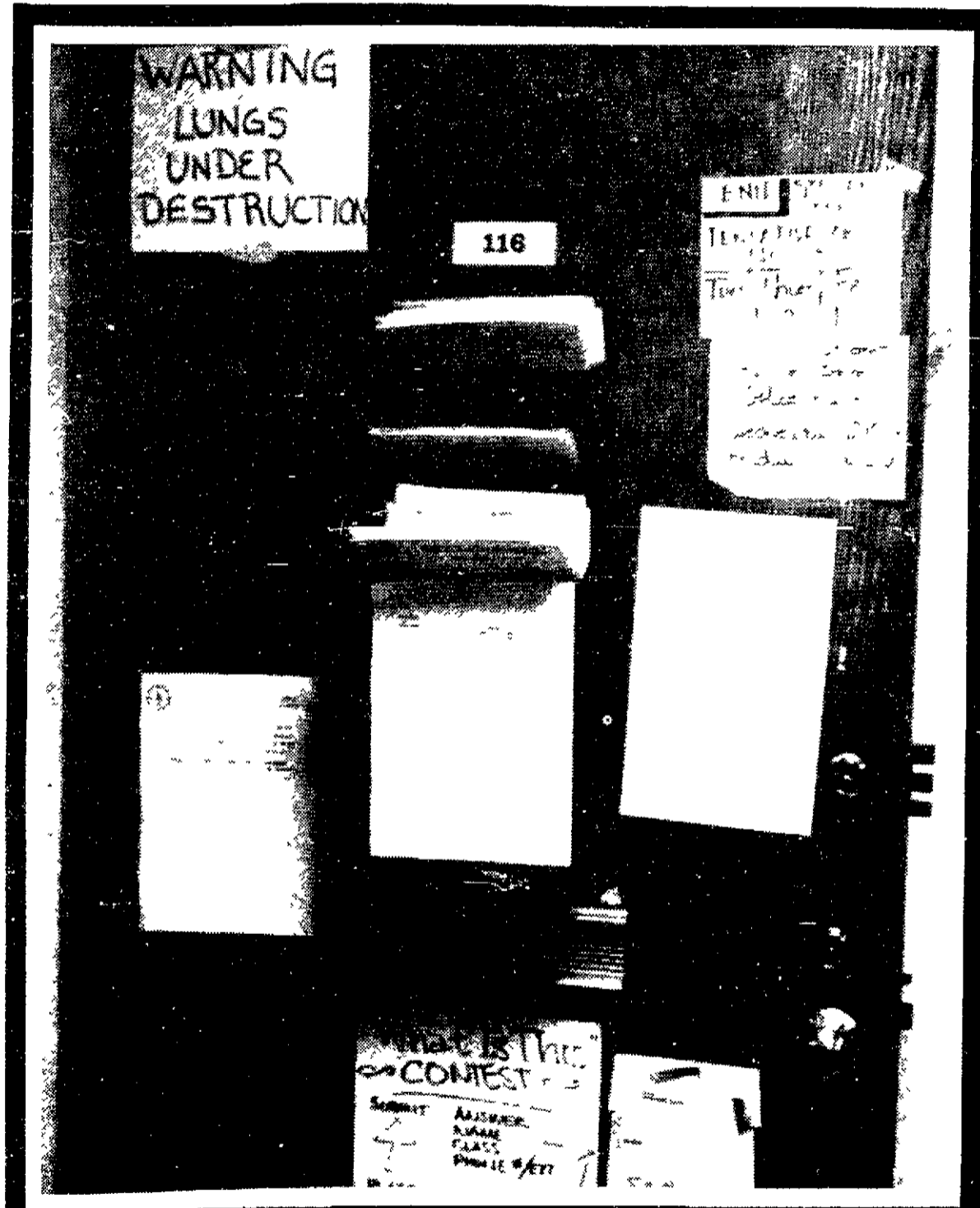


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The following students are requested to come to the Office of the Registrar immediately: Florrie Brafman, Margaret Byrne, Mary Clapes, Valerie Edmonds, Anne Egan, Heidi Fichter, Regan Good, Elizabeth Guzman, Ubah Hussen, Charmian Ling, Ileana Lopez-Balboa, Cecily Miles, Sujin Park, April Roberts, Allison Thompson, Kristen Vallow.

SENIORS: Deadline today for submitting Diploma Name Cards to Registrar, 107 Milbank.

LAW SCHOOL PANEL IV: Law School Curriculum and Methods of Teaching hosted by Columbia, CUNY, Miami, N.Y. Law, and Cardozo, Tues., Oct. 20, 204 FBH, 7:15 P.M.

PRE-MEDS: Representative from U. of North Carolina School of Medicine will be on campus Thurs., Oct. 15. Call Columbia Career Services, x5495. First Interview Workshop to be held Fri., Oct. 16, Jean-Palmer Room, 2-4 P.M.

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Bulletin Board

A community listing of clubs and activities

Monday October 12, 1987 5-7 p.m. Reception, Exhibit & Lecture at the Arts Forum, Barnard Annex by Nancy Spero pioneer of feminist Art movement. Contact Program in the Arts Office x2952 for more info.

Tuesday Oct. 13, BOBW. Student Poetry Reading. 8P.M. in Sulzberger Parlor. FREE.

Tuesday/Wednesday, Oct. 20 and 21, BLOOD DRIVE in upper level McIntosh. If you wish to help organize it, work during it, or you just have questions about it, contact Liz Davis at x2126.

Notes From SGA

This week's feature: Fireside Chat with the Vice President of SGA.

If you're upset about student life at Barnard whether it be security, the new dorm, food services or any academic concern, the place to go is SGA.

SGA offers a place to voice your concerns, this place is Representative Council meetings which occur every three weeks, and to which the entire student body is welcome to attend.

Rep council Members are students elected to student government positions (committees, class officers, etc.) At the meetings every elected student is present and they inform the Council of what they have been doing in their positions.

But Rep Council meetings are more than just committee reports, they are a forum for open discussion of issues of student concern and a means to act on them.

We can't act if we don't know what's bothering you. So come into SGA (we're open 11-5 every day) and tell us what you want changed (just don't mention neon, we can't do anything about that).

Good news for those who have specific concerns about the new Food Services or Security, we are right now setting up ad hoc committees to address these problems. You can serve on one of these committees, just leave your name in SGA.

The next Rep Council meeting is tonight, at 8:00 p.m. in Sulzberger Parlor, 3d floor Barnard Hall. Come and see what we're all about.

Become Bewitched
By The
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FROM THE EDITOR

This week's feature, concerning the re-evaluation of the representation system at Barnard, raises a number of issues for the Barnard student body. While SGA's proposed reforms will presumably solve some of Rep Council's persisting problems, the problems of representation at this college go much deeper than just the size or composition of the Council.

The Executive Board of the Student Government Association is a five member group with control of over \$160,000 of the student's money. In addition to financial control, this Board has a great deal of influence with the Barnard administration. In short, the Executive Board is tremendously powerful. The Representative Council is the only formal body that exists to scrutinize this Board and its actions. Given these facts, it seems tragic that the attitude of the council as a whole has been to take the Executive Board on its word.

However, the root of the council's attitude problem lies in the absence of student interest in how their concerns are being handled. In any given election, less than half of the student body votes. In the past three years, the candidate for President of the Executive Board has run unopposed. Given this state of affairs, it's no wonder that in 1986 the SGA president was almost impeached. In addition, many of the candidates for Council positions have also run unopposed. This situation, combined with the lack of continuing student pressure on their elected representatives has led to the overall lack of vitality in Barnard student politics.

Now, more than ever, there is a need for student interest, if not direct involvement, in campus politics. The re-negotiation of the Barnard-Columbia contract, the continuing construction of the new dormitory, the renovations in Macintosh, and the continuing concern over minority recruitment and racism on campus are all issues which will eventually be resolved with or without student input. The question is, in the absence of student opposition or interest, will they be resolved in a way that is acceptable to the Barnard student body?

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Students' Safety Assessed By BC Security



A BC Security Guard

By Jennifer McGarrety

Several recent incidents at the new entrance to the BHR complex has again brought the issue of the quality of security at Barnard into many students' minds. Late one night, Hewitt resident Veena Sud (BC '89) was walking down 116th Street toward the BHR entrance at 6 Claremont, when she and a friend were accosted by an intoxicated man. Sud was separated from her companion when her assailant began to chase her shouting "Go ahead, call the cops!" When Sud ran to the security cubicle, she found it empty. The only guard she encountered was off duty and on his way home. That same week Sud encountered a peeping tom inside the Hewitt dorm. She promptly notified security of the intruder whom she described as a man "too old to be a student." According to Sud, security was quick to respond, and informed her when the intruder left the building.

Sud, who has lived in the BHR complex in prior years said that she had never experienced problems before. Much of the trouble has resulted from the change of the BHR entrance from Brooks to the lower level of Hewitt at 6 Claremont. The tunnel entrance through Hewitt Dining Room is closed at night, forcing students to walk outside the enclosed campus area, around the BHR complex. During the day, access is available through the cafeteria making the entrance an extremely high traffic area. According to BHR resident Namita Modi (BC '89), this arrangement has caused a relaxation in security. "There's massive confusion. Everyone is going through the dining hall to the rooms. It's hard to check all the IDs - and sometimes they don't."

John Scacalossi, Barnard's Director of Security, claims that security is responding to the new situation and to the concerns of students in several ways. According to Scacalossi, a lighted guard booth at the corner of 116th Street and Claremont Avenue has been installed to better patrol the new BHR entrance. "The booth will act as a visible deterrent" said Scacalossi. The guard will not just sit in the booth, but will patrol the entire vicinity, alternating sides of 116th Street; but primarily sticking to the north side, because the construction trailers, set up on that side of BHR, block the view from the other side of the street. The guard will also be able to survey the ramp and entrance into Hewitt.

Soon, students entering BHR
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Survey:

Students Speak Out On Changes

By Anna Mohl with Yelba Matamoros

Changes and improvements are omnipresent at Barnard; but how aware of them is the average student?

One hundred Barnard students were asked what they thought about the recent changes made in Barnard Health services. An appalling 57% responded to the question with the question, "What changes?"

However, 30% of those polled responded favorably to the changes. One student commented, "It's great that the Health Services staff is so concerned with the students, and went to great lengths to improve the health program."

Of the 13% who responded

negatively to the question, most felt that the changes were a good start, but not extensive enough. Some feel there still is not enough privacy, while others found they still were inconvenienced by the hours.

While many students were unaware of the changes in Health Services, 99% of the group polled was aware of the changes in McIntosh, and most were quite eager to voice their opinions. 74% of the students polled violently hated the recent changes and supported this opinion with comments ranging from the basic "What the *&#@ did they do to McIntosh?" to more colorful and innovative responses such as "Are they going to raffle off
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Security

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through the tunnel or the entrance at Barnard Hall after the tunnel has been locked will have to identify themselves through an intercom system that will be hooked up with the Hewitt security desk. The students will then be buzzed in as at the outside entrance. In response to concerned BHR residents, the Security Office is also planning to install a closed circuit television (CCTV) camera at the cafeteria entrance to allow the desk attendants to see who they are admitting. A CCTV camera will also be installed at the Food Service door, which is often left open for long periods of time.

A safety bar will also be installed in the inside door of the Hewitt entrance. According to Scacalossi, the bar will allow students to leave the building conveniently without allowing anyone else to enter. "More security often means less convenience," stated Scacalossi. "We are trying to strike a balance. Everyone should be aware that we are our brother's and sister's keeper." In reference to people using the 116th Street emergency exit, Scacalossi warned, "We shouldn't disregard certain rules for conveniences' sake. It jeopardizes security." In the future, disciplinary action will be taken against those violating the new security regulations.

Some of the ideas for security improvement were brought to Scacalossi's attention by SGA president, Lisa Kolker. Kolker spoke to Scacalossi in response to suggestions made by concerned students. In addition to speaking to students leaders about problems, Scacalossi encourages people with complaints or recommendations about security to contact him at the Security Office in Barnard Hall. "I don't have a crystal ball. I can't know everything and I really appreciate people bringing problems to my

BC Tunnel Hours Under Discussion

By Sarah Wolozin

SGA is trying to pass a proposal to keep the tunnel from BHR to McIntosh open until 11:00 pm to coordinate with the open hours of the student center and Wollman Library. As it stands now, the tunnel leading to McIntosh closes at 7:00 pm, and often the door to Altschul is locked as early as 6:00pm.

Because of McIntosh's infrequent usage in years past, the tunnel hours had not been an issue; however, this year, along with many more events planned to take place in the student center, students are being encouraged to use McIntosh as a place to study or relax. Lisa Kolker (BC '88), SGA President, spoke of plans to serve food in McIntosh during library hours (until 11:00 pm). Keeping the tunnel open, according to Kolker, would "not only

make it more convenient for students, but would also be a security measure."

While the tunnel may be seen as a security measure, John Scacalossi, Director of Barnard Security, stressed the need of having a security guard to patrol the tunnel and its entrances if it is to be open later hours. He said, "I see no problem in opening the tunnel but it has to be staffed and the staff person has to be well equipped." Presently, security is planning to move the night manager from the security desk on the main level of Barnard Hall to the tunnel entrance on the lower level.

The proposal must be passed by the Residential Life committee, and if accepted the tunnel leading to McIntosh will remain open until 11:00 pm when there is an event taking place in the student center.

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BACK IN BLACK

by Sandra Tharumalingam

To say that black is "in" again at Barnard this autumn would be a vast understatement. Not only is black an essential part of everyone's wardrobe, it is the basis of the current fall and winter fashions. Manufacturers and students, however, are not trapped in a black rut, for several warm tones such as caramel, coffee, cocoa, and rust have lately appeared in day wear. In the evening hours, experimental types have bravely incorporated wild leopard skin prints and flaming colors into the night's pageantry, but basic black still dominates as it never fails to lend a dramatic or sophisticated look. Neutral colors also prevail in campus fashion in beige, off-white, and taupe sweaters, skirts, and leggings. Rust, bronze copper, and burnt orange paired with black all throw a bright punch into everyday clothes this season, allowing earthtones a new lease on the clothing industry. Season after season, stone-washed almost white and gray denim have proved as hearty survivors as black and white. This fall and winter, clothes at Barnard and the fashion world carry a worn comfortable look. Most students participate in the philosophy that what they wear should be comfortable, practical, and not contrived.

To look casual yet still impressionable, stylish, but never deliberate seems the goal this fall. In the trends towards houndstooth, plaid jackets, suits, short skirts, and more classic black, women seem to aspire to a look not only feminine but individual and authoritative. Future seasons lean toward a further shortening of skirts and an increasing boldness in color. Most clothes now available in stores illustrate the public's tendency to dress according to individual expression. Clothes

provide a medium through which an average person can perfect his or her own image, and many Barnard students have seized the opportunity to fuse their sense of style with their identity.

Black has become such a passion of designers since they aim to create both flattering and practical pieces for any wardrobe. Such mass-produced clothes are sold in the major department stores and boutiques throughout the country; someday becoming black may clothe the entire nation.

While Barnard students are for the most part individualistic dressers, black still remains the most popular color, not from any morbid sensibility, but because it is chic, sophisticated, and classic.

The City

Art Exhibits

Exhibition "Andre Kertesz: Diary of Light, 1912-1985", the life and work of the photographer. Through 11/7.

International Center of Photography, 77 W. 45th St. 741-7572

Computer Art Exhibit: "Computer Images of Architecture" through 10/28. Parsons School of Design, 2 W. 13th St. 741-7572

"Living Maya: The Art of Ancient Dreams" at the Paine Webber Art Gallery through 11/27. 1285 Avenue of the Americas (52nd St.) 713-2885

The Museum of Modern Art. Exhibits on Surrealist Prints and Henri Cartier-Bresson: The Early Work. 11 W. 53rd St. 708-9400

Theatre

Theatre adaption of the Indian Classic, "The Mahabharata" produced by Andy Fraenkel and Leonard Jones. Begins 11/1. 10\$ American Theatre

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3 Album Reviews: The Sex Connection

by Rachel Felder

Here I am, sitting in front of a crunchy pile of cassettes struggling to think of some cohesive bond between these probably unrelated bits of plastic and vinyl. I was going to give you some weighty analysis of how these precious bits of *musique nouveau*, all British, provide major socio-political insight into Thatcherism's dank effects. I'll save that for when the next Billy Bragg album comes out. Instead I'll link them with my favorite subject: sex.

I'm not talking a sweet, pleasant, lack-of-lipstick-stains roll in the hay. Mais non. What we're talkin' here is good old fashioned satin sheets, vibrating bed lust, passion, desire, sex.

Which is why, the Smiths' new album, *Strangeways... Here We Come*, is so bizarre: a truly sexy album from a defunct band whose singer proudly proclaims to be celibate. I was about to say that Morrissey's polished drone has never been better, and that's what gives these songs their mahogany texture, but that's not quite true. This album just shows a side of that languid vice we've never heard before: calmer, broader, ranging from an urgent yelp to a jazzy vocal stroll. This newfound mellowness, which is just as present in Johnny Marr's not too jagged guitar as in the singing, gives this album a morbid, jarring ease and, thus, an irrational, guilty sensuality.

And the illicit pleasure stretches into the lyrics, which have finally realised the glorious potential of the band's 1984 debut. The fatalistic punch of lines like "...she said/ has the perrier gone/straight to my head/or is life plainly sick and cruel, instead" can't be beat. Even if you don't enjoy this album, you've gotta admit that it marks not only the end of The Smiths' creative slump, but also the shining end of their obtuse career filled with praise, diatribe, and song.

And if you want to latch onto a performer at the start of his career, try Terence Trent D'Arby. This guy has been

hyped beyond belief in Europe, where he's now a megastar, but he's worth it, since his debut album is filled with his delicately straining voice, just short of pretentious lyrics, and an unadulterated funk that sure ain't BAD. Sure, there's a couple duds on this album, but its contagious bop is guaranteed to hook you.

And if that doesn't work, just look at the cover pictures of Terence, who's the hottest soul singer since Marvin Gaye.

While The Smiths bounce between passion and abstinence, and T.T. D'Arby hits us in the face with his "dance with me/ do me./ love me" style, The Pet Shop Boys may represent the reality of sex in the eighties (although I certainly hope not): well-dressed, androgynous pretty boys who care more for their wallets than a relationship. But since this band ostensibly takes itself as a sick but profitable joke, it's almost forgivable. Their new album, *Actually*, is the same old collection of dancefloor wallpaper, take it or leave it. That is, except for two crispy voluptuous tracks: "What Have I Done To Deserve This", a snappy duet with the hipper than hip Dusty Springfield, and "Rent", a sordid ditty about a boyfriend whose love is contingent upon his mate's bank book.



The Smiths--Photo by Jo Novark

So as long as you're not turned off by their ice cold cynicism, The Pet Shop Boys have made the ideal soundtrack for your party of two, circa 1987.

Need some relief after the glib facade of these modern attitudes? Rest assured; Van Morrison is still churning out his distinctive brand of music, full of mythical Celtic imagery and his elegant velvet voice. What's even better is that Morrison's latest release, *Poetic Champions Compose*, is his best album in years, combining the bilance of *Moondance* and the grit of *Astral Weeks*. Its long, sax-based instrumentals are just what you need for that

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Improving Rep Council For A Better SGA

by Anna Mohl

"It has become obvious to the Executive Board and to myself that there is a definite problem with dissemination of information from Committees to the council at Rep Council meetings and from Rep Council meetings to the general student population." So reads the text of a proposal to the Rep Council written by Vice President of Student Government Mithra Merryman (BC '88). The need for change in the system of student government and representation at Barnard was recognized by last year's Student Government Association (SGA) Executive Board, and the cause is apparently being taken up again this term.

The center of concern is the efficiency (or lack thereof) of the Representative Council of the SGA. In Article VIII of the revised SGA constitution, ratified in the spring of 1987, clause one states that the job of the Rep Council is "to serve as the legislative body of the Student Government Association." The Council meets every three weeks, and members include nearly 76 students representing various elected

committees and offices in Barnard government. Its function is to serve as a forum for issues pertaining to the Barnard community. "The job of Rep Council is to scrutinize what SGA does. We are the check system...we are supposed to approve SGA's actions," explained representative to the Board of Trustees Maryam Banikarim (BC '89). The Rep Council is the core

of the Tripartite committee system, which originated in 1970. The purpose was to get students involved and educated about issues at Barnard.

Today, however, "Not only are important issues not thoroughly raised and discussed at Rep Council meetings, but any issues discussed are very rarely ever related to the general student population. Thus creating a student body which knows very little about who we are or what we are doing," according to Merryman's report. The most apparent problem is the size of the council.



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- Mithra Merryman, SGA VP

With 76 members, full attendance at any meeting is rare. The group of representatives that does show up is too large to effectively discuss and debate issues. Many don't even stick around until the end of the meeting. The only stipulation concerning attendance is that any representative who misses two meetings in a row (which covers two-months time) will be im-

peached.

A prevailing feeling is that because of the size of the group, any individual's presence seems insignificant. "There are so many members," commented member of the Senior Commencement Committee Debbie Schwartz (BC'88), "that your presence there doesn't seem important."

Compounding the problems associated with such a large group is the fact that the council meets a scant five times each semester. "You have to know people and be on a first-name

basis to set an agenda," said Barnard's University Senator Veena Sud (BC '89). "And when it only meets once a month, it's hard to get a lot of things done...it's all fragmented." In the little time that the Rep Council does meet, "people are not discussing issues and getting into constructive arguments," Sud commented. "There is not enough passion if you only meet once a month." PRESIDENT OF SGA Lisa Kuter (BC '88) explained that new business isn't even brought up until the end of the meeting — that is, after the presentation of numerous and lengthy committee reports.

To make the situation worse, many of Rep Council's members fail to recognize the power and importance of the Council. Many of the members who were elected to their committees ran with the intention of performing the job as a member of her committee without giving any thought to Rep Council responsibilities.

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ties. "They didn't run to be on Rep Council, so they don't see the job on Rep Council as important," Banikarim angrily observed. Consequently, the disinterested members frequently don't even bother to question policy. "Everything said is taken at face value, without probing...People are so bored and ready to leave," Banikarim complained. According to her, members are overanxious to vote and leave, and therefore accept a weak answer like "it's always been done this way" as a legitimate answer to a question.

She cites this example. The 1987-88 SGA budget was submitted to the Rep Council to be approved on September 21. After quickly reading through the one-page itemization and a brief explanation of each item, without any questioning, the majority of the council was eager to pass the budget. Banikarim, however, found several points on the budget questionable, including a \$5000 allotment for telephone-related bills. Much to the discontent of the majority of the council, Banikarim refused to cease questioning until she received a satisfactory explanation of the funds. The result, still unsatisfactory to Banikarim, was to vote on the budget. Still, its final approval is contingent on Rep Council's approval of the phone bill which will be itemized at the next meeting on October 12. Obviously, SGA had counted on passing the budget without trouble because without budget approval, SGA cannot function.

To many, there appears to be an inner circle and an outer circle within the council. The inner circle consists of the elite few who know what is happening

and seem to control the workings of the government. The outer circle, the larger one, is composed of the rest of the council members who tend to drift along. Yet they don't really know what is happening and don't really bother to question, either for lack of interest or intimidation by the inner circle. In response to this situation, Kolker said, "We don't want just the same people participating in the meetings. We want to hear from everyone. It's a matter of how you run the meeting."

The problems are many and eas-

Council is not the strong and effective body that the Constitution prescribes. A committee to revise the by-laws has been established and has already begun work. "I am very optimistic," said Merryman. "There are a lot of good people working who are interested in making changes for the better."

Since so many of Rep Council's problems seem to have stemmed from its size, it has been proposed to cut the size of Rep Council down to a core group of about 20. Banikarim wholeheartedly approves of this motion,



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- Lisa Kolker, SGA President

ily recognized. The solutions are not. One proposal has been made to restructure the Rep Council through a revision in the Constitutional by-laws. The Constitution, according to Merryman, was left ambiguous in parts in order to allow room for interpretation. The by-laws function as an interpretation of the ambiguities; it is much easier to revise the by-laws than to rewrite the Constitution. In its present state the Rep

saying, "It would be better to have fewer members as far as relations and discussions."

This core group could meet on a more regular basis, in a more informal atmosphere, and accomplish a great deal more. Nothing is final at all in these plans, but the proposed council could consist of the five SGA executive board members, the class presidents, and a chairman (voting representative) of each committee. Representatives from the various committees would come to the smaller Rep Council if they had something to report. Every so often there would be a larger meeting including the core group and the other

members of the committees to discuss issues of importance.

"If Rep Council were smaller," Schwartz said, "each person would feel much more accountable. You would know people's faces...and if they were there or not." Vice President and Dean for Student Affairs Barbara Schmitter supports the idea for a reduction in the council's size, comparing it to "the difference between a town

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Letters

Centralized Mail Isn't That Bad

To the editor:

The centralization of student mailboxes is the main contention of Julie Berman's article "Are Barnard's Improvements Worth the Wait?" (September 28). Although she presented a fair argument against the suffering she has endured, I would like to suggest that the conveniences of centralized mail far outweigh the inconvenience of going to McIntosh to collect mail, and even a way to sidestep this botheration.

First of all, Berman presumes that centralization was simply a way to get people to use McIntosh. Actually, this is only a byproduct of the efficiency and convenience of the change. Having the same mailbox number for four years is a luxury I

wish I could have had. My mail would not have been delayed because it had been forwarded several times from dorm to dorm. Subscriptions would not have been interrupted.

I have friends at Brown who would have been near impossible to get in touch with except for the fact that their box numbers do not change from year to year.

Resident Assistants used to have to spend several hours a week sorting mail. Now a few people in McIntosh accomplish this task and RA's are free to help students, which is what they are hired and trained for—not to sort mail.

If the thought of going to McIntosh every day just to collect your

mail still seems like a major inconven-

ience, why don't you and your neighbors create a system—each person collects everyone's mail on a different day of the week and delivers it to the suite or hall. Many Bryn Mawr students successfully beat their centralized mail system this way.

This last suggestion may seem to undermine the motive to get people to use McIntosh more. The new vitality of McAc activities and the renovated atmosphere of the student center, however, are attractions enough to pull more students into McIntosh.

Celeste Ann Cleary BC '88

BC Has Planned Construction Badly

To the Editor:

After four years at Barnard I am still amazed that a college renowned for its having produced so many capable and intelligent women is plagued by an administration that is so often inefficient and vexing. Its inefficiencies are clearly demonstrated by scenes which myself and other Barnard experienced these past few weeks.

Two days after having moved into 616, my suitemates and I were rudely roused from sleep at 8:00 a.m. (a sacred hour for most college students) by a work crew who were coming to wrap fiberglass insulation around the exposed pipes in the dorms. The men were obliged to move our furniture to do the work, and when they had finished (the job took all day) they did not have the courtesy to replace it, or thoroughly

sweep the layer of fiberglass dust from our hallways and floors. Similarly, Tuesday, 10/6, the irritating 8:00 am knock on our doors announced the arrival of another work crew to install the lines for the new Columbia telephone system. Again, the same scenes of noise, moving furniture and dust were repeated.

Now, I am not insensitive to the fact that this work needs getting done. My question is: Why weren't the contracts put out early enough so that the work might have been finished before the beginning of the school year? Wouldn't it have made more sense to have accomplished these tasks before there were students around to interfere with these workers? After all, it should be the goal of college housing to provide a comfortable and peaceful environ-

ment for its students to live and study in. Unfortunately, this is not achieved in a dorm that is filled with plaster chips, hammer pounding, and strange workmen forever plodding the halls and rooms with their dust covered boots.

I can understand the inconvenience caused by the building of the new dorm since it is a long-term project that will ultimately create important new spaces for college residents. Moreover, that construction could not have been completed before the arrival of the students this fall, and is perhaps less irritating because it is external—it does not displace individual students. These smaller projects, however, could easily have been taken care of at a time more convenient to students and workers alike.

If someone from the planning

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All Too Quiet On The Negotiation Front

By Dianne Irving

Having spent several years as a relatively content member of the Barnard student body, I haven't been all that interested in or worried

doesn't the Barnard administration keep us up to date?

In my opinion, Barnard is a very special place, with a vitality and philosophy all its own. We have a great deal here, but the proximity and influence of the University

co-ed fraternities all provide a different perspective. And what about academics? To name a few, Mathematics and Computer Science are only given at Columbia. You can be a Math or Computer Science major at Barnard, but there are no Barnard professors in

these departments. Does that mean that if Barnard and the University cease to be affiliated that Barnard students won't have the option of these majors? I believe that Barnard features a truly exemplary curriculum, but there are some holes that the academic exchange fills adequately.

The issue of the academic exchange raises some issues for Columbia students as well. Check out one of Professor Dennis Dalton's Political Science courses and you'll see what I mean. In addition, Womens Studies and Dance are other strong Barnard departments. What about participation in Barnard club activities? What if some Columbia students like the less crowded pool as well



about the Barnard/Columbia relationship. I've benefitted from it, but it has always been my opinion that Columbia students do as well, even if some don't like to admit it. However, last week's headline in *Spectator* reads "After Three Years, BC/CU Financial Talks Still Drag On." All of a sudden, this has begun to bother me. Why don't students know more about these negotiations? Do we even know what, exactly, is being negotiated? From reading the *Spectator* article, one gets the feeling that more than just money is being talked about here. Why

makes what we have even better. If you can't find the book you need in Wollman, chances are you'll find it in the Butler stacks. Into athletics? No one even pretends that Barnard's facilities come close to what you can find in Dodge. I like the Barnard pool because its less crowded, but Olympic-sized it isn't. Furthermore, many Barnard students are key members of the University Athletic Consortium. Will Barnard students no longer be allowed to compete in University teams such as Crew, Basketball, Track and Soccer? What about social life? Joint clubs, the housing exchange, sororities and the

as I do? Will these options no longer be open for Columbia students? In general, Barnard and Columbia courses tend to present different perspectives depending on the school, and it seems unfortunate that students might not be able to receive both.

Even if Barnard and Columbia do remain affiliated in the present form, Barnard students may have to pay more for the use of Columbia facilities than Columbia students do. With a total cost of a whopping \$18,500 per year and every indication that costs will continue to rise, this has some serious implications as well. Costs normally go up about 6 to 7 percent every year, but what happens if the new agreement

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the track at the end of the semester?" Most of these students agreed that the intention to remodel the student center was good, but the final result is not what the students want. Many students went so far as to say the remodeling in the neon motif was a "waste of good money that could have been used elsewhere."

The surveyed students had mixed emotions concerning the construction of the new dorm. 30% of the students thought the construction "really isn't too bad" and "is really quite interesting to watch."

42% of those surveyed find the actual construction "annoying and disturbing," but do not oppose it because, according to one junior, "We really need the dorm space: 79th Street is horrible." Within this category of students, a number of those polled expressed displeasure over the site of the dorm.

The remaining 28% are adamantly opposed to the dorm claiming, "it takes away from the campus." Many students find it disturbing. One student complained, "It [the construction] wakes me up at 7am every morning; and once I am up it is so noisy I can't get any work done or talk on the phone."

In relation to the security at Barnard, 87% of those polled feel that security is very good and they have no complaints. Of the 13% who found aspects of security unsatisfactory, the main complaint was that security was not tight enough at the Clairmont entrance to BHR, and that "anybody can walk in through Barnard Hall at any time."

A burning question that has recently been intensified in the minds of students recently is that of the Barnard/Columbia affiliation contract renegotiation. 100% of those polled were concerned about the future of Barnard if ties were not maintained. One freshman said, "If the contract is not renegotiated, I will immediately transfer." Other students expressed concern over Barnard's maintenance of its own identity, separate from Columbia. One student commented, "Perhaps it could work [non-renegotiation], but it would take more work for Barnard to be independent than to renegotiate that contract." Most students, however, did not believe Barnard could exist and flourish without

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Rep Council

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meeting and an elected representative doing the work."

Reducing the size of the council is, according to some, not the ideal solution to the problem. Barnard's Columbia Student Council Representative Lisa Gersten (BC '90) pointed out that "it is a hard balance to strike — you want as many people voting and participating as possible, but if you have too many people, there is no room for debate." Gersten added, "Rep Council is the essence of the student government. If we get [the council] down to a small number — is that really what we want to do? We don't want a monopoly...we want to involve as many people as possible."

Merryman joined in this concern, assuring that "We don't want something so small and exclusive that it will discourage people from joining committees."

Finally, Banikarim noted that this proposal will probably encounter difficulties in being passed by Rep Council because the drastic reduction in size will have to be justified to the council members. Even more problematic is the question whether members of the coun-

cil will be willing to give up their right to vote in the name of a more efficient SGA.

Recognizing this, Merryman stated, "We can't take away votes from elected representatives this semester...But I want to make Rep Council work now." Merryman will present her proposal to the council at the meeting on Monday, October 12. Her solution reads, "Beginning with the following Representative Council meeting on November 4, 1987, each committee and office will be required to submit, in writing, a full report detailing the activities of their committee or office...The report will be due one week before the next Rep Council meeting...[and] the reports will be posted on the SGA bulletin board outside of the SGA office for all students to see." This way, meeting time can be used for discussion of the important issues on campus, as it was meant to be. Merryman's proposal concludes, "this system is being implemented in order to encourage high student involvement in student government and the Representative Council and to create a greater awareness of our presence here at Barnard."

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Renegotiation

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if the new agreement raises costs somewhere in the neighborhood of say, 20 percent? Even more basic, why should Barnard students have to pay more to use the same facilities? I don't really think there is any way of measuring, for instance, how many Columbia students use the Barnard libraries or athletic facilities. It is arrogant, in my opinion, for the University to assume that Barnard is somehow worth less than Columbia.

The burning question in all of this, ultimately, is that of Barnard's future. Whether the exchange dissolves or just costs a lot more has equal implications for whether Barnard will continue to be able to attract the caliber of students to which it is accustomed. Women choose to come to Barnard, but the relationship with Columbia is one of the reasons they do so. The cost is already prohibitive—with a debt of over half of the endowment and a more expensive exchange agreement, need-blind admissions are going to be a thing of the past.

I've only named a few of the issues that arise from this renegotiation, but they make the question I raised at the beginning all the more pressing: Why is the Barnard administration so quiet? If I were Ellen Futter, I'd want to let Barnard students know that the University is trying to sell them short. If the administration is truly lobbying for the students' (and therefore the College's) interests, then they should be dying to let us know. Given the situation, it makes me wonder if no news really is good news.

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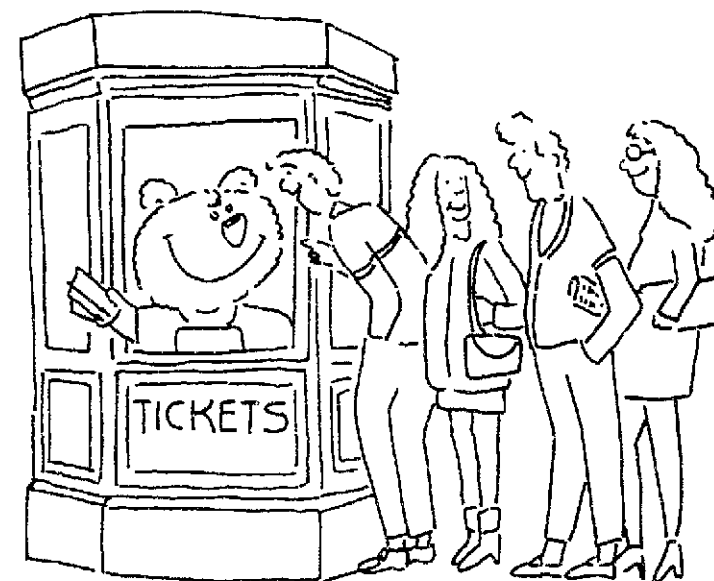
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Construction

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committee or some other administrative group could provide me with a logical explanation of why the work proceeded in this way, I'm sure it would ease my ill-sleep mind. In fact, if someone can answer these questions, they might also be able to shed some light on the reason for my having been awakened every morning at 8:00 a.m. at the beginning of my sophomore year by the construction of a courtyard, which is now waking other students with the noise of its demolition. But that is another story...

Danica Katz
(BC '88)

Survey

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an affiliation to the university. Few students mentioned Columbia's loss if ties were broken.

Most students polled were interested in the issues on campus concerning the students. Even those who were unaware of various changes became inquisitive and wanted to know what news they had missed.

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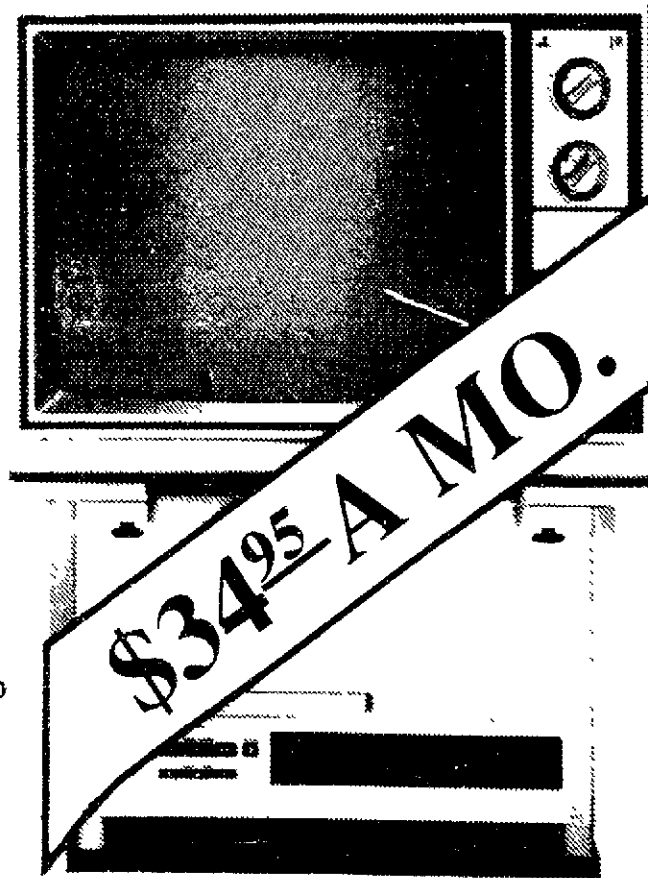
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