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PROGRAM PLANNING FOR 1988 SPRING TERM begins **THURS., NOV. 5**, when Freshmen and first-semester Sophomores will attend required class meetings with their Class Deans and Advisers. (An invitation from the Dean of Studies Office specifying the exact date, time, and location of your required class meeting will soon go to your campus mailbox.) Juniors, Seniors, and second-semester Sophomores should check Registrar's and departmental bulletin Boards for details of departmental and majors' meetings. New Junior transfers are directed to meetings in their major departments; new Sophomore transfers to the Sophomore Class meeting. Beginning November 5, meet with your adviser to plan next semester's program and go to appropriate departments to **SIGN UP FOR BARNARD COURSES WITH LIM-**

ITED ENROLLMENT.

RITCHIE MEMORIAL: A memorial gathering to honor Professor Donald Ritchie is scheduled for **Wed., Oct. 21, 5:30 pm**, in the Sulzberger Parlor.

PRE-LAW STUDENTS are reminded that the panel on Law School Curriculum and Methods of Teaching to be attended by Columbia, CUNY, Miami, N.Y. Law, and Cardozo convenes **TUES., OCT. 20, 204 FBH, 7:15 P.M.** will include representatives from U.C.L.A., U.C. Berkeley, and U.S.C. **PRE-MEDS** are invited to hear Dr. Richard Shannon of the Harvard Medical School-M.I.T. joint program in the medical sciences **THURS. NOV. 5, 118 Mathematics Building, 4-5:30 p.m.** **SOPHOMORES** interested in the Truman Scholarship, available to qualified candidates who are preparing for careers in public service, must see Dean Wilcox (x2024) or Professor Ester Fuchs (x3866) by **TUES., OCT. 20.**

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a weekly listing of activities

JEWISH STUDENT UNION Cabaret Night in the Lion's Den-
FBH Th. Oct. 22, 10PM food, drinks, and student entertainment.

MATH CLUB FIRST MEETING 404 Altschul Hall Th. Oct. 22, 5:30. Organizational meeting; Discussion of Jensen Prize; talk on fractals; refreshments!

ASIAN STUDENT UNION: Movie. Oct. 21. 7, 9, 11pm. 202 Altschul.

URBAN CAUCUS: Showing of the film "The Life Of Malcolm X". Oct. 22, 12:30 -2pm in Schiff Room, Earl Hall. Free Admission.

McAc: COFFEE HOUSE during Reality Fest. Oct. 24. 9-11pm. FBH.

SENIORS! The **DRAWING** for the trip to Paris will be held
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Notes From SGA

Interesting things that have been going on:

1) The Representative Council has written two letters to President Futter concerning important campus issues. Both letters are printed in this issue and are printed outside of SGA, 116 McIntosh. We are seriously concerned about both the security and the new dorm. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please stop by SGA.

2) In addition, we are currently forming an ad-hoc committee on Security to address on going issues and to help prevent future incidents. If you are interested, please leave your name and number in SGA.

3) Library hours have been extended!!! The reserve room will be open as a study hall from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m. from Sunday to Wednesday nights, starting Sunday, October 18th. In addition, the reserve room desk will now open earlier, at 10 a.m., on Saturdays and Sundays, starting Saturday, October 24th.

4) Blood Drive is going on October 20th and 21st in Upper Level McIntosh. If you would like to give blood, please make an appointment with ODS, x4634. Walk-ins are also welcome. Remember, every ounce counts!!!

5) The Administration has proposed new smoking regulations that will affect the entire Barnard community. There will be a meeting to discuss the proposal Monday, October 19th at 12:00 noon in Upper Level McIntosh. Suggestions and comments are welcome. Dean Schmitter will attend to answer any questions.

6) There is a Winterfest meeting every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in Upper Level McIntosh. Or, feel free to stop by SGA.

FROM THE EDITOR

The revelation that a Barnard student had been attacked on Riverside drive shocked the Barnard community. No less shocking was the fact that again, the Barnard administration showed its propensity to be penny wise and pound foolish; that is, that important information was somehow made secondary to the college's public image.

To anyone who has attended Barnard for more than a few months, a pattern has become evident: we saw it last year when a Lucerne resident was raped and abducted, and on other occasions before that. This pattern is the fact that Barnard seems to foolishly believe that what we don't know won't hurt us. On the contrary, as residents of one of the most violent cities in the world, what Barnard students don't know may hurt them very badly.

The error in this situation clearly lies with Barnard's need to suppress any information that may upset students, or perhaps more important in the administration's eyes, information that may upset potential students and parents. This creates a situation where students are lulled into a false sense of safety, and therefore are even easier targets. Why weren't students told immediately? The assertion that the student's privacy was thought to be at stake is ludicrous, as the deans well know: no pressing need existed to mention her name or even her residence.

Ultimately, it is ironic that the administration has everything to gain and nothing to lose by being responsive and upfront with student concerns such as security. Imagine the respect they could have gained had a memo been sent out the day after the attack stating the particulars of the incident and exhorting students to use care when walking alone after dark. Instead, by trying to preserve Barnard's image, the administration has found itself with less respect than existed before.

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BC Considers Smoking Regulations

Students Asked To Give Input; Library Prohibits Smoking Unilaterally

By Zita Lichtenberg

The Barnard administration may be passing some new smoking regulations which will restrict smoking to certain areas of the Barnard campus. On Monday, October 19th, Dean for Student Affairs Barbara Schmitter met with students in an open forum in upper level McIntosh to answer questions concerning these proposed rules. The decision to hold the forum was announced by the Student Government Association (SGA) at its recent Rep Council meeting on October 12th.

According to President of SGA Lisa Kolker, Monday's forum was not well-attended, but "people that were there had some good suggestions... People think it is a good thing." According to Kolker, "once the community's concerns have been heard, the administration will make a decision." The next step is Barnard's faculty, who will discuss the proposal next week.

However, though the new regulations are supposedly still under discussion, the Barnard Library has already begun to enforce its own regulations. Beginning in September, smoking has been prohibited on the second and third floors, and is now, as of October 19, prohibited in the Reserve library on the first floor. Kolker, who was not aware of the new library regulations, declined to comment.

The proposed regulations were drawn up by a group of administrators in accordance with new anti-smoking rules adopted by the New York State Public Health Council, which were to have gone into effect May 7, 1987. These rules, designed to "preserve and improve the public health by limiting exposure of the public to tobacco and smoke," prohibit smoking in any indoor public area and require smoke-free working areas for non-smokers who desire them." However, before these rules went into effect, the state

legislature overruled the regulations saying the Public Health Council didn't have the legal authority to impose them.

Part of the state regulations required organizations, such as Barnard College, to form their own laws. The regulations formulated for Barnard include the following non-smoking areas: Brooks living room, Sulzburger Parlor, hallways,

restrooms, waiting areas, locker rooms, the library, and meeting rooms while meetings are in session. However, as a result of the overturn by the state legislature, Barnard is neither legally obligated to formulate nor enforce no smoking laws.

While Columbia decided to enforce its new rules without warning its public, the Barnard

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Boesak Gives Inspiring Address

Remarks Charge Columbia With "Respectable Racism"

by Anna Mohl

In the halls of St. Paul's Chapel on Monday, October 19, the Reverend Dr. Allan Boesak, President of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and student chaplain at the University of Western Capetown, addressed a crowd of several hundred concerned Columbia University students and other members of the community on the issue of apartheid and racism in South Africa.

Boesak's address was part of a service organized through Earl Hall, in which members of the black, Jewish, and Christian communities participated in a united effort to educate the community of the evils of apartheid and the importance of the fight for freedom.

Preceding Boesak's discourse were selected readings and hymns from both the Old and New Testaments, a presentation by the Columbia Barnard Gospel choir, and opening remarks by Professor Hollis Lynch, the Director of the Institute for African Studies. The readings dealt with oppression and the fight for freedom.

Boesak spoke of the oppression and suffering of the blacks in South Africa; he spoke of the rioting and murder of innocent children and the world's failure to react and aid the oppressed. He especially pointed an accusing finger at the United States and Great Britain saying, "if the situation

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BC Library Extends Hours

By Anna Mohl

Effective October 18, Barnard library hours will be extended, SGA announced on October 14. The Barnard Reserve Library (first floor Lehman) will be open as a study hall until 2:00 a.m. Sunday-Wednesday nights. Effective October 24, the Reserve Desk will open at 10 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Otherwise, the desk hours will remain the same, 9:00a.m. - 12:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Fridays.

According to President of SGA Lisa Kolker, the changes in library

hours have been under discussion since last year, in response to a poll taken by an ad-hoc committee made up of faculty, administration and students. According to Kolker, the poll indicated that extended morning and evening hours on the weekends for the main library were the highest priority. However, this is still under discussion. The extension in Reserve hours was facilitated by construction that occurred over the summer, which separated the reserve desk from the main reading room. Said Kolker, "It's a start...I think it's great that people have a place to go study now."

Smoking Regulations Proposed

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administration decided to hold off and first ask those working at and attending Barnard for their input. Katherine Rogers, a member of the committee which formed the proposed regulation, explained, "We saw we had the opportunity to get more opinions and comments, so we did."

"When I first heard about the regulations," said Robbi Waldman, Sophomore class President, "I thought 'Great, finally some new smoking rules.' But I felt it wasn't right to decide something like this without finding out how more people felt about it." She felt there should be an opportunity for students to speak up.

Because the proposal will affect so many people, the controversy surrounding this issue may make it difficult to formulate a final set of regulations which will meet the Barnard community's approval. Three major concerns, discussed at the Rep Council meeting, were the regulations concerning restrooms, McIntosh, and Hewitt dining hall. "Why should non-smokers have to breathe in smoke instead of clean air while they're eating?" questioned one freshman. Another student complained about not being able to walk down the hall in her dorm without "coming out smelling like smoke."

A major problem, if the rules are enacted, is its enforcement. If there is a school-wide rule, is it the school's responsibility to enforce it? And if so how?

Kolker commented, "Once [the regulations] are passed, it will be up to the non-smokers to help enforce them by reminding people who smoke in non-smoking areas." She added, "It will also be based on an honor system; hopefully, smokers will respect the rules and abide by them."

However, this honor system may not be effective, because as Waldman

noted, there are many complaints on the Hewitt dining service comment board saying the service is not enforcing its restrictions on designated smoking areas.

These strong student opinions and the administration's willingness to listen will most likely result in an amendment of the original set of regulations.

Hadar Dubowsky (BC '91)

Ghost Phones Waste SGA Funds

by Anna Mohl

The Student Government Association (SGA) recently discovered that they are currently being billed for and are paying for three telephone lines that no longer exist, costing the organization an unnecessary \$1239.72 a year. This grave error was discovered as a result of a question that arose at the September 21st Representative Council meeting concerning the allocation of \$5000 for telephone costs. While scrutiniz-

"We don't know how long we have been paying or who should have disconnected the phones...Right now we are doing everything possible ..."

ing the budget before approval at the meeting, Maryam Banikarim (BC '89), Representative to the Board of Trustees, challenged SGA's request claiming it was an exorbitant amount of money.

In an attempt to break down the \$5000 to prove its validity, SGA Treasurer Emily Klebanoff (BC '89) began to look into the various costs of the phones. Unfortunately, no records of last year's phone bills were kept, except the one from August 1987.

Based on this phone bill, it

questioned the regulations in relation to personal rights. "Some regulations are good," she noted, "but in lounges and living rooms, I don't know about telling people what they can and can't do there. I mean, it's like if someone's sitting next to me eating a tunafish sandwich, is it right for me to ask them to leave because I hate the smell of tuna?"

was calculated that the fixed costs of the phones, for items such as equipment rental, line features, and service charges, exceeded the \$5000



SGA Treasurer Emily Klebanoff

request. When a club budgets for money, it is only to cover the cost of the actual phone calls; SGA pays for the equipment charges. Therefore, before any actual calls were made, the SGA phone bill totaled \$6362.

While examining each phone number on the bill, SGA found that three of these lines were no longer in use. These "ghost phones" were installed ten years ago, and when offices were changed and new numbers installed, the old lines were never disconnected. As a result, SGA has been paying ever since.

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Letters: SGA Speaks Out

Administration should not have delayed information concerning attack on student

Dear President Futter,

In the wake of the attack on October 3rd of a Barnard first-year student on Riverside Drive, and the negligence of informing the Barnard student body of the incident, the Barnard Representative Council is expressing its disappointment, dismay and deep concern.

We demand to be informed promptly in the occurrence of an incident of such violence against a Barnard student. After last semester's rape and abduction of a Barnard student outside of the Lucerne, the administration promised and assured us that we would be alerted of subsequent incidents as quickly as possible. The administration broke this promise with the delayed disclosure of the October 3rd attack. In addition, notices have still not gone out to the entire student body, they were only distributed to residents of the 600's.

It is in the interest of every Barnard student's personal safety to know immediately where a security hazard or a potentially dangerous situation may arise.

The Barnard Administration's negligence to quickly inform the entire student body about the October 3rd

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Barnard should ensure that Tishman complies with Affirmative Action laws on the dorm project

Dear President Futter:

In light of the Tishman Realty and Construction Corp.'s policies in hiring women, the Representative Council of Barnard College would like to express our concern about Tishman's tradition of sexual discrimination against women. We hope that the Barnard administration will take the necessary steps to insure that Tishman reach its Equal Employment Opportunity Obligations in the form of a formal policy signed by Tishman and Barnard.

Executive Order 11246 states that once a contractor receives Federal funding for one construction site, all of their sites are bound to this law. The law states that there must be 6.9 percent women hired per trade on every site. Because Tishman is the Construction Management Company at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, which receives Federal funding, all of Tishman's sites including the Barnard site are bound to Executive Order 11246.

This is more than just a legal issue. Barnard, as a women's college, is morally responsible to ensure equal employment of women on the Barnard site. This is a chance for Barnard to

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Early Departures Still Hinder Council

by Anna Mohl

"Why is everyone leaving? It's not even 9 o'clock yet...we have important things to discuss," cried Mithra Merryman (BC '88), SGA Vice President for Student Government, at the recent Representative Council meeting on October 12th. Much of the new business had not yet been discussed, when numerous council members rose and exited the meeting, each with her own "valid excuse."

Maryam Banikarim (BC '89), Representative to the Board of Trustees, was angered by this apparent lack of concern of the council members. "We have so few Rep Council meetings...only eight a year," she told the remaining members. "The only was

Rep Council is going to have power is if the people take it seriously. If people come late and leave early, it can't work...We must put some importance into the eight times a year."

Despite Banikarim's words, other council members left as the meeting progressed.

This apparent lack of commitment by some council members is an issue currently being dealt with through revisions in the SGA by-laws and changes in the Rep Council system (see *Bulletin* Oct. 12th issue). Already implemented for the next meeting, each committee is required to submit a committee report one week prior to the next Rep Council meeting detailing its ac-

tivities. These reports will be compiled and distributed to council members before the next meeting to allow more time at the meeting to be devoted to more important issues.

Although she was upset by the minor exodus, Merryman felt the council meeting went well. "People were more in tune and seemed interested in the issues."

"I think it went very well," said Debbie Schwartz (BC '88), member of the Senior Commencement Committee, with great surprise. "It was the only productive [Rep Council] meeting I've been to in three years."

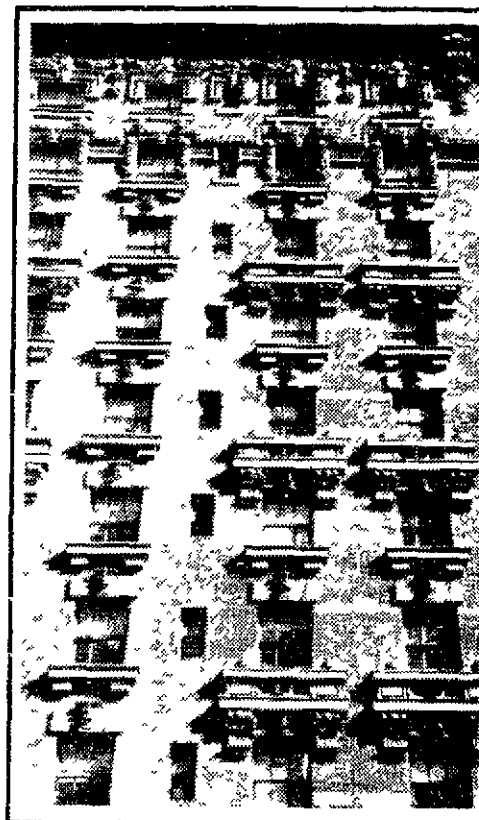
Problems Still Plague Lucerne Residents

by Jennifer McGarrity

Two-hundred and three Barnard students live at the Lucerne, Barnard's 79th Street residence hall. Many of the students enjoy living at Lucerne. They enjoy the upper west side area or the autonomy from the student-oriented campus life. Lucerne resident Nicole Ellison (BC '90) said, "I like living at the Lucerne. The room is nice, and I like being out of the neighborhood and not being tagged as a student" or many, however, especially the unfortunate sophomore whose choice of housing was limited by a low lottery number, it is an inconvenience, and a negative experience. "They've put us here, and there's a definite number of people who aren't happy and don't want to live here," says resident Hillary Porges (BC '90). The biggest problem for these students is that they feel distanced from the campus and have to deal with a system of transportation that they find totally inadequate to meet their needs. Com-

plaints include the fact that the bus schedule coincides neither with class times or nor with library closing hours, and that it does not run often enough (that there are too many breaks, especially on weekends when the bus does not run during the hours of 1:00pm and 6:00pm) or late enough at night. As a result, residents must often seek alternative means of transportation. "I'm paying \$18,000 dollars to take classes and the bus isn't there for me, and then I have to pay an extra dollar," complained Porges.

Nina Browne (BC '90) had a similar complaint. "Saturdays and Sundays you can't get anywhere. There's no way you'll be able to live by the bus schedule. I wish they'd give us a few tokens." She also mentioned that the bus service was sometimes inconsistent. "One night, on a Friday or Saturday, the driver decided that she wasn't going to be there for the 1:00 am shuttle. She simply told the guard, and that was it. No signs were posted. My friend A



A new view of Lucerne

waited for a long time and then asked the guard. She finally took a cab home."

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BC Defends Delay of Information On Attack

Security Director Admits Gap in Notification System

by Leora Joseph and Charlotta Westergren

On Saturday October 3, in the early evening on the corner of 115 street and Riverside Drive, a Barnard Student was attacked by two men who subsequently grabbed her arms and ripped her necklace. She received lacerations on her hands and throat. The men dressed like joggers, then left the scene.

"At 7:00 that evening I got a call from my supervisor. He told me one of our students had been mugged," Security Supervisor John J. Scacalossi told **Bulletin**. Five days after the attack, on October 8, a memo was sent to the residents of the 600's from the resident director of 616, Elisabeth Jo Bettasso. The memo stated that "one of the first steps is to be informed" yet Bettasso admitted "I should have acted quicker [in disseminating the information] but since I'm new I'm not quite clear on the procedure." She added "Things happen all

the time around here that the police and security do not know about."

According to Scacalossi, "there are gaps in the Public Relations office.. The problem is in making notifications in a more timely fashion. That is our fault." He added "after the incident we notified the police as well as the Morningside Alliance [a school security patrol for Columbia University, St Luke's and Yeshiva University]." Although students were not immediately informed, Scacalossi stressed "security has not been upped but we have beefed up security on Plimpton and Clairmont and are hitting the drive more."

It was not until Friday October 9th that Barnard and Columbia students were informed, and that did not come by means of a formalized memo but rather as an article reported in **Spectator**. Upon being asked by **Bulletin** reporters why the student body was not informed immediately, Dean of

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Are CU Students Politically Apathetic?

Campus Political Leaders Complain of Lack of Concern

by Pamela Simkin

Columbia University has been known in recent history to be a campus marked by political activism. Walking down College Walk, you can see various tables sponsored by organizations soliciting signatures or money, or simply offering an awareness of their cause. Sometimes these tables are surrounded by interested or curious students, yet sometimes the tables fade inconspicuously into the background.

Although the University is home to various politically-minded organi-

apathy." Winterfest Coordinator and president of the Spanish Club Ada Guerrero (BC88) echoes, "I guess we are pretty self-centered."

Former president of Students Against Militarism Erica Ettelson claims the reason she left S.A.M. was the lethargy even within the supposedly activist group. One Barnard sophomore reported her sense of frustration upon attending a meeting of the organization to find that no one there had a very clear idea of what

that I can't change anything" and Paul Bloom, a second year business school student explained, "if you think you're just a drop in the bucket, why give your time?" President of the Columbia College Student Council Jared Goldstein (CC89) feels the current student body is "part of a generation that thinks everything is corrupt" and to protest would be futile. Burning issues do, in fact, have a peculiar tendency to fizzle out around here.

Students also feel that because of the bleak economic outlook they must focus all their time on their studies to 'get ahead'. Reverend Bill Starr, leader of activities at Earl Hall, who is himself a long-time activist involved in issues ranging from protesting the Vietnam war to local community issues, speaks of pressure on students to perform in a 'dog-eat-dog' world, whereas in the 1960s there was at least an "illusion of abundance." Charity Colahan (BC88) agreed that while most students are politically aware, a lack of time and a lot of schoolwork make it difficult for them to become involved. Barnard SGA Vice President for Student Government Mithra Merryman (BC88) added, "It's not that students are apathetic as such, but the majority is concerned with their own lives."

But this is debatable. Some students feel that lack of time and the burden of schoolwork is just an excuse for political laziness. Bloom feels, "if you decide to give your time, you can prioritise." Goldstein concurred, "Everyone is expecting the TV to turn on and tell them what to do...Protesting is difficult, but it's important that students make the effort."

Jacqui Deegan (BC88) pointed
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The Hamilton blockade of 1985: Apathy?

zations (Amnesty International, Barnard-Columbia Democratic Socialists, Students Against Militarism, and Coalition for a Free South Africa, to name a few), Barnard and Columbia students, by their own admission, have entered into a new era of passivity in political causes. David Osachy (CC88) claims, "Columbia has been subsumed in this great morass of

was going on with the group at all.

Why is this true? What has changed since the great student uprisings of the 1960s? Have things gotten that much better or do students just not care about political causes anymore?

One of the reasons students aren't becoming as involved is because they think they won't be effective. Libby O'Connor (BC88) claims, "I just feel

Student Activism in an Age of Political Conservatism

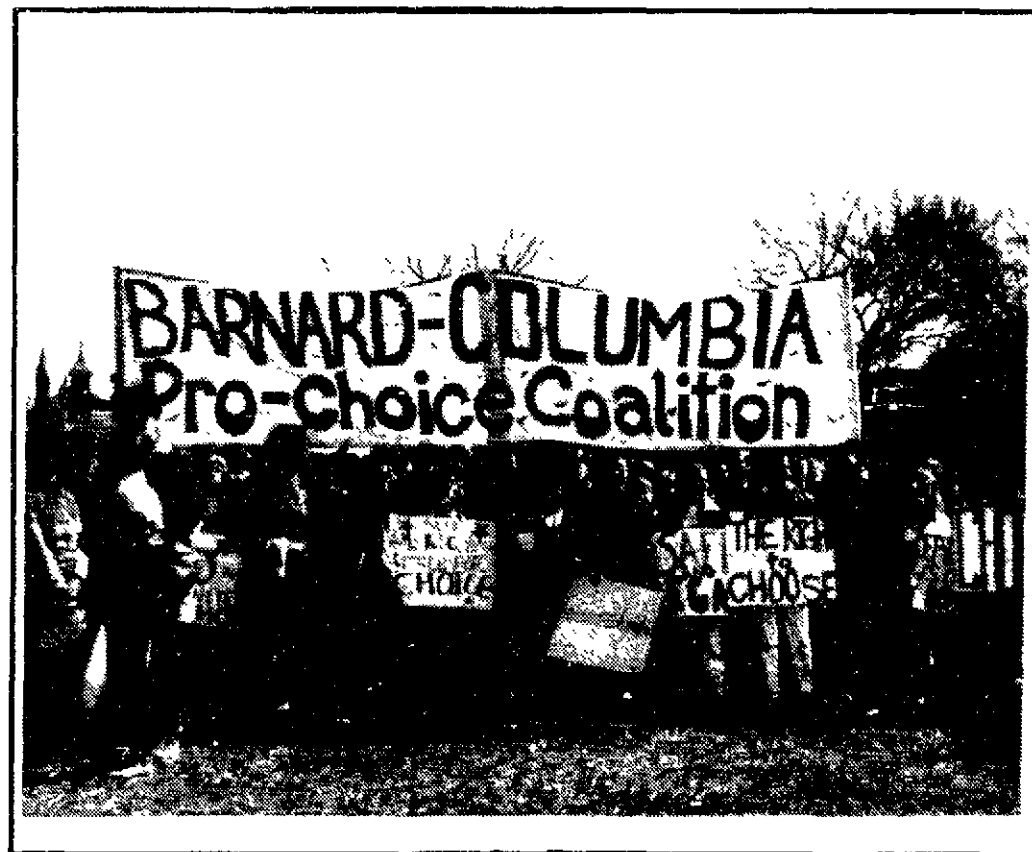
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that students are apathetic unless there is a "crucial issue" such as the recent Bork nomination around which to mobilize. In which case, she feels students are more active than at other campuses. Merryman stated, "Some students are active all four years, but others are active when something touches them." Guerrero cited the divestment controversy as an example of student responsiveness. This blockade was initiated by the Coalition for a Free South Africa to force the Columbia administration to divest of holdings in companies that do business in South Africa. This blockade lasted two weeks until the administration agreed to divest.

O'Connor recalled that Barnard and Columbia were the schools most largely represented at the abortion rights rally in Washington D.C. several years ago. This rally included thousands of activists who converged at the nation's capital to demand continued safe and legal abortions.

By and large however, there is no galvanizing issue causing student involvement, and in fact, many seem to feel there isn't even a campus community to organize. Starr described the campus not as a community but as a "set of competing clusters" dividing the campus with a lack of any sense of harmony or working together for a common goal. Bloom agreed, "there is not a student body" there are only divided interest groups. Furthermore, one Barnard senior claims that these interest groups serve only to "reinforce the informal ethnic polarization," explaining that to a large extent on the Barnard and Columbia campuses a student's ethnic identification determines their political views and what organizations they will join, keeping the campus divided along ethnic lines.

This lack of a galvanizing issue that directly threatens students and impels



CU students in Washington crusading for the Pro-Choice cause: 1986

them to action as a united community is at the heart of the student apathy problem. "Your best friend isn't going to Vietnam" Bloom observed. Colahan concurs, "you just can't go out and get upset about the budget deficit; it's not an emotional issue." Students too seem to feel the Barnard and Columbia atmosphere shields most students from any potential political issue which might threaten and motivate them into action. Said Guerrero, "It's the isolation of Barnard and Columbia - we forget - Columbia shelters us." As recently as last week the Barnard administration was accused of withholding information about a student attacked in Riverside park and last year a candlelight vigil was required before campus administrators would directly acknowledge the security concerns of a recently raped woman. This has spurred on some activism relating to the issue, but whatever happened

to last year's similar concern?

Is there any hope for active campus-wide political involvement in the future? First of all, it must be noted that not all of the campus fits in this model of apathy. Barnard professor Mark Carnes observes "analytical models tend to fall apart upon meeting individuals." And while there may be only a small core of activists, according to one Barnard senior, "they certainly make enough noise." Merryman observed, "There is a core group of people that takes part in issues going on. That group makes others aware... That keeps the interest of others alive."

However, Ettelson feels that the rightward trend of the Reagan era has caused such an intense feeling of ineffectiveness and apathy that there will be a "negative impact at least until the 1990s" on liberal campus movements, and Jared Goldstein sadly predicts "I really don't see anything in the near future to get students involved."

Letters

McIntosh Expenditures Leave Library With Less

Editor:

As an observer of a mere year, I question where the Barnard administration's financial priorities lie. They have senselessly dumped money into McIntosh without improving service to students. Lounge area has been reduced (don't tell me leaning against an open stairwell in a draft is conducive to study or relaxation), food service is still as slow and just as surly, and, to boot, there is not one area in the "student center" designated for non-smokers to breathe in.

Consider this garish waste of finances in light of the belt-tightening going on at the library. Historically, the library has been considered the "heart" of an academic institution. At Barnard, it's an organ in danger of pulmonary arrest.

The library is being asked to get by with fewer funds and fewer staff members, but to increase services and hours to students. If the administration wanted to service students fully, they would find a way to fund an important resource like the library. Instead, they pay lip service to student

demands by placing more burdens on the library director and her staff, and funneling funds into more high profile projects. In doing so, they perform a disservice to the entire Barnard community. Books or neon baubles—what do you look for in a college?

Beth Ann Zambella
Barnard Staff/School of Library Service

"Back In Black" Was A Waste Of Space

Editor:

I am sorry to say, I read in full Sandra Tharumalingam's October 12th article, "Back In Black" — It displeased me greatly. Last fall, I wrote a piece for *Spectator* advocating Barnard-Columbia interaction; I used "Barnard in black" as a metaphor to explore my feelings as a Columbia College woman involved at Barnard. *Bulletin's* response: an angry editorial labeling my effort "uncalled for" and "nasty." This year, *Bulletin* prints a whole article intending to interpret black as Barnard's fashion color. If this piece appeared in *Spec*, penned by anyone but a Barnard student, *Bulletin* editors surely would have attacked it.

But we don't know who Sandra Tharumalingam is. Is she a stringer for the *Times* style page, a senior at FIT, or simply someone eager for a byline? In any event, her article was neither well written nor well organized. I defy anyone to diagram this sentence: "In the trend toward houndstooth, plaid

jackets, suits, short skirts, and more classic black, women seem to aspire to a look not only feminine but individual and authoritative."

Can plaid be classic black? How do women aspire in a trend toward houndstooth? Help.

Discouraged and displeased, I attempt to place blame. A careless typist might amplify faulty grammar, but the author is the true culprit in failing to establish or maintain any semblance of focus. The article's title implies discussion of one color; its four paragraphs, however, cover patterns, fabrics, skirt lengths, appearance, and individual expression at Barnard, in boutiques, and around the world—enough material for a thesis. What's the point?

This year's *Bulletin* has improved vastly over what I've read since 1983—the 10/12 issue included good coverage of pertinent campus issues. However, to allow a rambling, page-long piece that perpetuates what only last year was

called a "cruel stereotype" and contains little reporting or analysis seems like a waste of time and space.

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Tharumalingam's article sought to connect the choice of some Barnard women to wear black with the Barnard student body's sense of individuality, not to perpetuate the simple-minded stereotype that all Barnard women wear black. She is a Freshman at Barnard.—Ed.

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Gorbachev's Concessions Are Worth Notice

by Glenda Gouldman

Seventy years ago, this November a group of dedicated revolutionaries stormed the Winter Palace in St. Petersburg and ushered in the world's first socialist government. The years have not been kind to the revolution.

Even the most dedicated Communists no longer believe a world wide proletarian revolution is inevitable or that a utopia on earth is possible. Yet today is also a time of great hope and change in the world's first socialist nation, the Soviet Union. Ever since Mikhail Gorbachev became general secretary, he has pushed vigorously for reform and introduced two new Russian words, glasnost and perestroika, into our every day vocabulary. Gorbachev is fond of calling his changes "revolutionary" and many Sovietologists claim that the country is undergoing a second revolution whose impact on Russia and the world will be no less dramatic than Lenin's coup d'etat of 1917.

But what that impact will be is still very much an open question. Will Gorbachev be able to revive the stagnant Soviet economy and improve the living standards of his people through more and better consumer goods?

And what does all of this mean for the Western alliance? One thing it means is that we will have to change our old perceptions of the Soviet Union and adjust our policies accordingly. We had all become very comfortable with the picture of the Soviet Union as a dull grey place ruled autocratically by a group of senile unsmiling men, where one is sent to Siberia for the slightest criticism and has to stand in line for

hours to get a piece of bread. Ronald Reagan has not fully recognized the new state of affairs under Gorbachev. His speeches often sound like they could have been given when Brezhnev was general secretary. He attributes the recent Soviet concessions that have enabled us to nearly agree to eliminate missiles from Eu-



MIKHAIL GORBACHEV

rope to his own ability to stand tall and not to any new thinking on the Soviet side.

However, Soviet foreign policy has come a long way since the early eighties when everyone feared that the Red Army would roll into Poland. Such a thing would seem unthinkable today. True, the Soviets are still in Afghanistan, but they are painfully searching for a way out of that fruitless conflict. The Soviet government has decided that it could no longer ignore an escalating social, economic, and spiritual crisis at home and has turned its attention away from fermenting

revolution abroad. In a speech early this year, Gorbachev renounced the long held policy of spreading socialism around the globe. In the same speech, he also talked about common security, saying that the Soviet Union could not be secure unless the United States also felt secure. Clearly, the Soviet Union wants a new phase of detente for its own internal reasons. Therefore, today there is potential for cooperation in all areas ranging from joint economic ventures to treaties to ban chemical weapons and to cut the most dangerous arsenal of all, strategic nuclear weapons. It would be a tragedy if we let our irrational fears of Communism and dreams of a perfect "peace" shield or SDI, blind us to this new potential.

Everyone would rejoice if tomorrow the Soviet Union would miraculously transform itself into a liberal democracy. This, we must realize is impossible. Russia has no true precedent for pluralism and competitive democracy, and painful as it is for us to admit, most Soviets prefer socialism to capitalism. Gorbachev offers the only real hope for positive change. We should support his efforts for both selfless and selfish reasons. His reforms will enable us to finalize arms control agreements that will be in our own national interest. Second, Gorbachev is genuinely seeking to improve life for his people. If his changes can make life easier and less repressive for the Soviet people, we should support them. If Gorbachev were to fail, the consequences would be tragic for the Soviet Union and the world. As Charles Caleb Colton, a nineteenth century writer warned, "Attempts at reform, when they fail strengthen despotism, as he that struggles tightens those cords, he does not succeed in breaking."

On Exhibit: Feminist Nancy Spero At Barnard

by Rachel Felder

Never heard of Nancy Spero? Don't worry, you're not alone. Although she is well established within the purified art world of gallery openings and black clothing as a painter and collage artist, her unique blend of classical images and contemporary feminist thought hasn't quite made her a household name.

While she feels that being a woman has "absolutely" prejudiced her in terms of mass fame, she does think that the current critical trend of overexposing as "political" artists such as Barbara Kruger and Sherrie Levine could help. And the two Village Voice articles which ran a few weeks ago praising her art as "important" couldn't hurt.

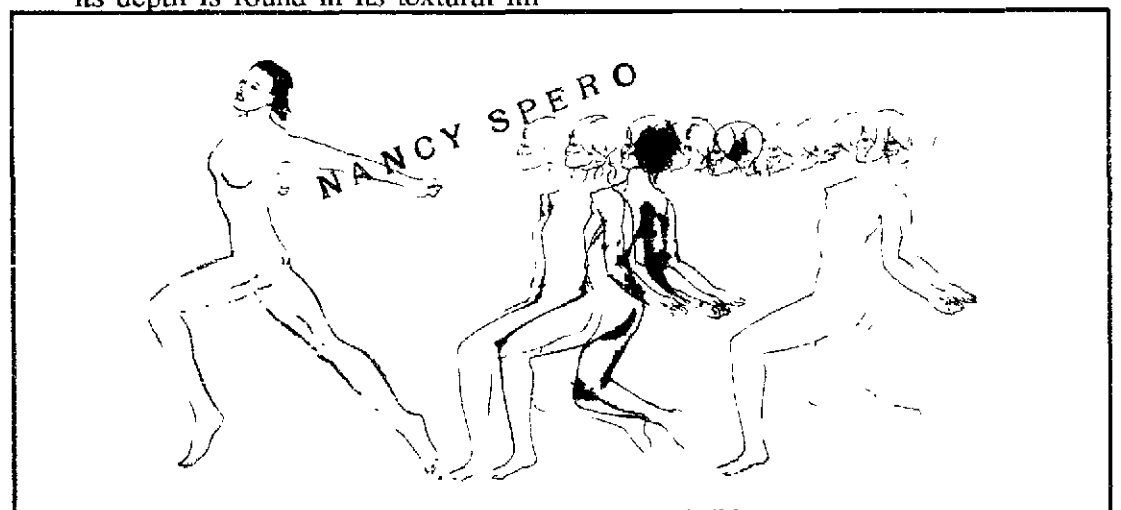
In person, Spero is sharp and intense, from the top of her spiky

blonde head to the tips of her black boppy shoes. Her unique charm lies in accessibility: the ease with which she discusses her work, the passion which comes out of her horn-rimmed glasses.

For the uninitiated, her work is seeped in feminist ideas and idealism; its depth is found in its textural im-

agery, from Artaud to Greek mythology to Egyptian folklore to Derrida. Like poetry, the images impose association and meanings; for example, Artemis represents feminine power in one piece and Vietnamese women stand for women as victims.

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Nancy Spero's works will be on Exhibit in the Barnard Annex

Rossellini Sisters Open Film Series On Campus

by Kimberly Martin

"Standing room only" literally described the opening of the Roberto Rossellini Film Festival last Friday evening at the Casa Italiana.

The audience of opening night was exceptionally large due to the appearance of famed "Blue Velvet" actress Isabella Rossellini, and her twin sister Ingrid Rossellini, an Italian teacher at Columbia University. The sisters each gave a speech discussing their father's philosophy towards film as a medium of expression, and the obstacles he faced while filming during the Fascist occupation of Italy.

Roberto Rossellini, a brilliant Italian writer and director of the World War II era, produced several films between 1945 and 1967.

His 1945 film "Roma Città Aperta" (Open City) marked the series of Rossellini films which will be showing every Friday at Casa Italiana until December 11th. "Roma" contained many scenes which represented Rossellini's masterful use of imagery. A particular scene showed a lead character being shot by the Nazis in front of her child. Despite technical problems such as splicing due to film shortages and the age of the "Roma" film, Rossellini's images of unique characters juxtaposed with the inhumanity of the war dominate the screen. As Ingrid Rossellini said in

her speech about her father, "he tried to show the war, as well as the individual".

For anyone interested in excellence in film, Roberto Rossellini's poignant films will be a welcomed and appreciated alternative for Friday night activities. Call Casa Italiana for more information.

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A Cannibal in Manhattan is Janowitz' Original, If Bizarre, New Book

by Wendy Weisman

Whoever said that you can't judge a book by its cover wasn't completely right. Granted, Tama Janowitz' newest work of contemporary fiction, *A Cannibal in Manhattan*, is just what you might guess from the title:

original and nothing less than bizarre. But what you can't tell from the title is that, as an attempt at social criticism, this novel doesn't quite make it.

In order to appreciate Janowitz' latest creation at all,

you have to be able to suspend your disbelief. First, accept the fact that the narrator is an ex-cannibal named Mgungu Yabba Mgungu (I pronounce it Mih-gun-goo, but I could be wrong,) who has spent his life on the South Seas island of New Burnt Norton. Then swallow the idea that a flaky American woman named Maria Fishburn insists that she is in love with him, and then persuades this native to accompany her back to the United States. Next, picture Mgungu uprooted from his tropical home and transplanted into the heart of the Manhattan social scene. Once you've done that, you're ready for a satire about life in the world's most cannibalistic city. According to Janowitz, it really is a jungle out there.

It's only fair to say that the narrator, like the author, is a keen observer. He is intelligent but naive, a combination which certainly

makes his experiences humorous if nothing else; we see him enjoying his first American meal (fine airplane cuisine,) we watch him make his first friend (a bisexual coke-fiend/rock star) and experience his very first cab ride (one hundred and eighty-nine bucks from Kennedy Airport to the Holiday

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Inn on Eighth Avenue.) So begins Mgungu's adventure in the asphalt jungle.

Only one other character comes close to being well-developed, perhaps because most of the characters are stereotypes rather than real people. That character is Maria, rich, bored, and mixed-up, who has everything in life except the things she can't buy, namely some meaning in her life and the ability to love someone besides herself. Apparently, all she really wants from Mgungu is an exotic conversation piece, because she exploits and humiliates him shamelessly. (At her insistence, he shows up at a cocktail party wearing a string of dog's teeth around his waist, a Bic pen through his nose, and nothing else.) Janowitz is saying something about New Yorkers in general when she portrays Maria as the "cannibal", eating away at Mgungu's pride and ruthlessly devouring his dignity. Other characters include an eccentric and neurotic museum curator, a gang-

ster-type bad guy who, for some unexplained reason, is always wearing a lime-green suit, and his short tempered sidekick who is a dwarf. Not surprisingly, these one-dimensional characters are more like caricatures than characters. And apparently Janowitz couldn't resist one last jab at the city-

slickers: the one true friend that our wandering savage makes happens to be a wino. He teaches Mgungu about loyalty in the Bowery as they wash car wind-

shields at red lights.

Janowitz consistently draws what are meant to be thought-provoking parallels between the primitive jungle where the narrator grew up and the advanced society he finds in New York. Practically everyone he meets is manipulative, selfish, and corrupt; beneath the guise of chic fashions and social graces, they are ironically uncivilized. And as the story progresses, violent images and phrases like "the jaws of the city" appear with greater frequency. The differences between the two ways of life which were so clear in the beginning gradually melt away, making the similarities seem brutally obvious.

If you like Janowitz' style, you'll love this: since the story is told by a man whose first language is not English, there is an awkwardness in his sentence structure that is

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Female Profs Must Fight Harder For Tenure

by Charlotta Westergren

A pressing issue for women professors today is the rate at which women are being promoted to full professorship at Columbia and other Ivy League Institutions. In addition to the problems of the salary gap reported in *Bulletin* October 5, "there are many obstacles women may face before being tenured," Patricia Burch, Director of Institutional Research and Budget Analysis for the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, commented, adding that "maternity leave, daycare, and two career family difficulties are some examples."

In April 1984,

shortly after it introduced coeducation, Yale carried out a study on the subject. A commission was set up to look at the number of women hired at tenured and nontenured positions, the departure rates, and renewal rates.

Burch claimed the results of the study revealed, "there was no difference in the percentage of women promoted as compared to men." Columbia Eng-

lish Professor Margi Ferguson and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Teachers College Psychology professor Judith Brandenburg taught at Yale and participated in the study, but were not available to comment on the study's findings.

The figures for Columbia University, as well as those for other Ivy League institutions, paint a far grim-

Arts and Sciences on the national average. At an Ivy League School, this average can be as low as 5 percent, as it was at Columbia. "Although this figure has increased, the proportion between the national average and that of the Ivies, remains the same" Burch commented. Said Burch, "women's opportunities for tenure [at Columbia] are the same as men's," stating that

this year, the percentage of women professors has risen to 10 percent. According to Burch, there is no affirmative action program to attract women into tenured positions. Director of Columbia's Affirmative Action Program Roz Fink was not available for comment.

In 1975 there were 15 out of the 300 tenured pro-

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mer picture than the study would have one believe. "There is a culture among Ivy League schools," Burch explained. "Historically there have been fewer women teaching at Ivy League Schools. That has to change." According to a 1981 study, women made up 10 percent of the total number of tenured professors in

fessors at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences were women. Today, that figure has risen to 30. "Some people might say this isn't enough; we should do more. Others say things are changing to bring women on," stated Burch. "I see that there is a change; the number of women has increased," but admitted that "the process is gradual; it is an evolutionary process."

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The lecture will be held in Room 309 Havemeyer Hall,
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Figure 1 illustrates the experimental design, showing a sequence of events: Stimulus presentation, Response, Feedback, and Inter-trial interval. The sequence is repeated for multiple trials, with a Start box at the beginning and an End box at the end.

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1. *Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC 12228) was grown in Tryptone Soy Broth (TSB) (Difco) at 37°C. The cells were harvested by centrifugation at 5000g for 10 min, washed with distilled water, and resuspended in distilled water. The cell suspension was adjusted to a concentration of 1×10^8 cells/ml.

Figure 1 consists of a 3x3 grid of line graphs. The rows represent different groups: 'No feedback' (top row), 'Feedback' (middle row), and 'No feedback + feedback' (bottom row). The columns represent different conditions: 'No feedback' (left column), 'Feedback' (middle column), and 'No feedback + feedback' (right column). The x-axis for all graphs is 'Percentage of correct responses' ranging from 0% to 100%. The y-axis is 'Percentage of correct responses' ranging from 0% to 100%. Each graph shows a line representing the performance of the group in that condition. The 'No feedback + feedback' group (bottom row) shows the highest performance, with a sharp increase at 100% correct responses. The 'Feedback' group (middle row) shows intermediate performance. The 'No feedback' group (top row) shows the lowest performance, with a more gradual increase across the range of correct responses.

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Figure 1. The effect of the concentration of the *Agrobacterium* suspension on the transformation efficiency of *Agrobacterium* strains. The *Agrobacterium* strains were grown in YEA medium for 24 h at 28°C. The cell concentration was adjusted to 10⁸ cells/ml. The cell suspension was mixed with the plant tissue and incubated for 24 h at 28°C. The plant tissue was then cultured on the selective medium. The transformation efficiency was determined as the number of transformants per 100 mg of plant tissue. The data are the mean ± SD of three independent experiments.

Figure 1. The effect of the concentration of the *Agrobacterium* suspension on the transformation efficiency of *Agrobacterium* strains. The number of transformed cells was determined by the number of colonies obtained on the selective medium. The results are the mean of three independent experiments. Error bars represent the standard deviation.

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Lucerne Problems Remain

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Porges was also concerned with the problem of isolation from university life. "Living at Lucerne, I feel like a second class citizen. Clubs don't post at Lucerne. People forget about Lucerne. I like being a student. I pay to be a student. If I didn't want to have that sense of community, I would get a place of my own."

Other complaints vary from the lack of computer facilities to the lack of security. According to Porges, computer access for Lucerne-ites is very limited. "You can't work on a paper all night because there is no bus to take you back at 4:00 am."

According to Ellison, the room facilities left a lot to be desired. "When we got there, it was pretty scary," she said about the room in which the 'kitchenette' consisted of a broken toaster oven and half-working hot-plate. Ellison also found a bed infested with bugs.

Browne was also dissatisfied with the room's facilities. "The kitchen is a joke. I was led to believe we were going to have a kitchenette. Last year I was a frosh at '600' and I had a gorgeous kitchen. Then, I had to be on the meal plan." She also feels that the kitchen appliances and faulty fire prevention equipment make Lucerne a potential fire hazard, and the response to her maintenance complaints have not been adequate. Browne also feels security is a problem. "Security is ridiculous. I was waiting for some friends to be announced up, and then they just knocked on my door. I asked them how they got up and they said there was no one at the desk."

Many dissatisfied Lucerne residents have taken the attitude of "just dealing with the situation." But Porges and other students have brought their concerns to the Student Life Office. "I feel we shouldn't be inconvenienced, especially since we didn't want to live here...I didn't want to be here and I don't think that it is unreasonable to want not to be unhappy. It may just be a year - but that's a quarter of my time at Barnard. I shouldn't have to say that I'm learning to deal with it," said Porges.

The administration has responded to

the concerns of students in several ways. The first way has been to distribute a survey to all Lucerne students. This survey was put together by the Resident Director of Lucerne and 110th Street residence hall, Jennifer Clark, in order to "try to get an accurate sense of the collective perspective on a few resurfacing issues." The survey includes questions concerning convenient shuttle times, whether or not only Lucerne residents should ride the morning shuttles, whether one of the lounges should be converted into a computer room, and whether the new security system, in which CU students must show ID's before entering the Lucerne, should be upheld. According to Clark and Housing Director Diane Steiden, the response to the survey was large, and mostly positive. The results will be compiled and used to help reassess the areas of concern at the Lucerne.

An open meeting with Dean Gatch and Lucerne residents, at the Lucerne, has been set up to achieve the same ends. Steiden and Clark are also holding meetings with the college Committee on Housing and College Environment, specifically addressing problems at the Lucerne. This is a tri-partite committee, which includes members of the faculty and administration, and allows students to address other students, and the administration, on such matters.

Clark was pleased with the response of the survey, and has commented that this year there have been fewer complaints from Lucerne residents than in the past. She admits that there are definite problems at the Lucerne, but thinks that the students and administration can reach a compromise. "I'm hopeful about the changes with the bus. I think we've put a lot into it, and have received some validation that it needs to be changed. We'll see what happens at the meeting. I'm very hopeful."

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unmistakably foreign. This makes the narrative effective and authentic, and at the same time it endears the main character to the reader—he appears all the more human for his mistakes. Even if you are unamused by Janowitz' tale, you have to smile when she puts wrong words and even non-existent words in Mgungu's mouth. Like when he says, "There was a light grizzle falling." Or when he goes to the men's room and, still slightly confused about the Western style of dress, is distressed to find that he is "flyless." Oh yes, Mgungu also claims to have an account with the Rational Bank of Manhattan.

In many ways, the book is a giant step away from the reality that it means to criticize. Let's face it—some of the circumstances are simply too far fetched to be taken seriously. Much of the relevance of the author's message is lost in outrageous and implausible episodes which, unfortunately, make up a good deal of the plot. But in spite of all this, Tama Janowitz' sense of humor and compassion come through, and they somehow work with an often merciless sarcasm. And even in a so-so story like *A Cannibal in Manhattan*, it is apparent that Tama is still hip, funny, and smart.

Administration Defends Silence

Student Reps Dubious

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Residential Life Georgie Gatch commented "our first concern is to the student. Respecting her privacy, we make information available."

SGA president Lisa Kolker was not contacted about the attack until the evening of Thursday October 7, when a **Bulletin** staff member informed her of the incident. On October 6 and 7 **Bulletin** tried repeatedly to speak with Scalossi, Gatch, and Public Relations, but it was not until Friday, after the **Spectator** article was published, and after **Bulletin's** Thursday evening deadline that **Bulletin** was granted interviews with them.

At the Rep Council meeting October 12, the Barnard administration was criticized for not acting sooner. At the meeting, it was observed that after the rape and abduction last year at the 79th Street dormitory, Barnard promised to inform the college community immediately about any security threats. Evidently, this promise has not been kept. According to Rep Council, the problem seems to lie in the dissemination of the news to the Barnard public. "There is no system" Senior Class President Carla Mazzio remarked.

Columbia University Senator, Veena Sud criticized the administration saying "We are very disappointed. It is a violation of our safety." Added Kolker, "We should be angry." The council moved to establish an ad hoc security committee to investigate the security problems on campus. This committee will be a part of the tripartite system, which utilizes the input of faculty, administration members, and students. The council also moved to send a letter to President Futter voicing the council's objections, reprinted here.

Spero At BC

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Here's how Spero describes her work now, from an interview I conducted before her speech last week at Barnard:

"I've been working on paper a very long time. Since 1966, I've worked exclusively on paper. There's a whole history of how I've gotten to extended linear formats. "I was using a lot of language in these works through 1979. Subsequently, I have used only images."

Perhaps her best known series of works uses quotes by Antonin Artaud to express feminist ideology. "I'm sure Artaud would have hated them—he was a great misogynist", she admits with a smile.

Although her husband, painter Leon Golub, has achieved some of the

tame she still lacks, she tries not to feel "overshadowed" by his success, since their work "progresses along different paths, which sometimes meet but then continue along their own path."

That kind of realism has helped her survive as an artist for so many years. And that same kind of realism should make us blossoming students, struggling to find a role model at our small women's college, realize that here she is: a real life heroine.

Spero has not only maintained, expressed, and fought for her political and moral beliefs, but has successfully managed a husband and family without compromising herself.

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Tishman should Hire Women

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enforce the ideals that our college represents.

To this end, we expect, at the next Representative Council meeting November 4 at 8pm in the James Room, Barnard Hall, a representative of the Barnard administration and Tishman corporation to present a signed formal policy in line with Executive Order 11246, evidence of the implementation of the aforementioned policy, and a guarantee that the law will be consistently adhered to until the completion of the new dorm.

Sincerely,

Barnard SGA Rep Council

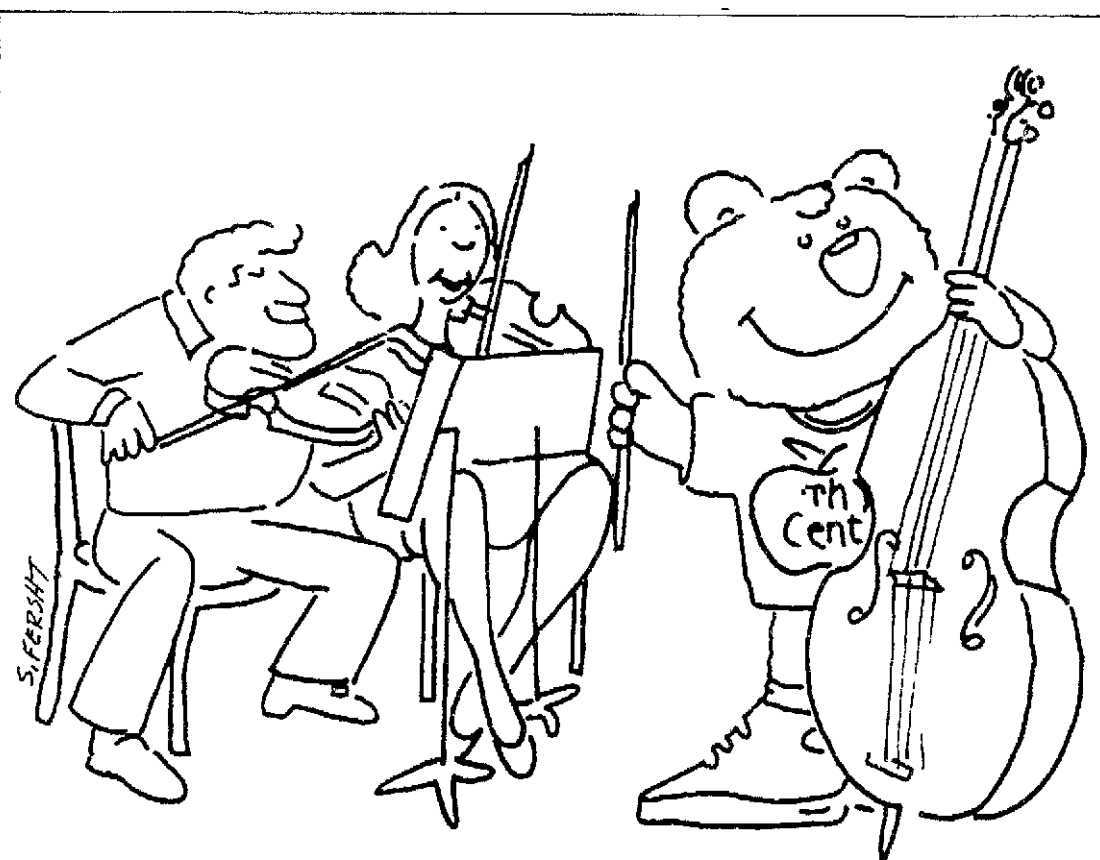
According to President of SGA Lisa Kolker, the Barnard administration met with legal counsel on Wednesday, October 14 to discuss the SGA letter and possible action. According to Kolker, there was an affirmative action clause included in the contract signed by Tishman and Barnard, but whether laws

have been broken has yet to be determined by the administration and SGA. "In my opinion," said Kolker, "the issue is more of a moral one than a legal one. Barnard has a responsibility to promote women's interests, whatever the law." Watch for an in-depth examination in Women's Issues next week (October 26).

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Barnard Should Have Released Information

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attack not only posed a potential threat against other students but reinforced and upheld the "tradition of silence" so commonly associated with the issue of violence against women.

Lack of action and continued silence on these issues is inexcusable from any college, especially from Barnard, a college dedicated to the education and uplift of women.

Sincerely,

Barnard SGA Representative Council

proposed by: Veena Sud, University Senator, BC '89

SGA Phones

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"We don't know how long we have been paying or who should have disconnected the phones. It was from a past [SGA] administration," claimed Klebanoff. "Right now we are doing everything possible to alleviate the situation."

SGA has just requested a disconnection of the unused phones and is presently negotiating the possibility of a reimbursement from New York Telephone.

Part of the problem was the billing system. All Columbia University phone bills are sent from New York Telephone to the Office of Telecommunications located in Low Library. In this office, the raw data is compiled and individual phone bills for each department are generated and distributed. All Barnard phone bills are sent through the Purchasing Office. From there, the bills are distributed to the individual departments. Until Recently, the Student Activities Office handled and paid for all SGA phone bills. Beginning last year, however, the Student Activities Office handed both the responsibility and the costs over to SGA. Now, SGA receives its own itemized phone bills, which are scrutinized to assure all costs are legitimate.

But how well were the bills scrutinized if SGA has been paying an excess on \$1239.72 a year for an unknown number of years? "The problem," SGA President Lisa Kolker (BC '88) explained, "is that looking at the bills, they looked legitimate...nobody went around knocking on doors to make sure each phone was where the bill said it was...why should we?"

At the second Rep Council meeting on Monday, October 12th, Kolker while explaining the mix-up to the council, added, "Thanks to you guys [Rep Council] we are now dealing with this."

"People should thank Maryam [Banikarim] for not letting this [issue] just pass," said Lisa Gerstin (BC '90), Barnard's Columbia Council Liason.

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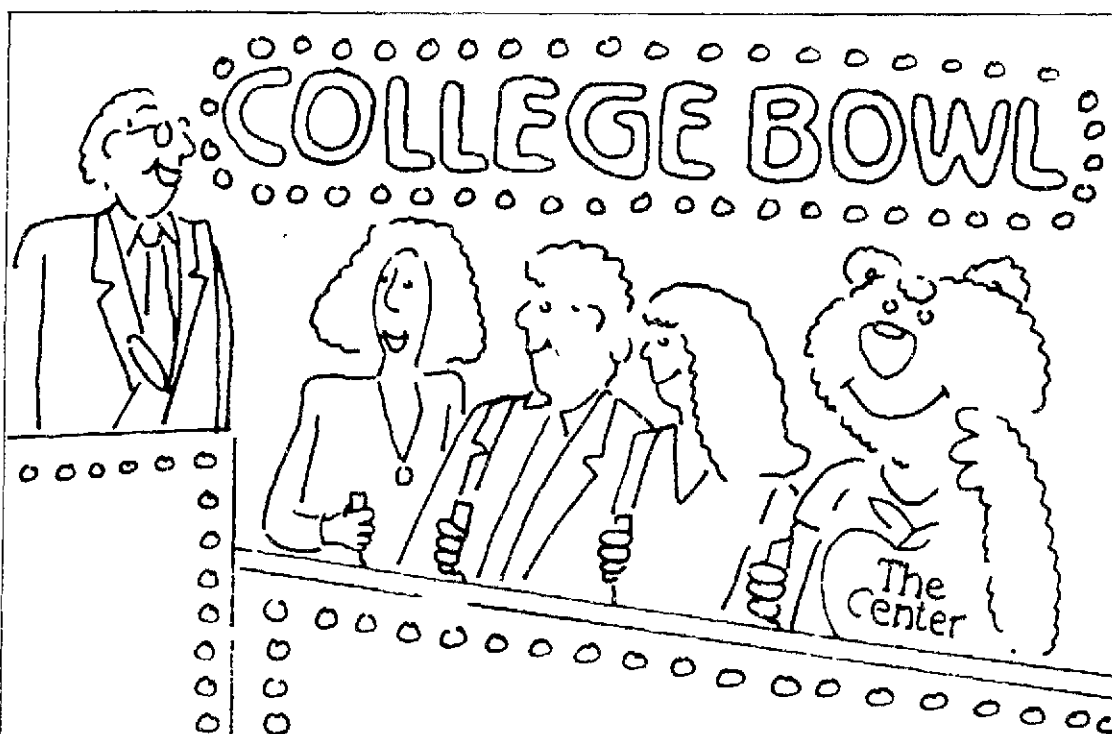
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Boesak

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were the other way around...and white children were being killed in the streets...the United States and Britain would be up in arms."

"I have a feeling something has happened that made racism respectable," Boesak told his audience because the United States claims to be a democracy yet the government has shown "it has no regard for the rights of blacks in South Africa" through its lack of action.

Boesak, in addition to other members of the Columbia community who addressed the audience, condemned the university for reneging on its promise to divest. Columbia University, despite its announcement that it would divest on October 7, 1985, continues to invest in companies such as General Motors, IBM, and Coca Cola, companies which continue to sell their products in South Africa. The stock the university holds in these companies represents more than half the university's total investments (over \$10 million).

In addition to "fight for freedom and human dignity," Boesak stressed that "the struggle is not only against apartheid and dehumanization but also against forgetfulness...because it [forgetfulness] is the easiest way out for us...we must resist this tendency...and remember and struggle on."

Boesak concluded his plea for action by declaring that "as long as there is injustice we we must continue to fight...as long as there is oppression we must continue to fight...as long as there is hope, let us fight for it."

Before Boesak spoke, Tanaquil Jones (GS '88), of the Coalition for a Free Southern Africa, angrily spoke of the futile attempts made on campus by students to force the university to fulfill its promise to divest. She encouraged people to continue the fight saying, "if there are not some among us...who will stand up and fight oppression, who will?"

Jones emphasized the strength of the students stating, "students have always fought for the oppressed and will continue until freedom is won in South Africa and in the United States."

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Boesak's visit was endorsed by the student governments of Columbia College, Engineering and Barnard.

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