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- Middle States Self Study Completed
- Winterfest Celebrates Women in the Arts

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BC3240 is taken concurrently.

WRITING PROBLEMS? THE WRITING ROOM is open again. Check the door of 205 Sulzberger (over the cafe) for days, times, and appointment sheets.

THINKING ABOUT BEING A HALL COUNCIL OFFICER NEXT YEAR? Applications will be available on MON., FEB 11, in the Office of Student Life and all Resident Director Offices.

SPECIAL INTEREST HOUSING

SPECIAL INTEREST HOUSING APPLICATIONS are now available from the Office of Student Life, 210 McIntosh, and individual Residence Hall Offices. Completed applications are due by FRI., MAR. 8, 12 PM. There will be an information session for any and all interested participants in 206 Sulzberger (above the Cafe in the Quad) MON., FEB. 18, 7 PM.

LIBRARY RESEARCH

RESEARCH? Demonstrations of CLIO, Columbia Libraries on-line catalog, and of the Readers' Guide, Social Sciences Index, and Humanities Index on CD-ROM will be given on the second floor of the Library at 4:00 PM on the following Thursdays: FEB. 21, MAR. 7, APR. 4, and APR. 18. Call the Library at x43953 for further information.

NOME VISIT THE LIBRARY. The CLibrary ispresenting a series of demonstrations to introduce electronic text to the campus. Texts of William Shakespeare, Benjamin Franklin, the Bible, and Willa Cather can be searched in the DANA center. Other electronic reference sources. Culture, Vietnam a Hypercard History Book and the Gettysburg Address will also be exhibited. Meet on the second floor of the Library on the following Thursdays at 4 PM: FEB. 14, FEB. 28, MAR. 14, MAR. 28, APR. 11, and APR. 25. Call the Library at x43953 for further information.

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PM; ADULTCHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS: Mondays, 10-11 AM; DIVORCE: Wednesdays, 1-2 PM—all in Health Services. PROCRASTINATION AND OTHERACADEMIC OBSTACLES, Tuesdays, at 11:15 AM-12 PM and COPING WITH LOSS OF A LOVED ONE, Fridays, 11 AM-12 PM, are held in 108 Milbank; sign up with Dean Silverman, the Office of the Dean of Studies, x42024, or Health Services, x42091.

AID FOR PART-TIME STUDY

AID FOR PART-TIME STUDY for New York residents. Barnard College has once again received a small grant from New York State in this program. To be considered for an award a student must: be working toward a degree as a part-time student (enrolled for at least 6 points, but fewer than 12); be a resident of New York State (for the 12 months) preceding the application); and meet the income limits (for dependent students, family net taxable income cannot exceed \$22,000, and for independent, \$15,000). If you think you may qualify you must see Susan Lee of Financial Aid, 14 Milbank, by WED., FEB. 18, 1991.

UNIORS interested in applying for the 1991-92 SENIOR SCHOLAR PROGRAM or for the JOINT SIPA-BARNARD PROGRAM (see Catalogue, pp. 34 and 38, for details) should make an appointment with Senior Class Dean King in the Office of the Dean of Studies, 105 Milbank, x42024, by mid-February. Applications for both programs must be filed by FRI., MAR. 1.

CORRECTION: COLLEGE WORK STUDY JOBS are no longer available this semester.

PRE-MEDS ALL CLASSES: A list of summer opportunities for all premedical students and for minority premedical students is now available from Dean Rowland. Please see her or Matthew Lambert for the list and brochures/applications. Many deadlines are as early as MAR., 1.

WASHINGTON SUMMER PROGRAM

BARNARD'S SUMMER IN WASHINGTON PROGRAM: A tenweek program combining internships (in government agencies, policy research institutes, media organizations, on Capitol Hill) with Barnard courses in Washington, D.C. All Barnardstudents may apply. Applications available now in Career Services and in the Political Science Office (410 Lehman).

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Better Safe Sex Than Sorry

This week is National Condom Awareness Week, a time when we can all pause to think about condoms and learn to use them to their fullest potential. According to Students Providing Education and Counseling on HIV (SPEACH), AIDS is the number one killer of women ages 24-39 in New York City. Some of these women may have carried the virus for several (up to ten) years before exhibiting the symptoms of AIDS. Despite the fact that AIDS is a leading killer of young women, most sexually active college students do not regularly use condoms.

Is this situation due to a lack of awareness on campus regarding the importance of using condoms? More likely, it reflects a false belief that young people are not at risk for contracting AIDS or an apprehension, on the part of young women, to buy and use condoms. Women should not be embarrassed or ashamed to purchase condoms for the threat of AIDS is a very real problem. Using condoms should not be thought of as a burden but, rather, as a necessary responsibility to protect oneself.

oneself.

The condom has long been used as a method of contraception but, if used regularly and correctly, it can also prevent the spread of many sexually transmitted diseases (STD's). While no "method" but abstention guarantees 100% protection, the condom is the only form of birth control that can prevent the sexual transmission of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. A latex condom should be used in conjunction with a spermicidal foam or jelly containing Nonoxynol-9, an ingredient that studies have shown kills the HIV virus. The virus is found in semen and in other bodily fluids such as blood and saliva. Barnard's Sexuality, Self-Care, Contraceptive Options & Peer Educators (SCOPE) also recommend that a barrier method such as a "dental dam," which is a latex rubber square, be used for oral vaginal or anal contact. The media, through television, popular film, and advertising perpetuates the idea that sex should be both carefree and careless. This, however, is an unrealistic and dangerous contention for precautions are necessary to make sex safe. Using condoms consistently and properly can allow one to have sex confidently and responsibly.



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Editorial Policy

Letters to the Editor must be signed and are subject to editing due to space limitations. Letters are due at 5pm the Wednesday preceding publication in 105 McIntosh.

Signed editorials do not necessarily reflect the views of the Bulletin.

Interested writers, photographers, and artists, contact Ali or Gretchen at x4-2119.

Poster on the door of the Scope Office

Corrections:

The Feb. 4 article"Molecular Biologist Dr. Maxine Singer to speak at Commencement" was incorrectly attibuted on the contents page. The article was written by Barnard Firstyear student Levica Narine. Bulletin regrets the error.

Barnard Bull

The Bull this week took a daring plunge away from the war to focus on National Condom Awareness Week which this year falls amidst Valentine's celebrations. The Bull asked diners in McIntosh how they thought people should celebrate National Condom Awareness Week.



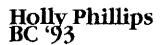
♦ Cerenthah Harris | BC '92

I'm from an Australian University and during orientation week they handed out free condoms and information and I thought it was great.



Justin Kerver CC '91

I think Columbia Love Store should sell condoms at half price which is their main source of income anyway. They should have safe sex orgies at the UN. No maybe that's too much.

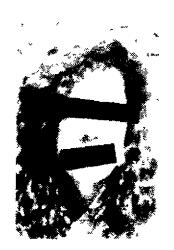


Well I guess it would have to be a discussion group about sexual awareness and safe sex and giving out free condoms, kind of a fervor of condoms.



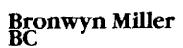
anonymous BC'93

That's a good question. They really have one of those weeks? Wow. Let me think. I have no idea. Maybe have seminars about birth control.



Brooke Wirtschafter BC '93

I guess I haven't been thinking too much about condoms because there's a war, but I guess it's important and people should use them.



Let me think about this. You know what they do for the Great American Smokeout? The Great American Condom.. They should give out condoms. p a r a p h e r n a l i a, pamphlets.



Jessica Sager BC '93

I think Health Services should pass out multi-colored condoms, glow-in-the-dark maybe, little Proud Pete books that you flip and that show this little penis named Pete putting on a condom. They should have firelight dancing at midnight



Barnard Conducts Self Study for Reaccreditation from Middle States Association

Over the past year, three special committees consisting of Barnard students, administration, and faculty reseached and compiled data about Barnard to submit in report form to Middle States Association, an accreditation group. According to Dean of Special Academic Programs Flora Davidson, reaccrediation will show that Barnard has past a peer review and that it has met up to high standards. The review is conducted every ten years.

The most significant change over the past ten years is that Barnard is now 90% residential. Barnard's transition to a mostly residential community with the completion of Sulzberger Hall has not ended with the completion of the actual building. According to Davidson, the needs of the Barnard community have changed. "What do we have to do to become a truly residential college in spirit as well as in fact?" was the question Barnard faced during this self review period.

According to the review, there are three main concerns of students at Barnard: women's issues, diversity of the student body, and a curriculum that reflects multiculturalism. Dean Davidson stated that "we are concerned with small numbers of some minority groups in our student body and very concerned with making a concerted effort to increase those numbers, particularly of the African American and Latino students."

The main concern of the Barnard faculty includes use of time, recruitment of minority faculty members, salaries, housing, child care, and research leaves. Themes common to both faculty and students are Barnard's role as a woman's college, diversity, technology, and community and values.

Dean Davidson found the self study expressive of Barnard's vitality. "It really makes you feel. First of all, when we looked at the past ten years we were astonished at how much had happened and how most of it was terrific," said Davidson. "In fact, we lare nowl in so much better shape than we were ten years ago. But we're not complacent."

A visiting team from the Middle States Association, chaired by the President of Bryn Mawr College Mary Paterson McPherson, will be coming to Barnard in March. They will spend four days on campus preparing their own report about Barnard. After the team's visit, their report and the self study report compiled by Barnard will be considered by the Middle States Association for Barnard's recertification.

The recertification process helps Barnard to discover the changes it has undergone in the past ten years. Dean Davidson stated that the Middle States Association "may make some suggestions of things we should focus on, praise for things we've accomplished well, questions about things we need to work on." Davidson added "the importance of the process is that it's a regular way for us to ask the large questions, look at ourselves, and get some outside help."

Erika Woodside is a Barnard College
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Mode Magazine Receives New Club Status from SGA

The non-political, fashion oriented magazine, Mode Magazine, received new club status when \$100 was allocated to aid the finances of the magazine at the Feb. 4 meeting of the Barnard Student Government Association (SGA). The issues will be distributed around campus as well as to Tisch, Parsons, and Julliard schools twice this semester.

Additionally, SGA allocated \$500 to Barnard Organization of Black Women (BOBW) when Lola Swaby requested financial assistance in order to further the celebration of Black History Month and open it festivites to more Barnard students. BOBW has planned to ask Alice Walker to join the celebration.

SGA also voted 15 to 2 with no abstentions to grant Women History Month with \$150 for refreshments for the speakers. Along with the History Department, there are scheduled events for Women's History Month. March 4 will be tea and discussion with Barnard Professor of History Deborah Velenze, about "Women and Social Class". There will be a keynote lecture and reception in Centennial Tower March 5 for Women's History Month.

In SGA election news, Jen McQuade (BC '92) resigned from her position as Representative Chair, however, her opinions on future issues are greatly requested. The Executive Board will not fill this position since there would not be an appointment until March and elections are in April.

Important SGA new business is that there will be Academic

Affairs Council Awards given to the two Barnard Engineering Professors elected by Barnard engineering students. Also, the Senior Class requests contributions for their senior class gift given to the Center for Research on Women. The Junior Class will be having a panel on Feb 23 with the Economics Department and Campus Awareness and Resource Effort (C.A.R.E.) in Sulzberger Parlor to discuss the economic ramifications of the War. The panel will address issues such as loss of summer internships and business. The Sophomore class is selling Valentine Carnations to raise money for their "Foods of the World" class dinner on Feb. 7. The First Year Class' president, Inessa Onefater, has scheduled Deborah Pardes, (BC 87), to attend the Feb. 13 talent show and she will be performing afterwards.

SMASH Holds Rally to Support Troops in the Gulf

pproximately 400 people gathered at Low Plaza between the hours of 12 and 2pm on Feb.3 to show their support for the troops fighting in the Gulf. The rally was sponsored by Students Mobilized Against Saddam Hussein (SMASH), and was the first official rally (as opposed to counter-demonstration) held on Columbia campus by SMASH.

According to SMASH member David Linton (CC '93), the rally was not a protest intending to try to sway anyone's personal views, but instead, aimed to "raise the morale of the troops, and to show support for them." Accordingly, segments of the rally were broadcasted directly to the troops in the Middle East. Linton additionally commented that this rally was different because the goal was not just "to grandstand like other groups." The other main factor which distinguished this particular rally was the strikingly unanimous unity of support despite the tremendous diversity of the speakers and of the crowd.

The rally was momentarily interrupted by members of the Barnard/Columbia Anti-War Coalition (BCAWC) who staged a die-in and counter-demonstration on the Low Library steps. The BCAWC members claimed that they were representing the deaths that will occur because of the war, while SMASH members responded that they were illustrating all of the dead Kuwaitis and Kurds that Hussein has slaughtered. National SMASH Chairman Glen Morgan (CC '93) commented that the die-in **SMASH** (according the to interpretation) provided yet another justification for war.

Speakers at the rally included people from varied backgrounds and fields of interest. However, according to Linton, despite their personal differences, their messages were all similar in their wish to express their support and the sense of obligation they feel towards the

SGA update on constitutional reforms: out of 376 ballots, 320 approve changes, 50 approve some and disapprove other changes. The remainding 2/3 of the 700 ballots needed to be cast in order to change

soldiers. Linton further commented that "the movement in support of the troops is as diverse as the American population." Some of the speakers included Colonel Ray of the Reserve Officers Association, John Morissey of the Merchant Marine Academy, Vietnam Veterans, Guardian Angels, SMASH Coordinator Kurt Fechtmeyer (a second-year law student), a Yeshiva University Iraqi-born student, and many Columbia University students including SMASH spokespeople Sergio La Porta (CC '94) and Imara Jones (CC '94).

The speakers discussed different aspects of the Gulf War situation. Colonel Ray emphasized the correctness of deciding to fight Hussein now, because, according to Ray, if we wait too long, he will have far greater capabilities. Morissey mentioned that he has friends who are now fighting in the Middle East and are asking for American support at home. The Yeshiva University student described the barbaric conditions that the people living in Iraq under the dictatorship of Hussein have to endure. Fechtmeyer, La Porta, and Jones all maintained that support for the troops is essential. One Vietnam Veteran felt that the times are different now than they were in Vietnam, and now students are supporting the troops, not "stabbing them in their backs" like they did in Vietnam.

SMASH Chairman Morgan agreed with the Veteran's comments. Morgan added that because "stopping Hussein is just, we do support our troops and will give them each a hero's welcome upon their return home - unlike at the end of the Vietnam War."

In addition to the rally, SMASH has been busy coordinating national SMASH events, and appearing on numerous television and radio programs.

Tiara Bacal Korn is a Bulletin News Assistant and a Barnard College Firstyear student.

the constitution will be handed out door-to-door in the dormitories for Barnard students.

Karen N. Wasserman is a Barnard College First Year student. PLAY....

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Survey Reveals High Condom Usage Among Students

n the condition of complete anonymity, 50 students filled out an eight question survey in McIntosh regarding the use of condoms. Seventy percent of the students surveyed said that they are sexually active. When asked about their experiences with condom use, many of them responded in short answers that they prefer sex without condoms. However, a large majority of these sexually active students still use condoms for protection against both pregnancy and sexually-transmitted diseases.

Almost all of the students surveyed correctly believed that condoms, if used both consistently and carefully, are an extremely effective means of birth control and disease prevention. (Indeed, the statistics show that the failure rate of condoms ranges from 3 to 15 percent, if used properly.)

A high number of students knew where to obtain condoms on campus, but a significant number did not. Condoms may be obtained in Health Services, as well as in vending machines located in some campus bathrooms. Additionally, SC-PE, located in Health Services, gives condoms away. SCOPE has drop-in hours from 4:30 to 7:30 pm and a hotline number (854-3063) available from 8:30 to 10:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Survey Results of Condom Use Among Barnard Students

1. Are you sexually active?

Yes-35

No-15

2. If you are sexually active do you use condoms?

Yes-25

No-9

N/A-16

3. Do you use condoms as a protection against (A) pregnancy (B) sexually-transmitted diseases or (C) both?

(A)-6

(B)-2

(C)-22

N/A-20

4. Have you ever had sex without condoms?

Yes-22

No-6

N/A-22

5. If you have ever used condoms, do you prefer sex (A) with condoms or (B) without condoms?

(A)-7

(B)-23

N/A-20

6. If you have never used condoms, do you think that you ever will in the future?

Yes-14

No-5

N/A-31

7. Do you know where you can get condoms on campus?

Yes-26

No-19

N/A-5

8 How effective do you think condoms are as protection against pregnancy? Against disease? (short answer)

NOTF: Not all questions were completed.)

Women's Issues Calender Upcoming Events Feb. 11-19

Campus events:

"Throughout all of history, books were written with sperm,

Monday, February 11, 8pm Erica Jong reads from not menstrual blood."
her poetry and from Any Woman's Blues. In the James
room, fourth floor Barnard Hall. All are welcome!

- Erica Jong

Monday, February 11, 4-6pm—Ford Foundation: Curriculum Transformation Lecture--"Turning out **So Smart : Humor in Hurston ,Shange and Morrison**", Professor Regina Barrecca, University of Connecticut, Storrs, 101 Barnard Hall.

Tuesday, February 12, 12:15 - 2pm.- Luncheon with Barnard Women Scientists--Computational Studies of Chemical Reactions, Professor Sally Chapman, Chemistry Department. The Ella Weed Room, 2nd floor Milbank Hall.

Wednesday, February 13, 4-6 pm The Women's History Seminar: "Gender and Disguise in German literature Around 1800," Gertrud Lehnert, Humboldt Scholar, Bonn University, 754 Schermerhorn EXT., Columbia University

Saturday, February 16 - Barnard Organization of Black Women (BOBW) presents the African Alliance Party starting at 9pm in the East Wing of FBH. (co - sponsored by the Caribbean Students Association)

******Take Back the Night Organizational Meetings every Wednesday night at 9pm in the Women's Coop, first floor of Brooks in the quad at Barnard .**********

Off- campus events:

February 1- February 28- SHARE: Self- Help for Women with Breast Cancer - Ongoing support **groups-** 719- 0364, hotline- 382-2111

Wednesdays February 13-March 20, 6:30 - 8pm Women's Eating Problems and Body Image Group, with Wendy Miller, \$160, at Women's Therapy Centre Institute 80 East 11 street Rm. 101, 420-1974

Wednesday February 13 at 7pm -A Symposium on the Right of Election: "The Choice of Forum for Battered Women - A Meaningful Right?" with Helen Weinstein, et al, 42 West 44 street 577-7700

Thursday February 14 at 7pm - "Lesbians at Midlife: The Creative Transition," with Barbara Sang, Joyce Warshow, Jewelle Gomez and others at Judith's Room: Books for Women and their Friends, 681 Washington Street 727-7330

Friday February 15 at 7pm--Feminist discussion of **Judith Plaskow's** *Standing Again at Sinai*, **Chapter 4** "God: Reimaging the Unimaginable" sponsored by Jewish feminists of Congregation Beth **Simchat Torah**. For more information call Congregation Beth Simchat Torah at 929-9498.

Tuesdays February 19--March 26 5:30-7: 30 pm A Contemporary Investigation of Women in Art History, a lecture series with Mira Schorat The Cooper Union--Continuing education, 41 Cooper Square \$50, 353-4197.

Reproductive Rights Update

Nationwide and on Campus with BCSC

arnard-Columbia Students for Choice has plans for a busy semester focusing its programming on the issues of mandatory birth control in the judiciary process, parental consent laws and RU-486. The fifty people who attended BCSC's first general meeting of the semester, on Jan. 29 in Carman Lounge discussed upcoming events and ideas about generating more participation in the planning of events. On Feb. 4, in the James Room of Barnard Hall, subcommittees on education, action, tabling and publicity, continued hammering out the specifics of

The issue of mandatory birth control has been brought to the forefront of the agenda of reproductive rights activists by recent court cases in California and Florida. Both of the cases involved women of color. In Florida, a woman was sentenced to ten years of mandatory birth control. A woman in California was recently sentenced to three years of mandatory Norplant. Norplant is the long-term contraceptive which is surgically implanted under a woman's arm. It works by regulating hormonal levels, much like the pill. As part of an on-going BCSC lecture series on Reproductive Freedom, Suzanne Shendee, from the Reproductive Freedom Project of American Civil Liberties Union, will address the issues or race and class that pertain to this issue. She will speak on Tuesday, Feb. 12 in 409 Barnard Hall.

On the legislative end of the reproductive rights debate, parental consent or notification laws, which drastically reduce a young woman's access to abortion, have been gaining support in many state legislatures. including New York's. These laws involve obtaining the consent of one or both parents or notifying one or both parents and they raise issues of possible waiting periods and judicial bypass. The laws limit access to safe, easy and affordable aboutions to a group of women who most in need of it 40% of teenage women who become pregnant choose to have an abortion rather than bear a child at that time, and 40% of American women become pregnant once before they turn twenty Restrictive laws endanger teens, health by inhibiting them from seeking safe

medical care early in pregnancy. Laws such as parental consent, or notification, also interfere with patientdoctor confidentiality.

Judicial bypass requires a teen who feels she can not go to her parents to get a judge's permission instead. This system does not actually pose a viable alternative solution to the problems posed by parental consent for most teens in this situation. The judicial system is complicated, confusing and intimidating. By the time a teen has managed to obtain a judicial bypass, she is most probably past her first trimester, due to the time delays of bureaucracy, and therefore her risk involved in an abortion has increased. Judicial bypass is also problematic in that it gives a judge the power to say no to a teen's decision to have an abortion. By saying no, the judge is making a pronouncement that the woman in question has been deemed to be incapable of making a decision about when to have children. This decision either forces the woman to give birth and raise a child or creates such desperation that the teen turns to illegal or self-induced abortions.

The Feminist Majority Foundation has produced a film about parental consent laws and their tragic consequences. The film, "Abortion Denied: Shattering Young Women's Lives," discusses Becky Bell, a young women in Indiana who died from an illegal abortion because she did not want to tell her parents she was pregnant. The Bells have since become extremely active in opposition to parental consent laws. Bill Bell, Becky's father, has said of the laws, "Indiana's parental consent laws caused her death." BCSC plans to show the film on campus. Also, spurred by the New York State Legislature's recent proposal for a bill which would limit minor's access to abortion, BCSC plans to hold lobbying training and information sessions on campus to instruct people about lobbying the legislature in regard to parental consent laws

RU-486, an abortion inducing pill which is still not being tested in this country despite its multiple benefits remains another important concern for Reproductive Rights activists. In addition to speakers and films, BCSC is beginning a postcard writing campaign. concerning the import of RU-486 to the U.S. The pill would give women the option of an abortion that is more private and more accessible. It would also eliminate the successes of antichoice scare and propaganda tactics used outside of clinics that provide abortions. In addition to providing an abortion option which would be safer and easier for some women, RU-486 shows great promise in the research fields for prevention of breast cancer, endometriosis, prostate and brain cancer, yet no U.S. companies have begun to test the drug.

The number of pharmaceutical companies that are involved in human reproduction research has dropped from 20 in 1970, to only 1. Pharmaceutical companies have halted research due to the expense of malpractice suits in this field and because of consumer pressure from the anti-choice movement. Consumer support of RU-486 is a vital step in bringing the drug to this country. Last semester BCSC sent a petition to Roussel Uclaf, the pharmaceutical company which currently markets the drug in France. This semester, BCSC will focus on directing consumer pressure for the drug towards Ortho

Pharmaceutical, the only company left in the U.S. which does reproductive technology research.

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Winterfest **Celebrates** Women in the Arts

finterfest, a yearly event at Barnard, is a celebration of women in the arts. As in previous years, it will offer presentations of music, dance, literature and art. Gayle Friedland (BC'91), coordinator of Winterfest says,"I want people to realize that there's a fest going on!"

Winterfest 1991 is characterized by a wide variety of events, only now there are fewer of them. The concept from the beginning has been to plan events that have broad appeal and are easily accessible to the community

Lunchtime performances by Orchesis (a Barnard dance ensemble), Gilbert and Sullivan Society, Pizmon and the Barnard-Columbia Gospel Choir will take place throughout the week at noon in Lower Level McIntosh. Orchesis will also be presenting works by students on Feb. 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Streng Studio and the Annex.

The focus appears to be the great talent which is found within the Barnard community.

More local talent will be on display in the Barnard Cafe, where Barnard student artists will exhibit their works. Featured artists will include Debby Green (BC91). Yeardley Leonard (BC'91), and Susan Leff (BC'92), among others. The exhibit will open Tues. Feb. 12 from 8:00 until 10:00 and will run through the week. Gayle says she wants to make the opening "classier" than previous ones by serving cheese, crackers and sparkling cider.

This evening, in what seems to be the highlight of the week, a dinner will be held for author Erica Jong (BC 62). Ms. Jong will recite some of her poetry and will read excerpts from her new book, Any Woman's Blues. Due to the overwhelming response by students, tickets to the dinner sold out in two hours. However, Ms. Jong will be speaking after the dinner at 8:00 in the James Room and the public is

invited to attend.

Winterfest also draws talent from outside its immediate community.



On Mon. Feb. 11, the Barnard Dance Department, in conjunction with the R.M. Levine Distinguished Artists Series, will present an exhibition of Barbara Morgan's photographs entitled "American Modern Dance: 1935-1945. Highlights of dance productions by Martha Graham, Doris Humphrey and Charles Weidman." In honor of the opening, the Martha Graham Ensemble, directed by Peggy Lyman, will present a lecture-demonstration of excerpts of classic Graham works, including El Penitente, Clytemnestra, and Secular Games. The Graham presentation will take place in the Barnard Streng Studio at 5:30 today, while the exhibit will be located in the Barnard Annex Gallery and will be open from February 12-22, 10-4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Valentine's Day Formal will end the week with a flourish. The formal event was attended by eight hundred people last year and will be held in McIntosh on Thursday evening from 10:00 until 2:00 a.m. Admission to the formal is ten dollars.

Gayle's stated objective for this year is "to put [Winterfest] on the map." If the hard work and creativity that has gone into the planning of these events is any indication, Winterfest 1991 will do just that.

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traditionally the coldest month here in New York, many of us would like nothing better than to curl up with a little music and hibernate until May. However, with the advent of warm weather, here are a few suggestions to make a trip to Boomer's well worth your while.

MAGGIE'S DREAM, "Maggie's Dream"—Capitol, 1990.

In their own words, this New York "a mix five-piece plays funk/folk/groove-oriented rock" and had set out to be the "ethnic band of the Nineties, but Living Color beat 'em to it. No matter: with such influences as the Beatles, Parliament, Earth Wind and Fire, and Sly and the Family Stone, this diverse band plays a blend of rock that doesn't follow in anyone else's shadow. While thoughtful lyrics and social awareness issues concerning racism, AIDS and homelessness abound, this is New York-style rock the way it was meant to be: bold, original, pure ROCK.

"Edward Scissorhands, Original Motion Picture Soundtrack"—MCA, 1990.

Composed and produced by Danny Elfman, the music for this fairytale features a boys choir from California whose light and airy sounds work nicely without getting lost in the background. The opening and closing

orchestrations particularly highlight the use of music as a tool for storytelling, perhaps borrowing ever so slightly from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite." But with these lovely pieces, the bonus track, "With These Hands" (sung by Tom Jones) seems ridiculously out of place here. (Was THIS in the movie?)

THE POGUES, "Hell's Ditch"—Island, 1990.

Produced by Joe Strummer (the Clash), the Pogues have acquired a brave, new texture that incorporates the Clash's brashness into the band's earlier sounds. Whistles, mandolin, banjos and accordian swirl around Shane MacGowan's raw, raspy vocals and simple lyrics.

Warning: if you like this band's raw talent and energy, "Sunnyside of the Street" is a song that will wear out the needle of your turntable, so buy the cassette or CD instead.

MAELSTROM, "Step One"—Taang!, 1990.

While this band showcases the amazing talent of Shinichi Matsumoto and his technically difficult guitar riffs, this foursome goes straight for the jugular vein by blending elements of Faith No More, Dead Kennedys, Public Enemy, et al. Their best work, however, is done when they are most original: "Causing Effect" has a funky beat and "For Whom The Bell Tolls" is very amusing, while "All I Need" mixes its anthemic chorus with outspoken commentaries by frontman Zack Andrien.

An Independent Muse...

Ah, Valentine's Day. A day of love, of bliss, of harmony. A perfect day to snuggle in front of a fireplace with the one you love the most...yourself. That's right, Muselings, the highly independent and yes, available Muse prefers to spend this Valentine's Day solo. What to do? She has a whole list of activities planned for herself on this amorous day, such as:

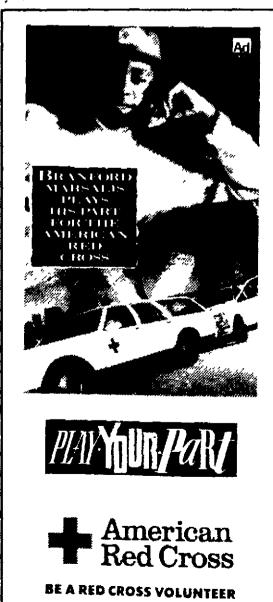
- 1. Buy a new diaphanous gown for the McAc formal.
- 2. Threaten the seams of Her new diaphanous gown by gorging Herself on heart-shaped chocolates and those chalky little heart-shaped candies that say "Tru Luv."
- 3. Dedicate "Justify My Love" to Herself on the radio, then practice squealing in surprise until they play it.
 - 4. Check the Village Voice personals, circling every ad that rhymes.
- 5. Ponder why the wedding announcements are always right next to the obituaries.
- 6. Send flowers to Herself, signing it from "A Secret Admirer". Then have it delivered to Her desk at the Bulletin office for all to see.
- 7. Sign up for every club at Barnard to ensure answering machine messages that are a sure sign of popularity.
 - 8. Macrame, macrame, macrame.
 - Write love letters to Sandra Bernhardt.
 - 10. Find some diaphanous condoms. Just in case.

THE TRAGICALLY HIP, "Road Apples"—MCA, 1990.

More serious rock without synths, samples, stupid image, etc. Lead singer Gord Downie was awarded "Male Vocalist of the Year" honors at the Casby Awards (a people's choice award show in Canada) and the band itself is tight but not overbearing. These Canadians play unpretentious rock with the same intensity of Led Zep, the Stones, Crazy Hoise, etc. Don't pass this one up

LARD, "The Last Temptation of Reid"—Alternative Tentacles, 1990.

Flavored by alternative gurus Al "Alien" Jourgensen and Paul Barker (the duo better known as Ministry) and vocals by the legendary Jello Biafra (of Dead Kennedys) this album is MORE than the sum of its parts (and that's saying a hell of a lot.) Lard is hardcore with a conscience and an ironic sense of humor that never lets up; every song thrashes incessantly. Without a hint of "preachiness", Lard fearlessly tackles issues such as last year's invasion of Panama ("Pineapple Face" is about, you guessed it, Noriega). And as their liner notes suggest, "May the farce be with you."

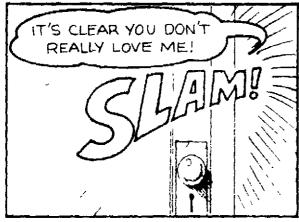














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