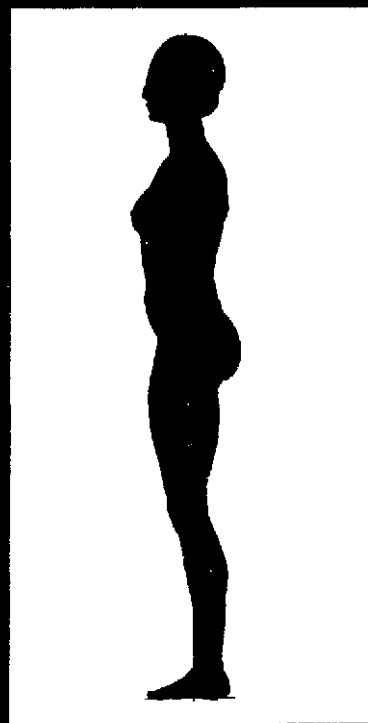
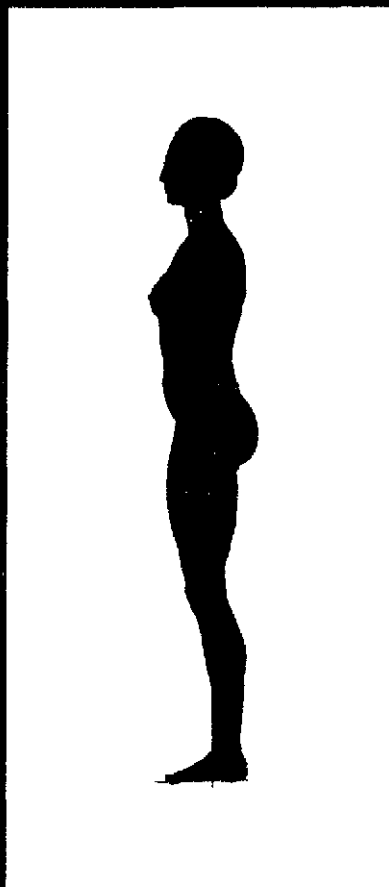




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ACADEMIC PROBLEMS! First, discuss them with your instructor and/or adviser. Try signing up for Dean Denburg's **study skills mini-course** (see below for details). Also, if more focused, ongoing assistance is needed, **consider a tutor or the help rooms** provided in several Barnard departments. The following departmental resources are available. **The Math Help Room** is open Mon -

Fri, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., in 404 Altschul. Beginning October 13th, the **Physics Help Room** will be open every Tuesday from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m., in 502 Altschul. For **Biology, and Chemistry**, go to your professor's office hours and schedule help sessions. **The Writing Room** is open Sun - Thurs, 121 Reid Hall. Sign up on the door for an appointment or call x48941. If you are working on a research paper, visit the Reference Desk on the second floor of the **Barnard Library** to arrange for an individual conference with a reference librarian. As you avail yourself of one or more of these services to improve your skills, remember that our **honor code** requires that the work you submit for a course be entirely your own unless your instructor approves of other arrangements.

ROOM SWAP INFORMATION IS NOW AVAILABLE at the Housing Office for sophomores, juniors and seniors. Hours are Mon - Fri, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in 203 Sulzberger Hall. See your Resident Adviser for details. The deadline is Fri, Oct 30, 1 p.m.

FIRST YEAR OR TRANSFER STUDENTS who have not filed the required medical reports and forms with Health Services are urged to do so immediately. See Health Services if you need duplicate forms.

SENIOR CLIPBOARD

Senior Scholar applicants the deadline is **today** Mon, Oct 12.

Diploma Name Cards for Feb '93 graduates should be turned in at the Registrar's Office, 107 Milbank,

immediately. **Rhodes Scholarship** the application deadline is **today**, Mon Oct 12. Essayists interested in the **Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics** should consult Dean Schneider. If you are applying to a graduate program in the humanities (which here includes History) and have a GPA of 3.6 or above, you might qualify for a **Mellon Fellowship** the application deadline is Mon Nov 4, if interested, see Dean Schneider. Don't forget the **Graduate School Fair**, Tues, Oct 13, see Career Services below for more information.

INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS? on Thurs, Oct 22, from 3 - 5 p.m., representatives from graduate schools of international affairs will be at a recruitment fair on the 15th floor of the School of International Affairs at Columbia.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP meets Fridays, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., in 108 Milbank. Call the Dean of Studies Office, x42024, or Health Services, x42091, if you have experienced the loss of a loved one and wish to participate. There will be a **HEOP SUPPORT GROUP** led by Dean Silverman, day and time to be announced. Call Francesca Cuevas, x43583, for more information.

CAREER SERVICES INFORMATION

Graduate School Professors' Panel will be held **today** Mon, Oct 12, 7:30 p.m., in the Jean Palmer Room. **Graduate School Fair** will take place on Tues, Oct 13, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., in Upper Level McIntosh. **Graduate School Admissions and Financial Aid Panel** will take place on Tues, Oct 13, at 4 p.m., in the Jean Palmer Room. If you want to participate in the **Recruitment Program**, you must attend an Orientation session. Sessions are scheduled from Sept 25 - Oct 26 and sign up sheets are posted at the front desk in Career Services, 11 Milbank.

EDUCATION PROGRAM applications for juniors were due last week. However, late applications will be considered. Call x42117 or x47072 for details.

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN-UP FOR THE STUDY SKILLS MINI COURSE taught by Dean Denburg and sponsored by the First Year Focus. Course will be given Wed Oct 11, 8 p.m. See Joy Coleman, 49 Claremont, or Daphne Williams, 111 Sulzberger Hall, for information by Tues Oct 13.

TEA AND TOPICS

Lynn Chancer, Assistant Professor of Sociology and author of *Sadomasochism in Everyday Life*, will speak on "The Beauty Myth Re-examined," Thurs, Oct 15, 4:30 p.m., in Brooks Living Room.

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Barnard's Women's Health Month Activities Lack Focus on Sexuality

According to the Barnard /Columbia Women's Handbook:

- 1)AIDS is one of the five leading causes of death among women ages 15 to 44 .
- 2)It is the leading killer of women of color in New York and New Jersey.
- 3)In 1984 the first case of female to female transmission was reported to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and filed in the " no identified risk" category.

The CDC continues not to classify female to female transmission as a possible exposure category.

Women in this country know that from AIDS to mental health, healthcare in this country is far from adequate for women. To address health problems for women, Barnard Health Services is celebrating Barnard Women's Health Month. Some of the events being held this month are: *Ethics and Anorexia, Case Discussion; Stress Reduction; Yoga and Meditation; Breast Implants; Risk Regulation and Choice; and Caregivers Speak About AIDS.*

Although the Bulletin encourages students to attend these important educational events, there seems to be an absence of attention to women's sexuality within the program. Issues of contraception, sexual identity, or sexual relations, which are all essential to women's health are not included within Barnard Women's Health Month. The program only hints at

sexuality under the guise of "sensuality." For example, a Sensual Lunch was held on Wednesday, October 7.

A separate flyer with excerpts from *Bodylove* by Rita Freedman, Ph.D, was distributed by Barnard Health Services to the student body which focused on traditionally feminine "pampering" rituals such as selecting bright clothing, using a mirror "constructively," dancing for ten minutes a day, and savoring spices to heighten "nurturing pleasure." Included in their list of suggestions is "learning to touch our bodies with pleasure (not necessarily the sexual kind)." In a society that perpetuates the image that women should be sensual rather than sexual, this focus is problematic. To explore one's own sensuality is important, yet this suggestion eclipses women's need to explore her sexuality as well. All the suggestions were geared towards a typical model of feminine sensuality, all under the umbrella title of "Nature and Nurture," a stereotype that equates women's bodies automatically with nature and women's psyches as solely nurturing, while suggesting that women alone are close to nature and nurturing instincts.

At a women's institutions such as Barnard, we would expect that issues relating to health would reflect a broader, more progressive attitude towards women's minds and bodies.

Editorial Policy

In order to be considered for publication all letters to the editor from an individual must be signed by that individual and/or from a Barnard SGA and/or Columbia Student Council recognized campus organization. Signed editorials do not necessarily reflect the views of the Bulletin.

Interested writers and artists, contact Janie at x42119.

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Barnard Bull

This week the Barnard Bull roamed, asking students what they wanted Ross Perot to do?



**Dorian Mathews
(BC '96)**

I'm wary about him. He hasn't said enough for me to be interested in him. He's been really vague. If he came out with some good ideas, I'd listen.



**Paige Schleder
(CC'94)**

I want him to leave us alone! Actually I really don't take him seriously. I grew up in Texas. He had some good intentions with his high school reforms but it didn't really work.

**Kelly Kiernan
(BC '94)**

Drop out of the race. I want Clinton to win.



**Priscilla Fusco
(BC '96)**

I'd like him to grasp the time period a little better. It would be easier to get into heaven than it would be to get into his cabinet because he speaks out against adultery, homosexuality. He's a very unforgiving man very idealistic.



photos by Rebecca Layton

Students Rally to Protest Graffiti

A rally to protest intolerance was held at 12 noon on Thursday, Oct. 8 in front of Barnard Hall. The rally was in reaction to anti-semitic and sexist graffiti found on the doors of five Hewitt Hall residents on early Saturday, Oct. 3. The perpetrators are still unknown, but it is believed that they were Barnard students or friends of Barnard students. The vandalized doors have only the first name of the resident on it, yet only Jewish students were targeted. It is believed that the incidents occurred at approximately 4:30 a.m., because at that time, residents heard loud noises in the hallway. According to the Head of Barnard Security, Betty Weems, it is believed that there were three to five perpetrators that were drunk and that there was at least one female in the group. A definite connection between some Hewitt residents and the graffiti has not been established. Weems says that the investigation is continuing but "unless someone comes up with any information we're at a stand still."

Vice President and General Council for Barnard College, Kathy Rogers, says, "This kind of incident is the most cowardly. It's one thing to state your beliefs in a debate, however erroneous they may seem to me. At least you have the courage to come forward."

The rally, organized by Student Government Association (SGA), was attended by twenty-five to thirty students, faculty and administration. From Barnard Hall, the participants then went to upper-level McIntosh, where they chanted "Hey-hey, ho-ho, racism has to go." Several people held signs with crossed-out statements such as "Oreo," "Fucking Dyke" and "Faggot." The organizers of the rally said that its purpose was to condemn hate crimes in general. During the rally, speakers shouted out racist, sexist and homophobic comments to provoke the crowd's rebuttal of "we won't tolerate this." Not all students agreed with the tactics used to rile the crowd during the rally. Tamara Cohen (BC '93) said that "there is a

problem with the way the rally was run and conceived. There was a lack of depth of understanding by the people running the rally. It may have come out of a real sentiment about the need to end intolerance, but it was a poorly articulated sentiment. Cohen was objecting to the intentional use of slurs by the organizers, such as "fucking dyke," "nigger" and "slant-eyed chink" which were answered with the chant "we won't tolerate this." She felt the chanting sounded "too much like 'we won't tolerate them.'" "A white woman yelling these words into a microphone," she said, "there's something that just made me feel sick about the whole thing." Cohen, a Jewish lesbian, felt that anti-semitism has to be taken "very seriously" and added, "I want to believe that the same people would be here no matter what part of me was being attacked."

SGA Treasurer, Jenny Levin (BC '94) said that the rally was meant to "prove that we will not tolerate these actions any more." She wanted to go to lower-level McIntosh because they [the community at large] cannot avoid us and called the graffiti a "cowardly act."

Dean Dorothy Denburg also participated in the rally and stated that "I'm here to show support for SGA's efforts to make a statement about what is acceptable on this campus." After marching through lower-level McIntosh, the participants went chanting into Hewitt dining hall. They were greeted with applause by students. One onlooker, Moshe Sambol (SEAS '90) said that "anti-semitic graffiti shows that the college is not as separate from the world as it is made out to be. We do our best to suppress certain things, but they still happen here." Sambol added about the graffiti that "what happened was out of the control of the school."

Brianley Bruton is a Barnard College senior and Connie Phelps is a Barnard College junior.

Looking Back At Franz

To remember the academic heritage of Columbia and Barnard professor Franz Boas, the Barnard anthropology department hosted a conference entitled *Fifty Years Later: The Legacy of Franz Boas* on Saturday, October 10. In planning for the year, the anthropology department decided to hold a conference honoring the legacy of Boas because "the department is cognizant that Boas greatly contributed to the development of anthropology at this university," said Barnard anthropology professor and conference

coordinator, Paula Rubel. Expected to attend the conference are members of the public, anthropology students, Barnard alumnae, and professors from other universities.

According to Rubel, Boas contributed significantly to anthropology by his concern for field work. He believed in going into a society and learning about the language to better understand its culture.

Prior to Boas' work, no training was required to pursue anthropology. By starting an anthropology department

here and sending students to start other departments at other universities, he made anthropology into a discipline," said Rubel.

Boas' research primarily focused on cultural relativism (the search to understand other cultures in their own terms) on the Northwest Coast and studied the Native Americans as they existed prior to reservation life. "He wanted to see each society as a unique entity and not look at what societies have in common," said Rubel.

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Barnard Celebrates Women's Health Month

October is Women's Health Month at Barnard College sponsored by Health Services. This year's theme is Nature and Nurture. The month is devoted to informing women on all aspects of themselves. It's about nurturing yourself, looking at yourself in the mirror and then looking at the world, said the Graduate Assistant for Student Life Jody Tesing. She says that this is not the first health month to be held at Barnard, but it is by far the most comprehensive. It's a 'holistic approach' she says, encompassing topics such as eating disorders, nutrition, exercise, 'specific body needs' so that the student can get what she wants. A calendar of events can be found in Barnard Health Services and is posted around Barnard campus.

This past week's theme was entitled 'Nurturing Our Bodies: Exercise, Nutrition, and Stress Reduction.' The keynote address, entitled 'Women's Health: Nature and Nurture,' was given by the Director of Health Services, Dr. Polly Wheat. Dr. Wheat also facilitated a 'Sensual Lunch' meant to teach people to appreciate food for its texture, smell, and appearance. (Food was provided for this event.) The Director of Disability Services, Susan Quinby, also offered a 'Non-step guide to the BC/CU campus.' On Thursday, half-hour massages were given for five dollars. Massage sessions are offered for the remaining three weeks of Women's Health Month. Six free massages will also be ruffled throughout the month.

The second week is entitled 'Looking in the Mirror: Images of Our Bodies, Ourselves.' One panel discussion, 'Ethics and Anorexia: Case Discussion,' will address the laws surrounding anorexia. On Wed. Oct. 14, a medical school panel of alumnae will discuss their careers in the medical field. On the same day, Assistant Professor of Sociology and author of *Sadomasochism in Everyday Life*, Lynn Chancer, will discuss 'The Beauty Myth Reexamined.'

Week three is entitled 'Alcohol Awareness Week: Think About It.' Panels and speakers will discuss issues surrounding alcohol consumption on college campuses, such as sex under the influence, over drinking, and underage consumption.

The fourth week focuses on 'Women's Health and Society.' The first discussion will be on the risks surrounding breast implants. On Wed. Oct. 28, the Director of the Center for Research on Women and Gender, Leslie Calman, and Assistant Professor of History, Herbert Sloan, will discuss the status of reproductive rights in the United States. On Thurs. Oct. 29, Barnard Alumnae in Public Health Careers will discuss their experiences in the panel entitled 'Caregivers Speak About AIDS.' Tesing says that the panelists will be from a range of professions, from phobotomists to doctors, who work hands-on with people with AIDS. They will discuss what it's like, the health risks and the ethical concern, and

Testing. The College Activities Office and the Office of Disabilities Services are sponsoring a 'Pumpkin Carve Out Stress Reliever.' Tesing says that 'Lenman lawn will just be pumpkin heaven' on Thurs. Oct. 29. The carved pumpkins will be donated to children's hospitals.

Tesing said that she is not expecting huge crowds, but the events were planned to 'give something to everyone.' She is impressed by the 'amazing planning that has gone into the events' on the part of Health Services, Career Services, College Activities and the Office of Career Services.
Brunley Bruton is a Barnard College senior.

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Energy Conference To Highlight Efficiency Issues

The promise of "no new taxes," the preaching of 'family values' and the guarantees of change in leadership has, in the opinion of the organizations hosting the 'America's Energy Future Choices and Directions' conference to be held at Columbia University (CU), clouded the issues that should be key in this election.

The Solar Coalition, North East Sustainable Energy Association, along with Barnard/ Columbia Earth Coalition (Earth Co.), the Environmental Defense Fund and the Union of Concerned Scientists, along with other prestigious organizations, are hosting the one day conference which is to, 'Concentrate the attention of business, media and the public on the crucial importance of energy policy in creating jobs and forging sustainable energy growth' (Press Release).

Frustration with the lack of a Federal energy policy was one of the motivations for hosting the conference. According to Chairman of the Solar Coalition, Jim Hurt, the 'Energy Bill' which has been watered down through two years of Congressional disputes, still can not be passed and is the last bill on Congress agenda. In its present form, the bill allows for drilling in coastal areas and destroys a mileage limit on cars. Moreover, energy efficiency is ignored by both the Clinton and Bush campaigns as a vital issue.

The conference, which is to be held at Altschul Auditorium, School of International Affairs (SIPA) on October 16 is deliberately being held a short while before the presidential election in order to make voters aware of energy efficiency issues. The sponsors are aiming to attract business executives, energy professionals, academicians, the general public, students and the press. According to Hurt, every member of society is being targeted in order to dispel widely held false notions about

energy efficiency. "Too often, energy policy is viewed as an appendage to the environmental movement, when in fact, it is central to the solution of economic and national security problems as well as the healing of the biosphere." Hurt explained this quote in the conference press release by citing how Western Europe and Japan use half as much energy for every Gross National Product (GNP) point, as does the U.S. He further stated that through energy efficiency the U.S. can minimize fuel imports, which drain our Federal Reserves and increase our military liabilities in the Middle East. Furthermore, more jobs would be created as people would be hired to create energy efficient means, consumers would save money on their energy expenses and in the long run, the efficiency changes would pay for themselves.

The conference charter calls for the use of renewable energy sources like wind and sunlight, and our natural gas reserves which, according to Hurt, "Our government is not moving forcefully to use

Among the 12 speakers and panelists scheduled for the conference are, Vice President of Research for the World Watch Institute, Chris Flavin, New York Congressman William Green, Director of Fuel Cell Research for Energy Research Corporation, Dr. Hans Maru and Energy Policy Director of Citizen Action Edwin Rothschild.

Through the Freedom of Information Act, Rothschild has been able to research the U.S. relationship with oil-producing countries like Saudi Arabia and the OPEC countries. Rothschild will be speaking of his research findings that the Reagan and Bush administrations, along with the Arab countries, depressed oil prices before their elections in order to create a favorable climate among U.S. voters.

Manager of Energy Conservation at CU, Lindsay Audin, will also be speaking at the conference. Audin will use CU as an example of a large institution which has saved over \$1 million in the past year through an energy efficiency program. Audin stated that CU spends more money on lighting costs than on heating and cooling costs combined. Therefore, a lighting upgrade program was installed at CU in 1989 and has since then doubled the energy efficiency of over 2.5 million square feet of its lighting. A new high efficiency boiler and chiller plant has also been installed and is interconnected with some older systems, in order to make them more efficient. The Energy Conservation Program has, "had the same impact in cleaning the air as the planting of over 200,000 trees," according to the CU facilities office. The next facilities project will be water conservation, although no date has been set for the beginning of the program.

Earth Co.'s goals for the conference are to attract student participation, to educate students and to involve students in the process of politicizing energy efficiency issues, said Earth Co. co-coordinator Diane Pataki (BC '93). Pataki also wants students to become more aware of, "the issue of environmental racism. For example, incinerators and toxic waste dumps are usually built in minority neighborhoods." Earth Co.'s other co-coordinator Susan Chiang (BC '93) hopes that students will leave the conference more concerned about local energy issues. The conference, she said, "will get people thinking."

Lilham Cohamm is a Associate Features Editor and a Barnard sophomore.

Barnard Center For Research On Women To Celebrate Twentieth Anniversary

This year, The Barnard Center for Research on Women will be celebrating its twenty-year anniversary.

In the seventies, the idea of having a center for women was very radical; now, it is common for most colleges and universities to have one. Barnard was one of the first colleges to have a women's center; it served as a place where people could gather and talk about women's issues. Today, the Center for Research on Women has expanded its resources and programming. The Center houses 1500 books and 120 feminist periodicals, some of which are from foreign countries. The Center also has an "ephemeral collection," which is a random collection of recent unpublished reports on women's issues comprised of materials such as government reports and newsletters. The Center organizes programming about women's issues; previous events have been the Women of the World Film Festival (This year the Center will show five films), and "Speaking of Women," an informal lecture and discussion session with various guest speakers. The Center also provides information about women's organizations in the city.

To celebrate its twenty-years anniversary, the Center will host a conference, which will be held all day on April 24. The theme of the conference will be "Women as Change Makers: Building and Using Political Power." The conference will include various panels and formal discussions about how women gain and use political power, and whether their methods differ from men. Speakers will include politicians and activists such as Faye Wattleton from Planned Parenthood, and Marie Wilson, executive director of Ms. Foundation. Other grassroots members of politics will also make an appearance

"The main goal this year is to make the Barnard Center for Research on Women as accessible to as many people as possible," according to Valerie Green (BC '91), manager of the Center.

"Because the amount of knowledge on women's issues has increased so much over the years, it is harder to educate people," said Green.

The Center now publishes a newsletter called "Center News," which will be sent every semester to alumni and outside faculty in order to broaden the Center's constituency. T-shirts are also being sold for ten dollars, commemorating twenty years of knowledge about women. "It's a fund raiser, but it also shows that the Center is here," said Green.

Green has been working at the Center for almost a year. She is interested in women in public policy and wants to educate



Valerie Green photo by Rebecca Lavton

people on women's issues. She hopes that her work at the Center will help link the community to the larger feminist world. As a political science major, Green's career plans are to work behind the scenes as a political staffer and develop new ideas and policies on women's issues.

"Working at the Center is a great opportunity for me to serve Barnard and be a part of the community on a different level. It also gives me the opportunity to work with Leslie Calman, who is the director of the Center," said Green.

Katherine Chen is a Barnard College Junior.

Fascism by Referendum:

For many lesbians and gays, the November 3rd election symbolizes an opportunity for change. However, lesbians and gay men in Oregon face the strongest anti-gay measure ever on a statewide ballot, Ballot Measure 9. The proposal voters will read is: "Shall Constitution be amended to require that all governments discourage homosexuality, other listed 'behaviors' [pedophilia, sadism and masochism] and not facilitate or recognize them." This initiative was drafted by a group

employment services. The anti-gay vote got 53 percent of the vote. Likewise in May of this year, Mabon's group campaigned in Springfield Oregon, and won 55 percent of the votes, making Springfield the first municipality in the U.S. to have anti-gay language in its charter. There are currently only six states and close to 110 municipalities with statutes barring discrimination against lesbians and gays. There is no national legislation.

The language of the proposed

if the applicant or applicants are perceived to be gay or gay positive. This will in turn lead to rigorous scrutiny of all groups to determine if their meetings or groups promote, encourage or facilitate homosexuality. This measure will effect groups as disparate as the Oregon Bar Association and most of the Oregon Labor Unions, as they have all taken a stand against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation

Government agencies would also be



Homophobic schoolboys protesting

photo courtesy of Newsweek

required to play an active role in setting standards for Oregon's youth by teaching that homosexuality is "abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse." As a result, public libraries would be required to remove from their shelves any book, magazine "abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse." Teachers would have to conform to OCA's standards of moral behavior, a measure

called the Oregon's Citizens Alliance (OCA), directed by Lon Mabon. The group has a large following throughout the state and gathered 115,629 voters signatures to make it onto the November 3rd ballot. The initiative would overturn Portland's civil rights ordinance, which passed unanimously Oct. 3rd, 1991 and bans all discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

In 1988, Mabon's group led a statewide campaign to overturn the Governor Neil Goldschmidt's executive order protecting gay and lesbian people from discrimination in state

amendments to the state constitution is similar to that in the Springfield measure, but the repercussions are more far reaching as the proposal has a direct effect on state funding and licensing.

The ordinance would require that state, local and municipal governments could not use facilities or monies to "promote, encourage or facilitate homosexuality." These agencies can deny services to any individual or group thought to "promote, encourage or facilitate homosexuality." Hence, parks, meeting rooms, and the use of any other public spaces can be denied

which would necessitate the firing of all gay and lesbian teachers. Teachers would not be allowed to assign any book or article which portrays homosexuality in a positive light. Library staff would be required to review all books, magazines, videotapes, records, tapes, works of art, and photographs to determine whether they should be banned, or censored if they provide a positive representation of gays or lesbians. Likewise, every teacher, speaker, performer, artist, or writer who may wish to teach, speak, or perform at a public school, college or university would need to assure officials

Anti - Gay Bill Hits Oregon Ballot

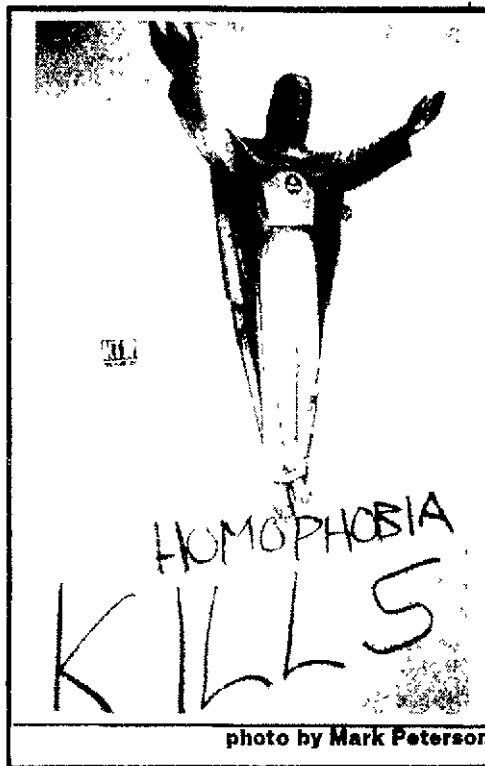
that s/he does not "promote, encourage or facilitate homosexuality." Medical schools that receive state funding would be required to teach that homosexuality is perverse behavior. There have been many questions as to the constitutionality of the initiative. Lon Mabon has hired Bruce Fern, a former member of the Reagan Administration's Justice Department to comment on the first amendment issues surrounding the initiative. He states, "I don't see what's wrong, in constitutional terms, with teaching that lying is bad, for example." Most polls give the ordinance a 40 percent chance of winning. This astonishingly high prediction is in some part due to the effective deception being used by OCA and their ally group The No Special Rights Committee. The rhetoric employed by these groups has focused on shifting the debate away from the discrimination implicit in the ordinance towards an attack on quotas. The groups insist that all they are doing is trying to protect Oregon's citizens

from gays and lesbians who want special privileges as a minority.

This is not the issue. The issue is clear. The Republicans are feeling threatened and they are using gays and lesbians as the galvanizing point for their backlash. The Oregon initiative is the most extreme example and if passed, will have disastrous implications around the nation.

If you have friends or relatives in Oregon, call them and urge them to vote no on Ballot Measure 9. Or call the No On 9 information line (503) 232-4502.

Sarah Sheffield is a Women's Issues editor and a Barnard College senior



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Students Honor Fifth Annual Coming Out Day

This Sunday, October 11 marked the fifth annual Coming Out Day. It will be celebrated at Barnard on Monday. For lesbians and gay men, it is a day to honor our strength and courage and love. It is a day to come out of the closet and proclaim our existence to a heterosexist and homophobic society that silences us and kills us. Many schools and organizations host parties at the end of the day for people to share their coming out stories in a gay positive atmosphere. At Barnard there will be a table with information, books, pins, and people to talk to about coming out. Lesbian Bisexual Gay Coalition (LBGC) held a social Thursday night in Saint Paul's Chapel in celebration. There are vigils held across the nation and prominent figures within the community tell their coming out stories in radio programs.

However, whether you are lesbian or straight, Coming Out Day belongs on your calendar. Everyone is responsible for making this society safe for us to come out into. Everyone is responsible for making sure we are not just patronizingly tolerated as practitioners of a 'different lifestyle'. Everyone is responsible for making sure we are not bashed, raped, erased, romanticized, infantilized, commodified, sexualized, desexualized, stereotyped, silenced, killed. Everyone in the Barnard community is responsible for insuring we are hired, promoted, given tenure, validated in the classroom, that our history is incorporated in the curriculum.

If you are straight these are some of the ways you can celebrate Coming Out Day.

1. Think about the heterosexual privilege you exercise when you display public affection on campus. Think about how this silences lesbians.
2. Ask yourself when and how you first decided you were heterosexual. Think about what it means if you have never thought about it.
3. Ask yourself if someone would feel safe coming out to you.
4. Honor your lesbian friends by taking them out to dinner. If you don't have any, ask yourself why.

Coming Out Day was initially designed to give a feeling of safety to lesbians and gay men negotiating the boundaries of the closet. It is all of our responsibility to maintain this supportive atmosphere for the rest of the year.

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Latino Coffeehouse Presents Night Of Poetry

On Thursday, October 8th as part of Latino Heritage Month (LHM), there was a Latino Coffeehouse and Poetry Night in McIntosh, presented by Huepita Productions, and co-sponsored by Accion Boncuca, Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad Sorority, Inc., Columbia Concerts and WKCR. The event was organized by Dayann Molina (CC 92), who was given the job by the Student Committee of LHM because of her enthusiasm for an event like this. I feel that there isn't enough written about the Latino community especially about the literature. There's not enough exposure for young, urban Latino writers and poets. I want tonight to be a support system for them. They're angry about what's going on in their communities. I want them to know that they're not the only ones." Molina said that although excerpts from her work would be read by someone else, she was not part of the program, preferring to devote her energies to creating the space for the twelve readers who had signed up. She was particularly excited about Javier Rodriguez, a fourteen year old high school student who read three of his poems, including "Forever Yours," a powerful story of a woman left alone and pregnant.

Another poet was Maria Fernandez who had heard about the evening through Molina's publicity efforts. Fernandez, a fourth year student at NYU, writes bilingual poetry, like many of the poets participating in the event. Among her subjects were the beauty of her sisters and an angry indictment of the oppression of Latinos: a list of the manifestations of this oppression, and a call to fight. Fernandez is also the art and photography editor at *Conciencia*, NYU's only Latino magazine.

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Boas disagreed with the Eugenics movement, which supported the sterilization of people who have traits such as Down's Syndrome and promulgated theories of racial purity. As a result, Boas was against both racism aimed at African-Americans in the United States and racism in Germany sparked during the 1930s under the rule of Hitler. One of Boas' students was Barnard alumnus and anthropologist Margaret Mead. Although Mead studied anthropology on a more psychological level, according to Rubel, she did employ Boas' cultural relativism approach in her research on adolescent behavior in Samoa and in the United States. By studying the adolescent period in both societies, Mead determined that the turmoil experienced by American adolescents is a cultural pattern in the life cycle. The conference was comprised of several presentations by anthropologists from different universities. Douglas Cole, a historian from Simon Fraser University, presented a paper on the early training of Boas. It is important to understand the early training of an anthropologist and understand the

Deni Taveras, (BC 94) came to the coffeehouse because I heard the band was good. I talked to her while she enjoyed the music, and she said that she also wanted to support Latino Heritage Month. Last year only about three people showed up. As you can see there is a lot of support this year. I'm very happy about that. Taveras put the success of the evening - when the band started playing, there were already about sixty people, and more came throughout the evening - down to the hard work of the committee in organizing and publicizing events. Molina had expected more because she had advertised the coffeehouse in publications, at schools, and on the radio. Still, as she commented, everyone there seemed to be having a good time sitting around candlelight tables, enjoying bagels and cafe con leche.

The evening began with the music of Direct Link, playing that Latin-Jazzy-Funky Thing. Molina invited them to play because "they're excellent." She wanted them to get the exposure that they deserve, and thought that they would be perfect for the coffeehouse. And they were - the audience loved them and voiced their appreciation. One of the saxophone players took to wandering among the tables, stopping before his most enthusiastic listeners.

I spoke to Molina once more as she was clearing up at 1:30 am, and she said that she was very happy with the success of the poetry night. In fact, she's hoping to arrange another one for next month. I hope so too. The poetry was angry, funny, political, and painful, and Columbia could use more of it.

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anthropologist as a person [in order] to better understand the research in an historical and educational context," said Rubel. Irving Goldman, emeritus professor of anthropology at Sarah Lawrence College and a former student of Boas, presented a paper examining Boas' work as a collector and curator at the Museum of Natural History, as well as the importance of museums and the artifacts displayed. Boas created the Hall of Northwest Coast in the museum.

Rubel hopes that people who attended the conference will obtain a better understanding of Boas' significance in anthropology and what anthropology today is doing. The Virginia Gildersleeve Fund of Barnard College funded the conference.

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Tom Waits For No Man

This is the new Bulletin music column, devoted to music news, reviews and interviews... (comments and suggestions can be directed to the Bulletin). This week we'll catch you up on the enticing bits of information that we have so scrupulously collected, and introduce you to some of our weekly features:

F.Y.I.: Temple of the Dog is an album recorded by members of Soundgarden and what is now Pearl Jam, dedicated to Andrew Wood, the lead singer of Mother Love Bone, who died of an overdose. The album has recently become successful because of the popularity of the Seattle music scene, but is not by any means a new project that Soundgarden and Pearl Jam just whipped together. The only live performance of T.O.T.D took place during the last show of this year's Lollapalooza in Irvine, Ca.

For those of you who missed the first Lollapalooza (1991) with Ice-T and Bodycount, we would like to point out that "Cop Killer" was played at all or many of the shows, and no one even peeped about it. Is it possible that it was only after the LA riots, during which all the white folks America were forced to

wake up to the pain, suffering, and anger of others, that this song became so explosive?

Interesting Tid-Bits: Vanessa Williams will be recording a new theme song for 90210 (Beverly Hills, that is)... Whitney Houston will star with Kevin Costner in a movie with a working title of "The Bodyguard"... Madonna will star with Willem Defoe in "Body of Evidence", tentatively rated NC-17 due to a "steamy" sex scene involving hot wax and nipples... Iggy Pop, Aerosmith, and Cyndi Lauper are all in the studio (though not necessarily the same one) working on

new material....

Right Next Door. We really want to feature local bands, both around Columbia and in the City. Anyone with information on demos, club appearances, etc., can contact us at the Bulletin. In weeks to come, watch this space for reviews, club dates and interviews. This week-end, we suggest you check out the 2 **Skippy J's** who are playing at the Knitting Factory, Fri, 16 Oct.

This Week's Good Stuff: After sifting through all the music we got this summer we found some that stood out from the rest.

The Frames—Another Love Song: This Dublin rock band is fronted by guitarist Glen Hansard, who played Outspar Foster in "The Commitments." Their sound comes from an interesting mix of influences ranging from The

Waterboys and The Pixies to AC/DC.

Tom Waits—Bone Machine: Waits accurately describes his new songs as "movies for the ears." The lyrics serve as the plot and the music adds scenery and atmosphere. The percussion is both primitive and swamp-like, largely due to the sounds emitted by Waits' newly created instrument the "conundrum."

Ponderage (Things To Ponder): Did Tori Amos really know the lyrics to "Smells

like Teen Spint" or did she just mimic Kurt Cobain's guttural noises...?

This concludes our first effort. We are still trying to come up with a name for our column and any suggestions will be greatly appreciated, though not necessarily used.

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Tom Waits

Women Voters Must Be Aware of Health Issues

Often, as young voters we cannot be sure as to how our lives will change depending on which politician is elected. How will the issues that factor into our day to day welfare be altered? This year leading candidates are targeting the economy and foreign affairs as the key concerns for this election. Yet for us as women, often it is important to examine the candidates carefully on other issues as well, for as a slighted minority in society many other factors will be of prime importance if our needs are to be addressed in the next four years. In honor of Women's Health month I began looking into how women's health concerns were addressed by the election. Intending for this to be only one point in my article I soon found myself engrossed in some of the most frightening statistics I had ever seen. While I knew there were health needs women had that were being overlooked by our government I had no idea to what extent I was right. What I have learned from writing this article has left me genuinely afraid, not only for myself and my female friends, but for our mothers, who will be the ones affected by our nation's neglect the soonest.

As women we would be wise to take note of each candidate's vision for health care. Not only has this been an area of great cut backs during the recession, but insurance premiums continue to rise at an alarming rate. Yet why is this issue of special interest to women? Women require 30% more medical care on average than men (this is due to mammograms and pre-natal care). Furthermore, as we examine the various areas of neglect in women's health care we will see that our current health care system is acutely symptomatic of our society's tendency to approach women as second class citizens. For example, a married woman has twice the chance of receiving health insurance compared to a single woman. Furthermore, over 70% of working single mothers receive no health care for their children. And while our nation sets the pace in research and technology for pre-natal care, our infant mortality rate is the second highest of all industrialized nations in the world. How ironic that the nation so concerned with saving babies lives before they are born, forgets them so quickly once being a friend requires time and money. These poor babies are left helpless and friendless. Clearly we are a champion of the destitute only when it requires a little lip service.

Many insurance companies fail to provide for the elderly woman's needs. For example, while Medicaid pays almost half of the medical bills for men over 65, it covers only one third of a woman's bills in the same age group. Mammograms are another key area which suffer from poor funding. While Blue Cross Blue Shield doesn't cover mammograms for women under the age of 50, doctors recommend women begin having mammograms at the age of 40. This means women go without, or pay the high price of \$100 per test. For many women this means that their breast cancer will go undetermined until it reaches fatal proportions.

What accounts for such ignorance on issues of women's health by the American health care community? The basic problem is that our health care systems are modeled around a man's requirements while anything else a woman might need is listed under "extras." For example, coverage is given for the average life span of a man though the average life expectancy of a woman is 2.5 years longer. In fact there are many more tragic women's issues that are altogether ignored by our health-care community. For example while one woman is raped every six minutes, there are only six hundred rape crisis centers in the nation. And though 20% of women in emergency rooms are battered women and battered women running from abusive homes constitute 30% of homeless women on the streets, our doctors fail to address this as a serious need.

Finally, don't overlook the importance to our future health of

funding medical research, even with the best coverage, if we lack the technology to treat our sick women effectively, our efforts are futile. When was the last time you heard ovarian cancer being discussed in the press? Research on ovarian cancer has virtually been ignored, although 70% of women diagnosed with this deadly disease are already in its final stages. And while breast cancer is a popular issue of concern, almost nothing is being done. All major studies on breast cancer have been postponed for the last ten years, and currently less than 2% of the funds allotted by Congress for medical research is devoted to the study of breast cancer. And where are the other 98% of our medical research dollars going to? Certainly they are going to studies on vital health concerns. Yet a frightful amount of these studies use a body of subjects that is all male. One example of this is a major study on whether or not the use of aspirin prevents heart attacks. This was done with 22,000 male subjects and no women (heart attacks are the number one cause of death for women).

Therefore as women voters we need to examine our candidates in the November elections thoroughly to see how they stand on these health care concerns. Does the candidate support a health care reform proposal that covers mammograms, pre-natal and maternal care, pap smears, long term health care for older women, and family planning services? Are they for the Women's Health Equity Act, and the NH bill (this supports allotting 90 million dollars to research on breast, ovarian, and cervical cancer, osteoporosis and contraceptive and infertility research centers, this bill would also establish an Office of Research on Women's Health at the National Institute of Health). In addition, look for a supporter of the Violence Against Women Act. But be prepared, you will be the one to ask the questions, otherwise these issues will be conveniently ignored. Of the two primary presidential candidates, George Bush said he will veto the NIH Revitalization Act. He has no stated position on the Violence Against Women Act. Gov. Bill Clinton supports the Women's Health Research Act and the Reproductive Health Equality Act, and the Violence Against Women Act. Yet even this astute candidate addresses health care as a universal problem, lacking any sensitivity to the woman's unique dilemma. As the principle failing of our current health care systems, Clinton cites "working men and women are forced to pay more while their employers cover less" (Clinton Bill Putting People First). Granted this statement is very true, but it reveals how Clinton sees women's health needs in the current system as parallel to that of any other member of the nuclear family (which has been practically extinct for 40 years). Wake up Clinton!

Of course we cannot overlook abortion. For many of us in college this remains the defining issue as to whether the government is responding to our needs as women or not. While there is no doubt that this remains a crucial concern, we need to show our leaders that our expectations extend far beyond abortion. In fact, confining our concern to the fight for abortion rights is the easiest way for our government to divert our attention from our health care system's gross failure to address many of a woman's most significant needs. This is where our position must change. Abortion must be remembered as the sounding of an ominous alarm, a shocking reminder of how deadened we have become to the health care needs of the average American woman. Of course the right to an abortion by every American woman must be established as an indisputable claim, but this must cease to be our central aim, and become merely a starting point on the road to first class women's health care for all American women.

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