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Springtime Fashion

Registration Process Needs Reform

Once again, program planning is upon us, and many are trying to plan effective programs and fulfill requirements. However, departmental procedures can complicate this process. Although fine tuning is needed in many areas, both the psychology department and the physical education department could heip ease students' frustration by making minor adjustments. The administration should aid in these reforms and reinforce departments' efforts to better accommodate students.

Psychology lab procedure frustrates interested students

Unfortunately, for those who are interested in the inner workings of the human mind, the process for selecting a Psychology lab instead of one in the "hard sciences" is both illogical and annoying.

Preference for labs is given to majors, the only reasonable aspect of the whole process. For a second-semester first-year who has just completed introduction to Psychology (the prerequisite for all labs), it is relatively easy to secure a place in a lab. However, as a sophomore, it is much more difficult. So while most students are completing requirements in order to make room in their schedules for classes within their majors, many who intend to satisfy the lab requirement with Psychology are stuck. Each semester, dozens upon dozens of students are waitlisted—currently 66 students for Fall '98—as they try to find a spot in the lab classes. Since two one-semester Psychology courses are required to complete the lab requirement, completing one semester does not mean that one can fulfill the requirement in the subsequent semester, as with most other sciences like Biology and Physics. Thus, many still have one more semester of lab to complete when they are juniors or seniors.

A sheet available in the Psychology Department detailing the preregistration process admits that "the number of students seeking admission to these courses far exceeds the available places in them," but that "if [students] are persistent and adaptable, [they] will eventually be able to enroll in the courses [they] need." If the department is aware that the demand for lab spots substantially exceeds the number available (and knows it well enough that there is printed literature on the matter), then perhaps they should offer more sections of a lab, or offer more classes per semester that could include a lab. Also, the department suggests that students should arrange their schedules around fulfilling the science requirement instead of concentrating it around their major. The fact that most Psychology labs are offered in a three-hour block in the middle if the day is inconvenient, as a large percentage of undergraduate courses at the University overlap with this time period.

The Psychology department should be expanded so that it can accommodate all interested students, or at the very least, the faculty should be reappropriated so that more sections of lab may be offered. The department should be better prepared to meet the high demand for Psychology labs.

Physical Education registration unnecessarily complicated

The physical education requirement, a Barnard tradition, is something most schools have eliminated. While the health benefits of these courses are indisputable, the registration procedure is so complicated that taking a gym class might augment a student's stress level, rather than her well-being.

Unlike most limited enrollment courses, a student cannot secure a place in a physical education class until the beginning of the semester, when spaces are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. While this process was developed in an effort to best accommodate students' needs, it is understandably frustrating to have to sacrifice an academic course because the only time slot with an open P.E. class is during an academic course.

The physical education registration now takes place a week into the semester to allow students to solidify their schedules during the shopping period and then schedule their gym classes accordingly. Unfortunately, if a student's first or second choice class is full by the time she registers for a gym class, her academic schedule may be thrown into chaos. Pre-registration would eliminate this possibility. Although students may alter their enrollment considerably between program filing and registration, pre-registration would give the department a sense of which courses and time slots are popular, so that they might schedule according to students' needs.

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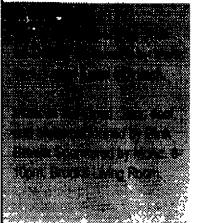
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DELY, MAL 20 Clash of the Classes Kick-Off Scavenger Hunt, Pick up your cameras and clues in the College Activities Office beginning at 10am.

Elle Weisel Lecture 5:30pm, LeFrak Gymnasium Tickets are required and can be DICAGO UD BE BIO CONGOS Activities Office.

Stuart Markus performs songs from his newly released album. ... Sponsored by McAc. 9-11pm. Quad Cale.

HEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 Sophomore Class Dinner. An Alice in Wonderland evening of food and entertainment 6pm, James Room

T-Shirt Painting. 12 noon: Lehman Lawn:

Springlest '98 Bowling Tournament 6-80m, Lower Level McIntosh.

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Take Back the Night March and Speakeur, Born, Meet in front of Sement Hall for March. Speakout foliows March.

Free Food, T-Shirts, and Fun!

This year's Peace Games Festival is approaching. Peace Games is a volunteer organization run through Community Impact. It promotes non-violent conflict resolution in New York City public schools. Students are encouraged to attend the festival and work with elementary school kids in educational activities. Festival volunteers do not have to be full-time Peace Game volunteers. All volunteers will receive free breakfast, lunch, and a t-shirt. There is a mandatory training session on Sunday, April 26 from 6-7pm for those interested. The Festival will be held on Friday. May 1 from 9am to 3pm at the River Bank State Park For more information, contact Amy at x31462 or visit the Peace Games website at www.columbia.edu/cu/peacegames

letters to the EDITOR

To the Editor:

I am a little confused about the purpose of the Unity Dinner I thought, since it was sponsored by the Committee on Race, Religion, Identity, and Ethnicity, that it would be a celebration of the coming together of the many different races, religions, identities, and ethnicities that make up our diverse campus community What I saw was a celebration of the coming together of the African-American staff and the Caucasian administration. Aside from reflecting poorly on the school that the race/class lines were so distinct, this show of camaraderie was very nice I was, however, offended that it was the only element present in a "Unity" dinner sponsored by CORRIE

The fashion show, the food, and the performances were all missed opportunities to showcase the many things different cultures bring to our campus. Why was there nothing celebrating, or even acknowledging, the Asian community here? Why was the only reference to our religious diversity a tiny kosher food section that came late? Why did no one even mention the large number of people on campus who question our views about sexual identities? Why did the one girl who performed an Indian dance look out of place? Am I the only one who finds it ironic that this event was organized by a group that just started a

postering campaign asking. "Is self-segregation a problem on campus?"

We here at Barnard are lucky to be part of an incredibly diverse community, so diverse that a program attempting to celebrate each and every one of our cultures could last for several days and still miss some. I realize that an all-encompassing program cannot be the goal of the Unity Dinner I am sure, though, that CORRIE can do better than what I just saw If not, it should think of a more appropriate name and restate its goal. No one should walk away from a "Unity Dinner" offended.

Kakuti Davis, BC '98

To the Editor

We are writing in response to Kakuti Davis' letter, a copy of which we received at the same time Ms. Davis submitted it to the Bulletin.

The purpose of the Unity Dinner, which took place on Monday, April 6, was and always has been to provide an opportunity to come together as a community across class, racial, ethnic, religious, and sexual identity lines to celebrate the rich diversity here at Barnard By a broadcast message prior to the dinner, President Judith Shapiro personally invited the entire University community to join in this celebration. And for those people who responded to the invitation by - page 20 1998-99 Financial Aid Applications are available in the Office of Financial Aid and are due Monday, April 20! Whether or not you've applied before, if you feel your family needs assistance paying for College, please pick up an application immediately in room 14 Milbank Hall.

Pre-law students: There will be an important meeting for all students planning to apply to law school next year (for entry in Sept. 1999) Thurs, April 16, 5-7pm, in the Sulzberger North Tower. At this meeting, Dean Kuan Tsu will explain the process of applying to law school. If you cannot attend, see Ms. Abdoo in the Dean of Studies Office sometime after the meeting to pick up the materials distributed.

Thinking of law school? Take note that a new course in the Philosophy of Law (PHI V3780) will be offered in the fall, MW 11-12.15 This course will look at the intersection of law and philosophy by focusing on the legal and philosophical arguments surrounding two social/political phenomena: (1) racial segregation and desegregation in this country, and (2) state punishment, in the U.S. and elsewhere, historically and at present. The aim will be to uncover the ways that law and philosophy work together (or apart) in justifying, explaining, and critiquing the practices and institutions that constitute, respectively, segregation and punishment. Readings will include primary legal and philosophical texts, as well as some history, a work of fiction, legal scholarship, and other commentary

All students going on study leave: The study leave form, which is available in the Dean of Studies office, should be completed by April 15. If you have not heard from your program yet, you may turn in the form later, but do so as soon as possible.

Students going on art leave abroad are invited departure meeting Thurs. Aug. 23. Sec. 10. the Ella Weed Room. If you are made to



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attend, meet with Dean Szell before the end of the semester.

V3352, Literature and Culture of Spain: Enlightenment.

Traveling abroad this summer or fall? If you'll need immunization atrols, go to Health Services now The vaccination process takes several weeks.

All students enrolling in Fall '98: Check the Registrar's bulletin board and the Columbia web page for the latest information on fail; classes including corrections and additions to the Early Directory of Classes.

Remaining program planning meetings for majors and prospective majors: Classics & Ancient Studies, Wed., April 15, 12 15pm, 214 Milbank; Dance, Fri, April 17, 1pm, Barnard Annex Gallery, Pan African Studies-Make appointment to see Professor Edmonds, 318 Milbank, now-April 20; Statistics, Wed., April 15, 11am, 601 Mathematics.

Contact departments you are interested in which have not been the to make an individual appointment

Are you enrolling in Spanish classes this fall? Please take note of the following changes in course numbers and titles: SPA BC3121, Literature of Latin America from the Office

interested in a career in psychology? Come to a panel on careers in Psychology, Tues., April 21, 7pm, in Sulzberger North Tower.

Seniors intending to take Barnard classes this fall: If you have not received the Limited Enrollment List and the Early Directory of -Classes, please see Dean Schneider, 105 Milbank.

Campus Week of Dialogue on Race: As part of President Clinton's National Initiative on Race, CORRIE has organized several events, culminating lodgy, Wednesday, April 15:

A "Alm showing and follow-up discussion of Indivisible (about African-Americans at Barnard) 6 pm, in Sulzberger South Tower

A Town Meeting to discuss the complex issues of race and ethnicity in our society, 8pm Lower Level McIntosh.

Seniors If you have not filed a cap and gown order form, do so immediately in the Office of College Activities. Additional forms are available in the Dean of Studies CORRIE, the Committee on Race, Religion, Instruction, and Education, and HEOP, the Higher Education Opportunity Program, co-sponsored the April 6 Unity Dinner. The event featured ethnic food and a talent

show which included a fashion show, dancing, and karaoke. Students, faculty, administrators, and staff from a variety of backgrounds enjoyed the evening together. According to Dean Christina Kuan Tsu, Co-Convenor of CORRIE, the Unity Dinner was "a celebration of the diversity represented in the Barnard community...the spirit that was present was wonderful." Kuan Tsu expected the turnout to include a "wide cross-section of the Barnard community...I was very happy with how things went. Under the circumstances, it was very well done."



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A member of the bowling physical education class perfects her game



Martha Stewart, BC '63, gave a lecture entitled "Branding, how to build a business" to 300 Executive MBA students and 60 Gourmet Club members on Friday, April 3 in the Altschul Auditorium. Stewart is Chairwoman and CEO of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia.



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Weekend Encourages Minority Enrollment

by Jessica Ullian and Stacy Cowley

Barnard College's Welcome Weekend, which will take place April 17-19, is one of the less publicized but more important aspects of the admissions process Scheduled in conjunction with the Open House for the general applicant pool and the Asian/Asian-American Pre-Orientation weekend, the Welcome Weekend is designed to increase enrollment among accepted African-American, Latina, and Native American prospective students This year, as the program nears its second decade, students and administrators alike are enthused about Welcome Weekend's past successes and optimistic about the future

Welcome Weekend evolved because "Barnard did not have the number of African-American and Latina students that one would expect" in the past, said First-Year Class Dean Ellen Kreger, Kreger, who has been involved with the Welcome Weekend program since she came to Barnard two years ago, said that approximately 30 out of the 50 people who attended last year's program subsequently enrolled in the College "I really think that what draws students to the college is the personal touch," she says, emphasizing the importance of prospective students' interactions with Barnard students and faculty. This aspect of the program will be expanded this year to target students who cannot attend Welcome Weekend They will receive handwritten postcards from students, encouraging them to call or write with any questions or concerns.

All students who identify themselves as Latina, African-American, or Native American on their applications are invited to the weekend, and their transportation expenses are paid for by the College. The weekend begins on Saturday morning and consists of discus-

sions about life at Barnard and cultural tours of New York City. It concludes with an alumnae brunch on Sunday morning that Dean Kreger calls "the highlight of the weekendthe brunch really seals it in the students' minds." At the brunch, alumnae discuss their lives and careers, which Kreger describes as "Barnard on parade It's just a litany of successful women who have the most interesting lives you can imagine." After the brunch, Welcome Weekend attendees join with students arriving for the general open house held on Sunday and Monday

"Most [Welcome Weekend attendees] are leaning our way, but they need that one additional experience to confirm it for them They want to know what the experience is like, not only to be a student of color here, but also to be a student," said Dean of Admissions Doris Davis Barnard's applicant

pool and admissions statistics traditionally comprise an extremely diverse group of students, 35 percent of Barnard's current student body self-identifies as Asian-American, African-American, Latina, or Native American

While administrators focus on increasing the number of accepted African American, Latina and Native American students, Davis emphasized that race itself is not a defining factor in admissions. "The most important factor in admissions is that applicants can do the work here at Barnard," she said. "That's the common denominator. As it turns out, most applicants can Then we look for something extra that you can bring to the college community. It could be athletic, or musical, or that you grew up in Montana. Your parents might not be English speakers For some, [being] Black or Latina has enriched their lives in a certain way."

While acknowledging that Welcome Weekend, while successful, "hasn't gotten to where we'd hoped," Dean of the College Dorothy Denberg says that overall, the applicant pool has increased by "a healthy margin." Last year, Barnard received a record 3,554 applications, a 102 7 percent increase since 1991. As a result, the admissions rate decreased to 40 percent and 573 students enrolled While 36 percent of this group identified themselves as minorities, this was a decline from 1996, when minority students comprised 39 percent of the first-year class

"We look for something extra that they [the applicants] can bring to the college community. For some, [being] Black or Latina has enriched their lives in a certain way."

-Doris Davis, Dean of Admissions

The drop in minority enrollment accounts for Denberg's admitted disappointment with the yield of minority students and the lengths to which the Welcome Weekend planners are going to change the demographics

In spite of these minor setbacks, Welcome Weekend continues to play a pivotal role in the admissions and recruitment process. The response from many prospective students has been overwhelmingly positive, and some cite Welcome Weekend as the determining factor in a difficult decision. Katrina Rawlins, BC '99, who participated in Welcome Weekend as a prospective, says "Everybody was friendly it made me decide definitely to come to Barnard "

Jessica Ullian is a Barnard junior and the Bulletin Commentary Editor. Stacy Cowley is a Barnard sophomore and the Bulletin Web Manager.

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51 Greene Street
Brighten the Corners: Five Artists from
Los Angeles
Through May 2
A teste of home for Californians

Feigen Contemporary Gallery 535 West 20 Street

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Through April 25

A crazy installation featuring works of physical art and videos which question pacifism, terrorism, and everything in between

Leubadorf Gallery
Hunter College
Lexington and 68 Street
Puerto Rican Equation
Through May 9
Featuring twelve Puerto Rican artists
Including Pepon Ospilo

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The Envelope Please. 30 Years of Foreign Film and the Academy Areads Through May 19 Symphony Space Broadway at 95 Street, 364-5400

World's Favorite New Playwright Drinks in the West End

by Jen Berman

The most celebrated new playwright in the world goes drinking in the West End. That would be **Martin McDonagh**, author of *The Beauty Queen of Leenane* which just finished a limited run off-Broadway and *The Cnpple of Inishmaan* which just opened, drinking in London's West End theatre district.

Already infamous for his unsympathetic characters and dark comedy, McDonagh has been on the scene for barely a year. Although he is of Irish heritage, he has lived his entire life in London—leaving many wondering how his dialogue resounds so strongly of Ireland McDonagh replies that he hears voices in his head, specifically those of his Irish uncles

At just 27 years old, he has already garnered cutical acclaim and picked a fist fight with Sean Connery, both in the same evening. At the 1996 Critics Circle Theatre Award ceremony where he was presented the prize for "Most Promising Playwright," the intoxicated McDonagh exchanged four-letter words and knuckles with the aging actor. But most of his spare time is much less glamorous he still shares a small house with his brother in out-of-the-way south London and his favorite activity is watching countless hours of television. Still, he is not doing badly for someone who dropped out of high school at 16.

He makes no secret of the fact that the stage is not his preferred mode of expression. In the January 25 issue of the New York Times Magazine, he commented, "I like films better than theatre." Paramount producer Scott Rudin (who also worked on The First Wives' Club) has indulged him and is currently

mulling over a script he commissioned from McDonagh. The seemingly arrogant ingenue boasts that he has actually seen very little theatre, but is something of a fan of David Mamet, who made a foray into film recently when he reworked his piece

American Buffalo for the screen version which starred Dennis Franz and Al Pacino. His favorite films run on the more violent side, including Taxi Driver and Reservoir Dogs



The Beauty Queen of Leenane, which just finished a run at the Atlantic Theater, is one piece of the Connemara trilogy which also includes A Skull in Connemara and Lonesome West. Beauty Queen is the story of a spiteful mother, Mag, who cages in her daughter Maureen, already in her early forties and unmarried, when she has a chance for love. The piece was well-received by New York audiences, and the same is expected of The Cripple of Inishmaan, which opened April 7 at the Joseph Papp Public Theater. This work is the first of his Aran Islands trilogy, the second two plays of which are as of yet unfinished. It tells the story of Cripple Billy, who, in 1934, tries to impress a village girl full of sass by auditioning for a film.

McDonagh will probably last if he continues to live up to all the hype. He has a collection of yet-unproduced plays and turns new ones out rather quickly; he wrote Beauty Queen in just a bit longer than a week. If you want to see for yourself, call 239-6200 to check out Cnpple.

Jen Berman is a Barnard sophomore and the Bulletin Arts Editor.

Senior Spotlight on Eleanor Lipat

by Mita Mallick

From auditioning on Broadway to playing in a dance opera beside a castle tower over-looking the Adriatic Sea in Dubrovnik, Croatia,

Performance

Eleanor Lipat's experiences show she is one of the amazing and inspirational women of the Class of '98. Lipat is a member of Kinding Shaw, a dance troupe whose primary mission is to promote the cultures of the indigenous populations of the southern

Philippines, and has performed at the United Nations and Lincoln Center Through La

Mama, the Yara Arts Group, she has also performed in the beautiful area of Buryatia, Siberia, all of which she has accomplished prior to graduating from Barnard.

Lipat, a music major with a focus on ethnomusicology and a minor in anthropology, performed a voice recital on Friday, April 3. While the crowd was filled with the expected

A Voice Recital by Eleanor Lipat

The program for Lipat's performance

friends, family members, and distant relatives, Lipat was surprised by some of the general public who was there to support her. "One woman from my hometown came to watch me perform when she heard I was having a voice recital," says Lipat.

Guest artists included members of the Kinding Shaw, as well as a number of Buryat Artists. Performances included folk songs from Ukraine, the Philippines, Buryatia, and classical-influenced folk songs in Spanish and Greek Lipat's own performances included folk songs from the Philippines, such as a "Kulintang Solo," a Maranao traditional piece; and "Ding Ding A Di Awa," the Kapa Malong Malong Dance "Listen the sound of the gong, Come to the meeting in the turugan, Hear the message of the datuî" are just a few excerpts of the English translation of "Ding Ding A Di Awa"

For voice majors at Barnard, the minimum requirement is a voice recital performed in at least two foreign languages "Students are free to take the voice recital in whatever direction they wish," comments Lipat Most music students begin work toward their thesis recital at the time they declare their major. The bulk of Lipat's work took a full semester, during which she mastered

weekly voice lessons, and tried to coordinate the performances of the 12 to 14 professional, independent performers who would be involved in her recital.

Lipat's interest in ethnomu- page 10

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Men With Gues
Village East
2nd Avenue at 12 Street, 529-8799
This film was featured at the recent
Independent Film Spirit Awards

*William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet Angelika Houston at Mercer, 995-2000 The Claire Danes and Legnardo DiCaprio version is back

*Aphrodife's Dungeon
LOUKING Glass
422 West 57 Street, 307-9467
Greek gods on television

*Quidam Battery Park City ... Blue and Yellow Big Top, 1-800-678-4550 A lineatrical circus by Cirque de Soleil

•Road to Nilvaria Fraine Theater 85 East 4 Street, 340-1094 A salire of Hullywood in the 1980s

Hedda Gabler
Expanded Arts
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A new version of the lbsen play

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50 West 13 Street, 675-9677
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When running through Penn Station (sprinting toward the calls for "all

aboard Track 3 for the North Jersey coastline," for example), the last thing one thinks to do is to observe and admire artwork Yet, within this bustling, noisy structure where time is everything, there is art to be found

displayed places where masses of people can view them, but where only a few will take the trouble to lift their eves during rush hour to look for them.

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never stop to look. This is the irony of

Affinities mixes very recent pieces with some of Plachy's older photographs.

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Seasoned contemporary photography viewers will recognize her image of three sidewalk Santas descending stairs to the subway platform and an old couple seated in the backseat of a cab. Bubbles drift in front of their faces, but it is difficult to discern the source. The affinities seem to exist between the figures in the picture. These are scenes we might see in New York City, but there is an eccentricity about them.

The Lightbox Project, sponsored

by the MTA and Columbia University School of the Arts, is currently showcasing a series of photographs by Sylvia Plachy The group of works, Affinities, are currently displayed on the concourse for the LIRR. They are large pictures, but placed high on the same level as the sign where track numbers pop up. One could easily miss them.

Plachy is a New York artist who has held the position of staff photographer

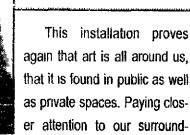
women@art.nyc

by stephanie shostakow

at the Village Voice since 1977 As a photojournalist, she has produced works for a number of publications including The

New York Times Magazine, Newsweek, and Grand Street.

At first it may seem an unlikely exhibition space, one not conducive to viewing Thousands of commuters who pass through the concourse every day can



ings, we notice things we never knew were there. Yet works like Plachy's photographs cause us to stop and think in the midst of chaos-these "affinities" that moved her can do the same for those who take the time to look.

 LIPAT from page 9 sicology stems from class she took her first year at Barnard with professor who worked in the field. "It was Pro fessor Francesca Rebollo-Sborgi who intre duced me to different music cultures," say-Lipat. "Through the music I learned about the people and land, I developed a connection the culture -- it was an exhilarating feeling."

Gail Archer, chair of Barnard's Musi-Department, and Lipat's Barnard voice instruc tor, Jane McMahan, have been two key figures in Lipat's academic career. "I have had a lotsupport in all that I have pursued," says Lipat However, Lipat says "overall, the Music Department is not satisfactory. It lacks many resources and it is a known fact that all the classes are at Columbia."

After graduation, Lipat will spend a year coordinating programs for the World Music Institute in New York City. In Fall '99, she w enroll in the Masters Program of ethnomusi cology at UCLA "I feel well prepared," says Lipat regarding her Barnard education "The greatest role Barnard has played for me is fos tering independence by exposing its students to so many talented women all the time " She adds confidently, "I have no regrets"

Mita Mallick is a Barnard sophomore and the Bulletin office manager

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Monday 4/20

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Shutes and Trees Produce with Bite

by Anna Goldfarb

There are two record labels everyone must know about. Shute Records and Tree

Records are two labels that contribute to the underground music scene by releasing some of the most innovative music around Shute Records is run out of Maryland and Tree Records is chopping things down in Chicago

Both have some releases lined up for the spring season.

John Davis is the mastermind behind Shute Records. Going to school, running his

own record label, starring in the band The Elusive, and coordinating own zine, Held Like Sound, it is unbelievable that he has even found the time to breathe.

Let's start with Jenhitt Tamara Black's vocals lead the band and are refreshing in a very

heartfelt way. The only way that I can think to describe the band's sound is coo-rock. Listening to this record, it sounds as though Black is sitting next to you, whispering in your ear, with tight guitars blaring in the next room. The best song on the album is "U Gotta Try a Little Harder 4 Luv." Not only is the title Prince and the Revolution worthy, but she invokes the name of my home city: "You can have my bad

moods/ Because I'll never Chicago like you promised me " I may have no idea what this means but the way Black insists it, this line sounds gorgeous Also, the band explores the quiet/ loud dynamic quite well.

The Elusive is Davis' band Sometimes Sounds Collapse, a collection of six songs in 24 minutes, is the band's recording debut There is some history to this band, as they are formed from the ashes of Corm. The Elusive has a much more straight forward rocking sound than Corm The layout of the CD jacket is streamlined with vivid lines that are highly appealing to the eye. The lyrics are vague and deal with nebulous Jesus references (in "Pin

> Me Up Against the Sky" and "Cape Town") and drown-("Atop ıng. The Anchor") scratchy, visceral vocals are reminiscent of Piebald, and maybe even Kerosene 454 It sounds as though the singer must jump around a lot stage

scream the words out, disregarding the placement of the microphone. Maybe it's not for the audience, maybe it's for him.

Tree Records is run by Ken Shipley, the innovator of the post-marked stamps record series that is, according to the catalog, a "seven-inch compilation series dedicated to long distance lovers " A brilliant idea, the limited release features some of ► next page



the most exciting bands around, including Braid, The Get Up Kids, Ida, The Deadwood Divine, and Giants Chair. Tree's latest releases are Cerberus Shoal's Farewell to Hightide and Ethyl Meserve's The Milton Abandonment.

when we often employed ethyl alcohol, a slippery, clear liquid. The band wins the right to the name, easily slipping into the ear. The songs are sweet-sounding, with cellos and clarinets thrown into the mix at pivotal points.

Cerberus Shoal —an odd name.

The packaging is quite exquisite, featuring tight indexesque cards with lyrics and other relevant information. Something like a small army is involved with this

project. Nine people

The back-up vocals lend a stronger sound that gives the album a sense of fullness and completion The lyrics on the first few songs are more like poetry, with fragments thoughts suspended without context The real kicker is

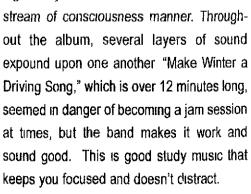
played instruments on this album. There is one caveat—the numbers on the cards do not correlate with the numbers of the tracks on the CD Besides the basics of guitar, bass,

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the song "Ina," a dissection of the relationship between a boy and his absentee father. The singer recounts a few incidents of strained communication with his dad. The

and drums, the band employs an organ, congas, an accordion, a phone, violin, trumpet, and flute. What results is a relaxing arrangement of music "Falling to Pieces Part Two" features the vocalist breathlessly speaking the lyrics in a

lyrics are not sung so much as spoken This is obviously a personal topic for the singer, and I felt slightly embarrassed listening to his private story of how his father died without his really knowing him. The song "East Coker" deals



with the confusion of returning home to find how it has changed. Overall, this is a quality record that is not easily forgotten.

And finally, there is Ethyl Meserve The name reminds me of eighth grade chemistry, Shute Records can be reached at P.O. Box 2291 Kennsington, MD 20891 and Tree Records can be reached at P.O. Box 578528 Chicago, IL 60657

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Holly Hofmann @ Birdland.
Sphere @ Village Vanguard
Les McCann Sextet @ Iridium

Thursday 4/16

Mehr Ali & Sher Ali @ Asia Society
The Makropulos Case @ Met. Opera
Holly Holmann @ Birdland
Les McCann Sextet @ Indium

Friday 4/17

The Makropulos Case @ Met, Opera
John Renbourn & Robin Williamson @
Symphony Space
Holly Hofmann @ Birdland
Lee McCann Sextet @ Indium

Saturday 4/18

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The Makropulos Case @ Met. Opera
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Monday 4/20

The Last Word @ The Knitting Factory
Toshiko Akiyoshi Jazz Orchestra @
Birdland

Tuesday 4/21

Duke Ellington Orchestre @ Birdland Leon Perker Quartel @ Vanguard Vanguard Kevin Mahogany @ Indium

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The first time I saw Blur on television, as a wee junior high tyke, an irreversible impression was formed. I remember thinking, "Who are these beautiful British boys and where have they been hiding?" Admittedly, they had not entered their musical prime, yet something about Graham Coxon's guitar and Damon Albarn's demeanor converted me immediately.

Back at school, I couldn't find any other likely adherents to my new faith. Living an area in the grips of either country-western or Top 40, I got hell for my preference of such unknowns. The number of times I heard, "Blur? Who's that?" would astound. Instead of giving

my slightly different taste a chance, i was relegated to the "bad musical taste" shelf.

Out of sympathy, I have continually sought out other members of that awful shelf of music. "What could

better represent disenfranchisement?" I thought as I attended an Ice Cube concert. I joined in on all of the audience call outs, shaking my funky thang as the music dictated. Honestly, I think that it was the most thoroughly enjoyable concert I have ever attended. Still, I found myself perturbed by the content of the lyrics. How many times could I, as a woman, be called a bitch before taking offense?

Furthermore, I was painfully aware that I was obviously the one white girl from the suburbs in the crowd. Something just made me feel out of place. My expectations still undiminished, I continued my search. I went to a nearby coffee house that was featuring a night of folk music. Here, certainly, I would find others that understood and accepted me. After a thoughtful evening filled with acoustic guitars and meaningful words, I returned home somewhat per-

> plexed. Except for the insatiable urge to eat granola and don Birkenstocks, the evening failed to inspire anything in me. Everything everyone sang was beautiful and complex, but I simply felt no connection to the music.

Determined regardless, I

made my final trek in search of sympathetic souls. The local community center called out my name in the form of a bill of three punk bands in one night. Finally, I would find an energy level that matched mine, while causing no

offense. To make a long story short, left the community center with bruise arms, ringing ears and a despair regarding the hopes of ever finding anything that I felt good about beside: my particular brand of "bad" music.

But I fought back. Instead of hiding my "bad" music, I revel in it. I love to listen to Blur, however much others may detest them. While I'm at it, I love Pulz and Lush and Suede and The Smiths to name just a few. There is no reason to be ashamed. In fact, I'm proud of my taste-I find it completely worthy of the "good musical taste" shelf. Still, I grimace when someone asks what kind o music I listen to. I fear placing myself in a little box, of indicating my preference for that kind of music instead of this kind of music. I suppose that it's jus easier to separate things into cate gories, country or classical, rap or rock good or bad. It is a million times harder to accept others' choices for just wha they are: a personal taste, like choosing vanilla over chocolate ice cream. It's like each person's ear is tuned to a different frequency that determines what brand of music he or she listens to. There are no absolutes, no definite "goods" or "bads," only preferences SO THERE!

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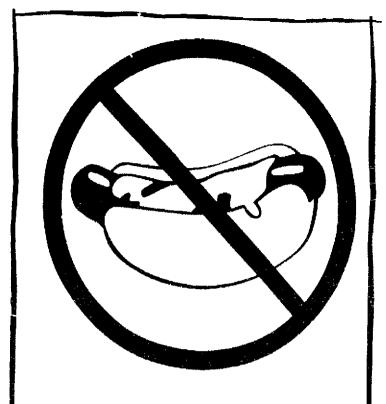
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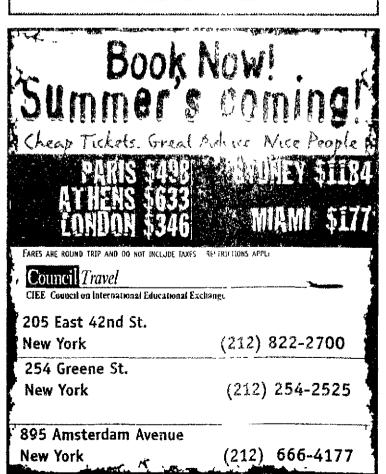
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by Jessica Ullian

I will be the first to admit that I have absolutely nothing to complain about.

While most people are frantically searching for a summer job in the midst of exams and housing crises, I

am secure in the knowledge that I have had an internship lined up since mid-March. This isn't the average, unpaid, bulk-up-the-resume internship either. I will be working at a well-known public relations firm and the position is paid. I will have enough money to cover my expenses and even have some fun in the city. It seems like a miracle compared to last summer, when I worked three jobs in addition to my unpaid internship and still barely made it. At the time, all my friends with prestigious, high-paying jobs attempted to comfort me by saying that working very hard for little money leads to better jobs later. Although the logic of that philosophy is questionable, it appears that they were right. By all rights, I should be on top of the world.

However, for some reason I feel apprehensive. I'm thrilled at the prospect of actually making money. I know that this internship will be invaluable in helping me find work after graduation. This firm might even offer me a real job someday. But despite all this, I feel as if I've betrayed myself. The money and the career-building potential is a bonus, certainly, but the simple fact is, this is not what I want to do I never even thought about public relations until a family friend mentioned this opportunity to me. Ultimately, I have sold out, choosing security over substance.

I know that this should not be such an issue for me—after all, I have watched friends and classmates go this route by the dozens. But it has always been a source of personal pride for me that I have resisted the temptation to go pre-med, pre-law, or pre-business, intern at Smith Barney or Merrill Lynch, and pursue a lucrative career as an investment banker. I'm concerned about my future, but not sufficiently so to sacrifice my own happiness, and while I know that these career options are perfect for some people, none of them is right for me. So I am a Comparative Literature major and my summers are divided between Starbucks and LIFEbeat, an organization that works with the music industry to fight AIDS. My work, academic and extracurricular, has been both fulfilling and fun—and how many interns at financial corporations can say that?

Recently, though, I have begun to envy the security that the pre-

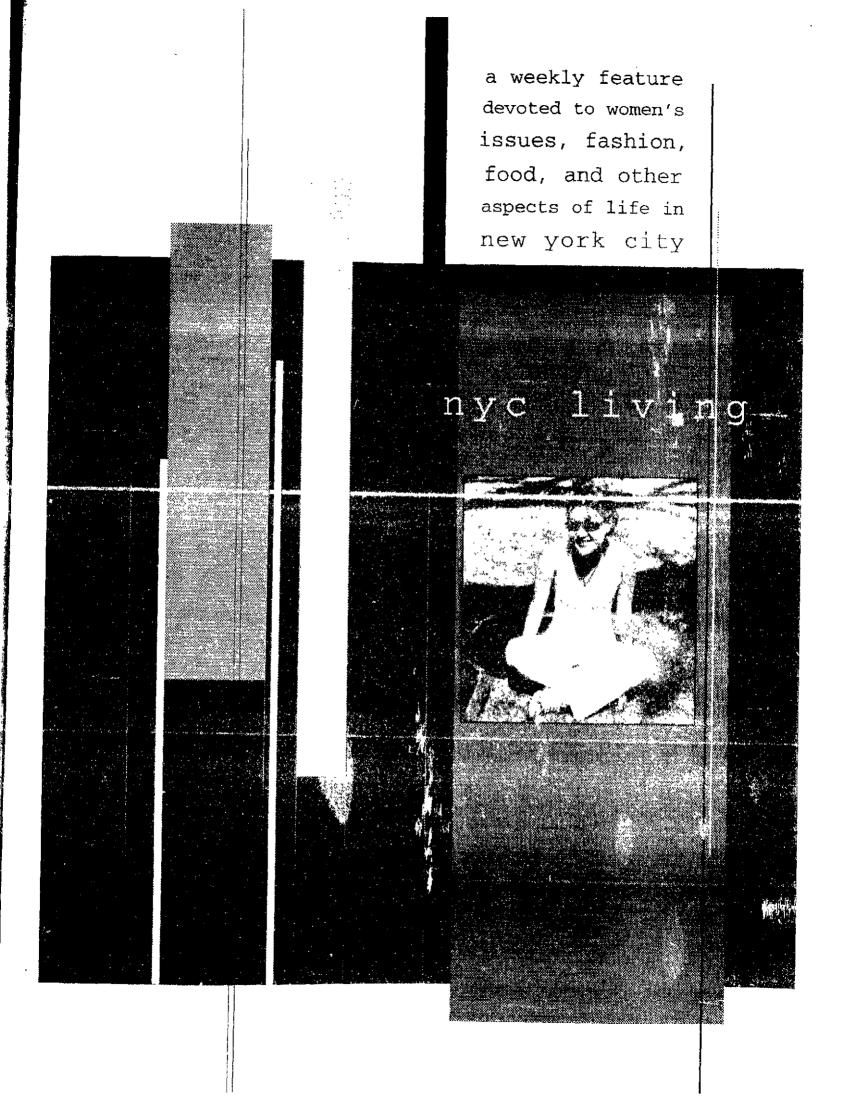
meds and pre-laws (in my eyes, at least) possess. They will graduate with degrees that will help propel them towards their ultimate goals, while I will attempt to convince potential employers that every company needs a resident expert on Latin American authors. I want to live out my own dreams, but I also want stability. I want a decent place to live, a secure job, and eventually a family. I want to be able to give my children the opportunities that my parents have given me. In these respects, I am just like many of my classmates, but I can't help feeling that everybody else has a head start. I envision a 10-year reunion at which all my friends have retired early, while I still struggle to find a practical application for experience in Comparative Literature and double cappuccinos

The idea of having to choose between money and happiness is only a myth, but there is a choice to make nonetheless. At age 20, I truly have no idea what path my life will take—and at age 20, that should be acceptable. There is one thing I do know someday I will want a family. The question is whether or not I have to think about that now. Can I feel good about finding a low-paying but fascinating job after I graduate, when I know that eventually I will next more money? Can I afford to spend another summer working at LIFEbeat, when I know that other people my age are already preparing for their lifelong (or so they think) careers? Why on earth didn't I major in something more practical?

These thoughts have plagued me for the past year In that time, I've often assured myself that there is no need to worry. Do what you want to do was my mantra for awhile. Then I changed it to Nobody, not even the pre-meds, really knows his or her future, then Many people change careers over their lifetimes, and finally I am just an undergrad and my major doesn't matter, what really counts is graduate study. Eventually I accepted that all this wisdom was the fruth, and realized that the people taking Organic Chemistry and Accounting and Finance needed the stress more than I did. My lack of interest in medicine, business and law does not mean that I am doomed to a life of inediocrity and poverty.

Why then, did I accept the public relations internship for the summer? I suspect that the money played a very significant role. Plus, I could never pass up the opportunity to play at being career-minded and responsible. I admit to selling out, but I need to have the same philosophy towards this that I had towards my other jobs. I'm only 20, and I have plenty of time to make decisions about my life. I will have a variety of career options, some fun, some secure, and maybe even a few will be both. I should banish my qualms about being responsible and respectable this summer—after all, I have the rest of my life to be happy and broke.

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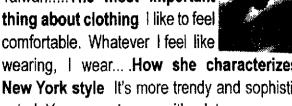
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Philosophy I don't think you should pay a lot of money for clothes. ... Most she'd spend \$50-which isn't entirely true. You have to really, really like it to spend more.....Where she got her

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How she decided to wear today It was the

only thing that was relatively clean. I slept in this spirt and just threw on whatever.....Her favorite piece of clothing I have these pants. I wear them all the time. They're light gray polyester.....About her jacket This is my mom's, from Chinatown, San Francisco, 1974.



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Well-Woman Discusses Sexual Happiness

And oftentimes he gets frustrated because I don't let him 'go down on me." I will often 'jack him off but he is upset that I won't let him reciprocate. He tells me that it really truly makes him feel badly about himself if he can't have me orgasm! But the truth is that if I let him do that, it would make me feel uncomfortable. What should I do? Make him happy? Or make myself happy? P.S. Can a girl orgasm without a finger or actual penetration?

Your question is difficult, and one that you must answer for yourself. We can, however, suggest some things for you to think about in order to better assess your situation and figure out your answer.

You said you feet uncomfortable when your partner suggests "going down" on you and then use it in context with "jacking him off." Whether you mean oral stimulation (cunnlingus) or manual stimulation (fingering), it seems that the main issue is your level of intimate and physical comfort with your partner.

What about his "going down" on you makes you feel uncomfortable? Is the idea of orgasm shameful to you? Do you feel pressured to have an orgasm? Are you unsure of whether your vagina is "normal" or uncertain of its odor or appearance?

If any of these concerns are applicable to your dilemma, consider the following.

If you feel pressured to let your partner do anything you are uncomfortable with, then perhaps you should communicate what you do and do not feel comfortable doing and why, it is always a good bet to do whatever makes you feel comfortable and not cross any personal boundaries about which you might be confused or wary. If the idea of orgasm is shameful to you or if you feel prescured, it is important to explain this to your partner and remember that every healthy sexual relationship does not have to include orgasm. Orgasms can be difficult to achieve and may require practice and perhaps masturbation. Finally, concerns about the odor or appearance of your vagina can be reduced if you become comfortable with your vagina

(you may even want to put a mirror in front of your genitalia to better acquaint yourself with your own vagina).

The second part of your question deals with whose happiness is most important. We advise you to always consider your happiness first because you alone control your body. If you are happy, and you have fully communicated your concerns and issues to your partner, including the issues that we have discussed above, it should follow that your partner would be happy with your decisions. If you maintain open lines of communication with your partner, he will have no reason to feel badly, because he will understand your perspective

PS Although it is possible for a woman to achieve orgasm through penetration, it is not necessary. Many women achieve orgasm from stimulation of their clitoris, which is the area of the genitalia with the highest concentration of nerve endings. For more information about female orgasm, talk to a health practitioner at Barnard Health Services or contact Well-Woman at x43063.

"Well-Woman" is a weekly feature run in the Bulletin. The responses, written by the Well-Women Peer Educators, answer questions from members of the Barnard community. Questions may be submitted to the Well-Woman Office, 135 Hewitt.

LETTERS from page 4 coming to this dinner, it was indeed such a celebration of the diverse cultures on our campus. There were faculty members, as well as Latino and Asian American students, staff, and administrators present—perhaps not in as large numbers as their African American counterparts, but they were certainly represented in the audience and among the acts in the talent show.

The Unity Dinner is only one of the many events the Committee on Race, Religion, Identity and Ethnicity (CORRIE) sponsors throughout the year. CORRIE is a tripartite committee of students, administrators and

faculty committed to working together to build awareness of issues relating to race, religion, sexual identity and ethnicity in order to enhance a multicultural educational experience. Throughout its 10-year history, it has played a role in establishing the multicultural component of Barnard's general requirements (Distribution Part B), holding faculty lectures each semester on current issues (the two most recent addressed the Ebonics debate and affirmative action, respectively), sponsoring student panels like the one on religion this past fall semester, and co-sponsoring student-organized events.

If Ms. Davis wants to learn more and celebrate our wonderfully diverse cultures, we invite her, as well as the entire Barnard community, to join CORRIE by coming to its meetings and participating in CORRIE-sponsored events. An upcoming event is an open Town Hall Meeting to discuss the complex issues surrounding race in America today at 8 30pm in Lower Level McIntosh. We hope to see all segments of the Barnard Community tonight.

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