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The only way to succeed is to make people hate you.
—Josef von Sternberg

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Nationalism or genocide?

Discussing the origins of the Yugoslavian civil war

Bosnia, a land in the center of Europe, was the center of discussion in Olin on Monday night. About forty American and European students, professors and guests participated in a forum to discover why and how the former Yugoslavia fell into civil war. The forum rapidly shifted focus to establish the repercussions from this event for the rest of the world and an appropriate response to it for the United States. One Hungarian student said afterwards that the forum was "extremely intense, and useful, but frustrating." Passionate remarks and continual interjections about discrepancies characterized the forum. Professor Karen Greenberg, after noting the concern over Bosnia she heard expressed on her recent trip to Eastern Europe, introduced students who reported on the history leading up to the current violence in "a brief review of the tensions." About forty million people inhabit the former Yugoslavia. According to the students' research, there are two predominant nationalities, Serb and Croat, and two predominant religions, Christianity and Islam. Different regions use different scripts, or forms of language. The Yugoslav Federal Republic was once a liberal and prosperous communist nation in Europe. Economic growth has always developed unevenly among regions, however, partly due to the Communist Party's allocation of resources along nationalistic and ethnic lines. The Federal Republic was given financial support by both the Soviet Bloc and the Western-aligned nations, but interest in Central Europe collapsed with the end of the Cold War. According to student Anya Fink, the present economic conditions in the warring regions are disastrous. Soon after the Yugoslav Communist President Marshal Tito died, censorship was lifted. Expressions of diverseness among ethnic groups appeared and mass media organizations began to publish accounts of World War II atrocities that had been committed by various ethnic groups against one another. Student Laurie Curry, who has traveled to Serbia and Eastern Europe, described how this further contributed to the fragmentation. Different regions then voted for different political and economic systems, and several regions declared their independence. When Germany recognized the independence of Slovenia, concerns arose among ethnic minorities within that region about their own civil rights. The largely uneducated and rural people among minority groups in this area became fearful about a return of a Second World War fascist-style government which would deny their rights to conduct schools in their own language and to worship their own religions. Media reports, controlled by violent politicians, enhanced existing tensions by portraying subsequent conflicts with exaggerated biases. Fighting broke out in the region of Kosovo, more than twenty years ago, in a conflict which involved a majority of Albanians uneasy with the split of Yugoslavia into several parts. "It is not one war, but several" being fought, agreed the participants of the discussion. The discussion continued on next page.
Saving the trees

Student protesters halt deforestation at Blithewood

At 4pm Monday afternoon, over thirty Bard students gathered on a wooden slope at the southern corner of Blithewood lawn. They were in protest of the Levy Institute's planned clear-cutting of the area. Jason van Driesche, a student organizer, stated that the students were going to do "whatever it takes to get the College to change its mind."

By 4:30, Vice-President Dimitri Papadimitriou had called the job off. "This is incredible," commented Tracy Feldman, the principal organizer of the protest. "It's just great to see people come out. It has renewed my faith in humanity."

The Levy Institute had planned to cut down the trees in order to improve the view of the Hudson River from the mansion. Through Buildings and Grounds, a contractor was found who could clear the area. According to one timber worker, "If they [Levy] want to see, they're paying the bill."

The students had become aware of the cutting last Friday evening. At 10am Saturday morning, van Driesche and others were at the site and asked the workers to postpone continuing the job until the students had a chance to speak with the administration. They were given until 4pm the following Monday.

During the day, van Driesche spoke with Director of the Physical Plant Dierk Griffis about the clear-cutting. Assuming that he would be unable to halt the cutting, van Driesche asked Griffis if the workers would leave the trees where they fell in order to prevent erosion. Griffis responded that the workers instead would have to reduce the trees to wood chips to keep decomposing trees from interfering with reclarining the area twenty years from now.

Feldman and van Driesche made an announcement during lunch to urge students to come out and protest the cutting. The handful of students gradually swelled to nearly forty as they discussed with the workers why the job was being done and how it could be stopped. "Cutting down all these trees and threatening the environment just to open a view is ridiculous," commented one student. "We don't want to stop the workers, we want to go slower." plummeted van Driesche. The students organized a schedule of watching over the area to see if the work would continue, and stand in the way of the machines if necessary. "No stealing spark-plugs," stated Feldman, as the protesters sought to conduct their efforts against the administration and not the workers.

No sooner had a schedule of students been started, when the lumber workers returned to re-cut Papadimitriou's said, "the job is over. To a round of suspicious applause, the protesters completed their schedule while deciding to speak with the Vice-President himself. The workers promised to blow the already-created chips down the slope in order to act as a mulch to hold the soil in place and reduce erosion.

Fifteen minutes later, a dozen students stood in Papadimitriou's office. "As far as I am concerned, we shall not continue the job until I discuss it with the faculty of the ecology department," stated Papadimitriou. "If they provide a reason for the job not to continue, it will be abandoned."

Papadimitriou reaffirmed that no action will be taken until he hears from Professors William Maple and Jane Wolffson. "It is unreasonable to cut down forests to expand a view," said van Driesche, to which Papadimitriou responded, "If the professionals should echo that sentiment, then it will stop." However, the Vice President expressly said that the students would not be told or if the work would be continued.

By press time Maple and Wolffson could not be reached for comment, but the protesters were confident that the professors would urge Papadimitriou to end the cutting. "This is the best I could hope," van Driesche commented. "I didn't expect them to cancel the job, and this turn of events makes me really, really happy."

Protestor Max Brown described the incident as an example of the "Wile-E. Coyote" phenomena of administrative endeavors at Bard College. "A job like this resembles the job that the administration did for the library and attracting more minority students to Bard," Brown said. "Something always screws up their plans in the end."

Bosnian nationalism continued

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The group included students from the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and the Serbian capital of Belgrade.

The war specifically referred to in American news media reports is the one of Serbian militant annexing authority of the area that is owned by a predominantly Muslim population.

What now?

After debating the events of the war which led up to the current fighting, the participants questioned the need for external intervention.

"I've been trying to remain indifferent to all this insanity," said Arsen Katunac, a student from Belgrade. "But if the Americans start bombing only Serbia, I'll be really upset. I'll go over there to fight myself."

"If you intervene, my kids are going to be fighting," he continued, referring to the future.

"I can't believe it's taken this long (ninety minutes) for the topic of rape to come up," said one student. Some of the other participants angrily dismissed the report of the widespread rape of Bosnian women by Serbian military, believing the use of "strategic rape" to be mostly propaganda.

Griffis allayed the fears that the genocide led to comparisions of this current European nightmare with the Second World War. A visitor, Jan Wiener, opposed to military intervention by the U.S., reminded the assembled that the German Nazi's, who were very adept in the military sciences, had deployed an enormous number of troops in the same territory and had been unable to occupy it.

"Intervention in Bosnia would be like Vietman and Afghanistan caged and squared," he said. "The U.S. has no mission d'etre."

Student Lois Rxeux, also a Czech national but holding an opposite perspective, drew parallels with World War II as well. He reminded participants of the tragic results of non-intervention by the West in the 1930s. Ina "personal play for action, Rxeux said that he can not be trusted in isolation because it is distracting the Eastern European nations from economic integration and because "the West has a responsibility to enforce the spread of democracies in Serbia."" and

Zoltan Bruckner compared the genocide to the Holocaust, but Rafa Dzienidok suggested that "we should be very cautious with our comparison to the Second World War. In a "personal play for action, a member of the students from The West has a responsibility to enforce the spread of democracies in Serbia."" and

Professor Sanjib Baruah hoped that students would not accept the "elitist attitude of many Americans that we have a duty to help them, they have nationalism, and Africans have tribalism." He argued that they should not look for the cause of the conflicts in "long connections with time immemorial." People should not be able to recognize the links between the erosion of this crisis and the collapse of the international consensus that until recently had opposed the partitioning of national boundaries by ethnic groups.

"The rat in the European woodwork is authoritarianism," he said. Greenberg reminded those present that whatever the outcome of events, America's image of itself has always been dependent upon Europe, and the future there will have importance here.
Coming attractions!

DeKline to move into coffee shop next semester

It was announced late last week that DeKline, Bard's favorite (and only) student-run cafe intends to merge with the Woods Food Service and the coffee shop as of next semester. We grilled the responsible parties for information, and here's what we found out...

First of all, this was by no means a hostile takeover. Ralph Rogers, head of the Bard and Simon's Rock food services, approached Tammi Sloan and Luan Taylor, the managers of deKline, late last week with a proposal. Rogers wanted them to consider moving deKline into what is now the coffee shop, thereby making it possible to implement many night-time food-oriented services on campus. The decision was somewhat rushed, as Rogers had no proposal deadline to meet, but deKline agreed.

"Our biggest problem," said Taylor, "was not having enough time to call a staff meeting to see what everybody else thought; we had to decide pretty much on the spot."

This decision will mean big changes for both deKline and the coffee shop. The coffee shop will have a new schedule next semester, closing down at 5 p.m. The space will then undergo a thorough cleaning, and things will be rearranged (tablecloths added, ice cream freezer brought out, lights on, etc.) and reopen at 8 p.m. as deKline. DeKline will still be student-controlled, except that in addition to the two student managers, there will be a Woods representative working with them. DeKline will remain a non-smoking space, even though there may still be smoking in the coffee shop in the daytime. The same people will work at deKline, and the same products will be sold, except it will now be run in conjunction with Woods, and there will be the addition of "real food" to the menu. If all goes as planned, the space will be equipped with a television and stereo, and the famed Addams Family pinball machine will be moved into deKline's new home.

"The complaint we get most about deKline is, 'when are you guys gonna start having real food?' and this is really the only way that can become possible," said Sloan, who explained that health code regulations prevent deKline's current incarnation from serving anything that isn't pre-packaged. In the move to the new space, deKline employees will be re-trained in safety and health codes, as well as how to use the coffee shop equipment. Among the suggested benefits of the move were the availability of fresh fruit and possibly fresh juice, as well as grill and deli items available late into the night; pizza delivery on campus from deKline; sports nights for major sporting events; video movie nights; more room and a better budget for performances.

When we asked whether the money deKline makes, we were told that Ralph Rogers has agreed to set aside a percentage of deKline profits to be donated to student organizations, and to bring off-campus performers into deKline, which, in addition to general improvements, is where all the profits have gone in the past. When asked about prices, deKline assured us that products and prices would remain the same except for the new items they would be adding. DeKline employees will also make more per hour than they do now, and they will receive more workers hired to staff the larger space. All of this will start around the first week of the fall '93 semester.

When questioned about the possibility that things might not work out for one reason or another, deKline explained that the administration has agreed to reserve the space which deKline now uses for one year. Within that year, Rogers has agreed to allow deKline the option of backing out of the deal and going back to the current arrangement in the basement of the Old Gym. In the meantime, that space will be used as storage for deKline's property, as well as for a student-controlled exhibit space and a rehearsal space for groups performing in the new deKline. The managers of deKline are responsible for the use of this space. Is deKline "selling out" to Woods? DeKline's managers respond with a resolute no. Even though they will be "cautious" in setting up policies, the deKline managers expressed the belief that Rogers and Woods have the students' wishes at heart, and that campus life in general will be improved by these changes. Taylor summed up deKline's hopes for the new arrangement, saying wistfully, "Just to be able to get a hamburger and an order of French fries in the middle of the night..."
Racism debate

Newspaper dialog leads to panel discussion

Last Tuesday evening, the Bard Black Students Organization and Students Educating Against Racism conducted a panel discussion concerning the dialogue on race and ethnicity that has been conducted in the Bard Observer. The panelists included the various authors of the Observer articles, with the exception of Andrew Chong, who was unable to attend.

Ephren Glenn Colter opened the discussion with, “Am I racist? My answer to that question is ‘am I not black’? ... I don’t succumb to the white myth of color blindness. There is a highly sophisticated system of racism in this country... People are afraid to talk about racism... As a man, I have to care about racism... As a man, I have to care about racism... Blaming white people is wrong... I see that if you don’t talk about racism, that as a white person, you’ll just do the same thing as before...”

Tracey LaGrasa, who wrote as the “arbitrary white person,” affirmed that she was writing only to white people and was representing no one but herself. She continued, “Racism exists because we are living in America. If you are white, you are racist... if you are white, you benefit from the system of oppression... I wasn’t trying to pacify my guilt, I was only trying to define ‘racism.’ I don’t feel guilty, I feel different. My position in a ‘rapist’ definition is not enough to change society,” argued Darci Solomon. “Society uses racism against black people, and you can’t see that if you’re from the upper class... How can a person of color look at a Caucasian without seeing the society structure? You people won’t get together to end oppression, and that will be the downfall of your society. You’re gonna pay for it too.”

When your perspective is developed, you are negated,” stated James Chang after he characterized the newspaper articles as “truncated, simplistic arguments.” “All white people benefit from racism. Oppression helps capitalism to prosper,” Chang concluded. “Racism comes from individuals and the institution.”

The audience then entered the discussion and the following quotes are only a handful of the statements and issues raised:

“If I do what I can against racism, how am I racist?”

“There is nothing wrong with racism. It just means loving your own race and not necessarily being against another race.”

“The fact that white people feel the need to justify their words is proof that something’s out there.”

“Changing what makes this wrong doesn’t really change anything. When you redefine identity through name reduction people seem more at ease. White people aren’t allowed to say the same things that black people can.”

Solomon responded to that statement with, “Identification is empowerment. It is our recourse to survive in this society... White people don’t need to embrace whiteness. We [black people] have to recognize how we’re pitted against each other.”

LaGrasa added that “I can do what I can... When you do everything you can and acknowledge your own racism, then eventually race won’t matter anymore.”

“Each need essentially different ideas,” one audience member said. “Calling someone a ‘rapist’ can be just as offensive as ‘nigger’ or ‘eye.’ We need to define our terms. If you start with a label that is all people will listen to—-it’s all in the way you say it.”

A different audience member countered, “The whole nature of history means that as white people, we are implicated. The question is how to conduct oneself to undermine the distribution of power.”

“White people don’t talk to each other,” said one participant. “It’s all the individuals trying to figure out what to do.”

Solomon summed up the discussion with this statement, “Society always needs scapegoats. If you don’t go out to change the system then you are part of it.”

Madame the Gypsy Queen’s Weekly Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) Although this summer will hold much excitement and exhaustion, you’ll have tons-o-fun.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20) Congratulations! You will be the proud new owner of a shiny new day.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) This summer will hold an inimitable joy for you.

Cancer (June 22-July 21) You can look forward to this summer: Madame’s crystal ball shows people laughing and dancing.

Leo (July 22-Aug 22) Although you’ll work very hard this summer, you’ll find satisfaction on a warm sunny day.

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept. 22) You are going to get laid a lot this summer (WHA?).

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 23) During this summer you will feel the need to keep balance.

Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 21) This summer will definitely be a hot one.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21) Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Are we ever truly happy? You will be this summer.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19) You ought to consider breaking it off with your sugar-honey. It’s better to stay level-headed.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18) For the summer, an independent lifestyle would be best for you.

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20) If you haven’t seen a sibling of yours recently, you will see him/her this summer. And if you have no siblings, you may get some this summer.
Dead Goat Notes

This column may cause nausea, dizziness, or drowsiness. Do not read before operating heavy machinery.

If there's one thing I hate about Bard, it's the rumor mill. There aren't very many and the quality is pretty uncreative. Why can't we do something about that? Anyway, President Leon Botstein made a guest appearance in my dorm the other night, and he sort of acted as a rumor control for us.

Rumor #1 - Leonard Jeffries has got a job teaching here.

No, I'm afraid not. Although it would be an interesting way for the administration to sort of thumb their nose at the multi-cultural curriculum by hiring jokers like this, Bard will not hire Dr. I. However, we are hiring Billy Ray Cyrus to fill the vacant position in modern music. YYeewww...also, the Drama/Dance department is hiring Jean Churchill unless she starts teaching students to country-line dance. The administration is convinced that this is the dance craze that is sweeping the nation and does not want Bard to miss out.

Rumor #2 - Charles P. Stevenson inherited his fortune and is blowing it all on Bard to piss off his parents.

Again, this is wrong. Chuck Stevenson actually made his money the old fashioned way: Gambling. Not in Vegas, however, but in commodities markets. He is blowing this fortune on Bard because Professor Skiff, disguised as Stevenson's dentist, hooked up a subliminal message emitting mind control device in one of his fillings. This summer, Professor Skiff plans to put one in Ros Perrot's boots so we can build the H. Ross Perot Petting Zoo and Mini Golf Course in the field behind Tewkesbury.

Rumor #3 - The President has no free time and no leisure activities. He is just a music droid.

Absolutely true. He said so himself, only in different words, and it might have been someone else talking. He said something about loving what he does for a living, but I was eating a doughnut in the middle of it, so I missed exactly what he said. But I do know this: he finished up saying that MTV was "just dumb."

Rumor #4 - Many professors on this campus date their students.

This is sort of true. There is the special case of a certain professor whose name I won't say because he might have me in a class some day, but he frequently dates his students because he suspects they have younger sisters. It is also true that a certain professor in the Literature division grades the love notes sent to her by her student beau.

Rumor #5 - The new library design came to Robert Venturi while he was on acid.

Absolutely, positively, irrefutably wrong. It was a combination of acid and heavy metal.

Rumor #6 - Freemasons are responsible for the French Revolution of 1789.

Although this conspiracy theory has never been disproved, my research shows that it would be safer to say that the institution of Freemasonry in pre-revolutionary France was an indicator of certain trends that did bring about the revolution. For instance, it shows the need of a democratic public space for an exchange of bourgeois ideas, which accounts for the involvement of the philosophes.

Rumor #7 - The picture on the invitation to the Menage a trois on the arm of another's butt and an elbow.

Wrong. It was actually a picture of raw poultry magnified 10,000 times.

Rumor #8 - The last episode of Beverly Hills 90210 this season will turn out to be a dream, and next season the cast will wake up to discover that they are really freshmen, so that Fox can continue having 25-year-old actors playing 18-year-old students spending 20 years in high school for the adulation of 15-year-old fans. Actually, in the final episode of 9210, also known as the "graduation episode," the entire cast will be blown away in a drive-by-shooting from rival kids from a South-Central L.A. high school, angry that Dylan beat their polo team in a recent competition. Famous rapper Vee will guest star.

To the community

I want to dedicate this farewell piece to Dr. Ron Hering, a co-founder of the New Warrior network, who, last Saturday, was murdered in Milwaukee. He had been involved in a custody battle with his ex-wife for their four year old daughter, and had been falsely accused of sexually abusing the girl. Saturday afternoon, while he was with his daughter on the front porch of his ex-wife's home, his ex-wife's father came outside, and in front of Rachel (Ron's daughter), shot Ron to death, then killed himself. There's some indication that the Grandfather may have been motivating Rachel. Recent studies have shown that as many as one third of child abuse charges against men are questionable, and that 14% are DELIBERATELY FAULTY.

Ron was a teacher, mentor, and friend to me, and I loved him dearly. He spent his life giving of himself to men and women who love to learn themselves. He developed much of the psychological theory that the New Warrior and Woman Warrior Within trainings are based on.

He was a gentle, gay, too-fast March on Allentown, PA, and about eight or nine other men held him while he cried and walked out his pain from being kept from seeing his daughter. (You may not be aware of this, but in most states, police are obliged to keep in when there are any accusations of sexual abuse - BEFORE any proof is found - which is a good law, but can have bad consequences).

I wanted this piece to be nothing but a farewell, but now that Ron is dead, I need to confront the Bard community with some facts. Last week, Bard invited a man from a man's anti-mpe rage center in D.C. here to speak. About twelve of us went to the lecture and we listened to him tell us about how it is a "rite of passage" for all white men to rape a woman, 2. Impregnate a woman, 3. Dominate children 4. Attack homosexuals, 5. Be racist and ridicule many other equally ridiculous statements. Having never been encouraged to do any of these things, I asked him for proof, and he told me that Gone with the Wind was a famous American movie that contained a rape. I then asked him about the consequences for innocent menthe idea was to be universally accepted - what would happen if a woman lied about sexual abuse charges, rape charges, sexual harassment charges, etc. He said that he would be willing to let men be falsely accused if it would make women more comfortable. With the exception of myself, no one in the room, not even Joan Unger (from BRAVE and the Dean of Students office), took issue with this or anything else this man said.

Ron Hering is dead. Rachel is without her daddy, as are Ron's five sisters and many of us who were without a wonderful teacher and leader. I've met guys like Ron before - men who seem to hate themselves so much they'll do anything to get strokes from women. But I have two reactions to you people who hasten in that moment letting him use you as sounding boards for his lies. As a man, I know the anguish Ron was suffering from being unable to see his daughter without court supervision, and I can imagine what it felt like for him to be put through one opportunist lawyer's wringer in court. And as a survivor of years of childhood sexual abuse, I worry about the consequences of your silence for those children who truly are being made to suffer through this horror - for accepting such blatant falsehoods, you are strengthening the argument of that part of society that wants to believe this stuff never happens - that it's all a bunch of kids 'trying wool'. I was told I was lying when I tried to get for help when I was abused. I believe that some of you in that room have good intentions - but your naive impulse to go to innocent men like Ron Hering, as Joe McCarthy did, and it could eventually destroy the credibility of the women and children who truly are being raped and abused - God help you then.

Well, the year is finally over, and I want to say a few farewells.

To the women of this school: The work that I've done is insufficient to have wounded many of you, and that was never something I wanted to do. I'm told that I don't see beyond my own perspective, and now that the year is over, I don't mind telling you that that's been intentional. At this school, there are few men who speak from any place resembling a male perspective. They speak your truths, they speak what they think you want to hear them say. I have found my own voice, and although it is sometimes small, it has grown, and I have fun. Though I don't apologize for my truth, and though I'm not saying that I'm going to stop what I've been doing, I'm truly sorry for the pain it has caused.

I know that many of you don't trust me, but I'll tell you anyway, that in my own life, and in the lives of so many men, I've worked with, it's only when we become comfortable not as androgynous beings, but as MEN, that we find the ability to truly love you women and treat you as our equals. Women are still terrified of being by some men in this society. Yet, I ask you to trust me on this - it is because these men are so WEAK that they want to dominate everyone, and it will only be when they become STRONGER that they will stop. We certainly need laws to protect you from these men - but if we never begin producing men who are powerful enough to do to these things, all the laws in the world aren't going to help you much. Men need to experience the parts of their souls that have been repressed - and we need to do some of that as well - but that continued on page 8
Shameless Filler!

There comes a time when a child puts away childish things, and picks up a bottle opener instead. I turned twenty-one last week, and as a result I now feel a kind of oblique pressure on me to enjoy more beer. I've always enjoyed beer when it could be procured for me, either by friends, family, or in exchange for goods and services. But there is some kind of responsibility I feel now that I'm legal: something far more subtle than peer-pressure. I've got the idea that I should start looking around for what will eventually become "my brand." Beer smokers go through a similar dilemma when they first take up the habit. And I'm feeling this with a strange mixture of wonder and delirium. Writing it down like this now, it sounds silly. But it's a happening.

So join me, won't you, as I take a little excursion into the world of brewed barley beverages.

First, let's examine the kind of beers I'd enjoy. I know it's not popular, but I like darker, darker beers. It's yet another in the large set of things which, while normal to me, are somewhat on the outskirts of acceptability, and earn me some pretty sideways glances. Yes, I actually like the taste of beer that's been brewed, for character of taste, rather than ease of drinking, quenching of thirst, or blasting of mind. That pretty much eliminates most American beers. But, in any case, I don't know who are we kidding? So few people that I know drink those beers anyway.

Second, let's take Budweiser for instance. Have you ever thought of it as a store and head IMMEDIATELY over to Bud, with every intention of buying it over any other brand? No, you'd be as likely as "the king of beers" when it's so completely lacking in any fine beer qualities? I think Americans drink Bud because they think they're supposed to. The ads keep harping about tradition and such things. Who'd want to break tradition? And, hell, we don't completely understand any of our other traditions, like firecrackers on the fourth, so why should this be any different?

And what's the deal with Michelob lately? They've been losing their share of acceptable drinking times slowly but surely. See, a long time ago, we were told that Week-ends Were Made for Michelob. Time passed, and then we found out that The Night Belonged to Michelob. While the actual hour-of-your-ratings increased in Michelob's favor, like some Serotic ritual, it was now taboo to consume one before sundown. And just recently, we've been informed that we should drink Michelob because Some Days Are Better Than Others. Some days? Why only some? Who decides which ones? What super-conglomerate dad Michelob irritated that caused their acceptable drinking times to be revoked? Coors has that down cold. It's the Right Beer Now, we are told, and that Now can refer to... anything. Eight am? Need a pick-me-up before the trip to the office? Hey, it's the right beer now. I'm not even going to discuss Busch.

However, there are two American beers which make for my grade of quality. Sam Adams and Samuel Adams are heavy on quality and light on super-conscious, heavy-handed patriotism. And the stuff's relatively inexpensive. But in comparison, America's really doesn't match up to the imported beers. True, there are some good overseas beers but these foreign brands are normally brewed longer and with more care. That's another reason I enjoy darker beers. The actual process of brewing a beer darker, so I associate a darker beer with more care. In the brewing process. Of course, some dark beer could just be the stuff that was brewed too long by mistake, but I'll never know.

In which the bud is nipped

How not to conduct foreign policy

by Caleb Bognar

When pundits before the '92 presidential elections warned that the then President­

Warren was the head of a foreign policy team that had no foreign policy expertise, they were dismissed with a simple slight of hand: "Partisan bickering."

Now, that it is up to President Clinton to represent the national interests of the United States at the highest diplomatic levels, attention has started to focus on what seems to be a series of early failures.

Clinton has demonstrated tremendous selfassurance during the campaign and in his first three months as president. Somehow he's been able to sell "contributions" (taxes) and "investment" (spending) to the American people.

International diplomacy, unlike American domestic politics, is not a TV game. It is a game of credible threats and counterthreats, where not the opinion polls but perceived national interests dominate. In foreign affairs one does not go the from day by day, by holding public strategy conferences, or by creating precedents open to misunderstanding that may lead to future conflicts.

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As a member of the Student Life Committee, I have been disappointed and frustrated with the lack of organization in the student government this semester. Since I perceive the secretary to be responsible for much of the basic day-to-day business of student government, I believe that it is also the responsibility of the secretary to maintain student government functioning in an organized fashion. The secretary should make sure that the Central Committee meets regularly and that each committee has something tangible to present to the student body at the student forums. When the Central Committee does not meet regularly and the structure of our student government begins to fall into disarray, the student government loses credibility, and members of the student body become disinterested in becoming involved. I would like to reverse this trend.

If I am elected secretary of the Student Association, I will have a very positive impact on the operation of our student government. I can assure you that never again will the constitution have to be waived or an emergency forum declared because signs were not put up about the forum far enough in advance. I am a very organized, efficient person, and I hope to put these qualities to good use in the position of secretary.

Malia Du Mont

Statement #1

At the beginning of this semester I had the honor of your support for my candidacy toward a Student Judiciary Board position. Currently the need exists for a new SJB chairperson, as the current chair is graduating this spring. It has come to my knowledge that all of the current SJB positions, except my own, will also soon open for election. To my knowledge, none of the SJB "veterans" are interested in running for the chair's position.

Fortunately, the SJB has not had to convolve in the past semester, with the result that I am still relatively unfamiliar with the actual workings of the SJB. I feel obliged to confess my own lack of actual involvement with the implied duties of the SJB, although I have always assumed those responsibilities when called upon. My previous experience with student government has included the position of Student Council President at an International School in India. Wishing to continue similar involvements, I also ran for the SJB twice before being elected.

I remain committed to the SJB as a serious administrative enterprise of the student community, and also hope that other students feel compelled to step forward to accept the duties of open SJB positions. My interest in the SJB endeavor remains one committed to community justice: one that is unaffected by bias, yet aware of extenuating circumstances.

Hopefully, the community shall remain unburdened by situations that require the SJB's involvement. But recognizing the potential need and importance of the Student Judiciary Board, I submit my name for the position of SJB chairperson.

Thank you for your time and deliberation,
Kapil Gupta

Secretary

My name is Renee Cramer, and I'm running for the position of the Education Policies Committee Chair for the 1993-94 school year. I will be a senior, political studies major, and I was EPC Chair this year.

To be honest, I was very frustrated this fall by the very ambiguity of the job. It seemed too simple, too a-political, not somehow, "enough." I found out that I wasn't really doing my job. Yes, the EPC had meetings once a month, completed the faculty evaluation process, and hung signs at registration. But at the beginning of the second semester, I woke up, and we not only did the previously listed things better and more efficiently, we found other things to get involved in.

Of course, I am referring to the Presidential Commission's Report on the Curriculum.

I'm uncomfortable with "bragging", but I do want to say that I and the eight members of the committee worked very hard to bring the Commission's report to the student body. I, as a student's opinion to the faculty's decisions. I want to continue to be involved, through the EPC, in the ongoing process of curricular reform.

This brings me to the "educational policy" that is being ignored at Bard. That is, Bard has not been responsive enough to student requests that Bard employ more faculty of color and widen the curriculum in appreciation of cultural diversity and respect of various histories. If I am re-elected, a top priority of the EPC next year will be to meet with the many student groups on campus who have been pressing the administration to act responsibly, to see how they think the EPC can help.

Since the EPC does have two seats on the Committee on Vacancies, access to the Faculty Senate, and regular meetings with Dean Levine, it is conceivable that our added commitment could help. I certainly wouldn't hurt, and I am committed to trying.

As always, the EPC will be open to all suggestions for improving academic life at Bard—from something as simple as talking to the library staff about getting quicker access to books in Hoffman (although that won't be a problem next year) to helping student clubs design their own two-credit courses (and anything else you can think of).

When I began chairing the Educational Policies Committee, the entire group, myself included, was brand new. At times I felt like we were floating. It really is the type of job you need experience for. I have that experience, and I would like to continue to fulfill EPC responsibilities and further student interests next year.

Renee Cramer

Planning Comm.

I would like to announce my intention to fill the vacated position of Planning Committee Chairperson. As a member of the planning committee for the past two years, I feel that I have gained the knowledge and experience necessary to function as the chair of the planning committee. Besides my aforementioned experience on the planning committee, I may honestly state that many of the people on this campus know of my steadfast efforts in helping to put together the second budget which was passed in the budget forum earlier this semester. In short, a vote for me is a vote for experience and fair-play in dealings with the planning committee.

Thanks for your time,
Jeff Rhyne

Another View

Educational Policies Comm.

May 19, 1993

There will be a forum this Thursday, May 20th, at 7:00pm in Kline

Items on the agenda include:
1) Committee reports
2) Elections for the following seats: EPC-8, SJB-5, Student Life-2
3) Resolutions on the BEMS Council and landscaping/construction around Bard
4) Election of a new Film Committee

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If all the young laddies were eatin' at Kline

You know that I'd serve 'em

when they got in line.

If all the young laddies were students at Bard

I'd be their teacher and make the class hard.

And the WINNERS of the Nom-de-plume erotic writing contest are:

“that last one messed me up, things look bad, things look tragic...keep looking in the mirror, afraid that I won't be there.”

With a distinct lack of lentils, she could not complete Diagram 6.6, “The Cardiovascular Shoe Lace.” Her heart skipped an eyelet...

We're done for the semester. No more late nights on Tuesdays. Hahahahaha hahahaha hahahaha!

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To the men of this school—I know that I've asked a lot of you guys this year. For a man to look at his vulner­able parts is a humbling in the safest conditions—to do so in a community that is afraid of manhood is perhaps a bit crazy, and maybe that's what I am. Men are passionate creatures—our passion is at the center of who we are.

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Peace and Love,
Bruce “White Slug” Kuzmicki

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Well, kids, apart from the many tidbits of information you see scattered on this page, there isn't much to tell. The tournaments are in full swing, and I won't be around to report on the victors. But come on out and cheer on your favorite team, all this week and next at Tewksbury field.

One last bit of important info, however: the Bard lap challenge is over! Fifteen members of the Bard community and local gym members took part from March 17 to May 17, racking up a combined 3335 miles of swimming. Uh...swum? Maybe swum? No...Anyway. The top three finishers all received prizes and certificates to area restaurants and all neat stuff like that. And the big winner was area member Bruce Feuer, who swam no fewer than 105.67 miles all by himself! The rest of the top five included Cara Rodriguez (51.33 miles); top student reporter Rob Cutler (48.25 miles); Malia DuMond (47.93 miles); and Rachel Careau (28.72 miles). Congratulations to all who swam their water wings off!

Well, that's all for this year, gang. See you in the fall!

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**The Bard's Computer Age**

**Dear Editor,**

Speaking on behalf of the college and for those responsible for the development and support of academic computing, we generally agree with the student forum resolution which calls on the college to provide the Bard community with access to "Internet resources."

The college is currently constructing the infrastructure through which information resources both on and off of campus will be made available. Broad access to the systems including Internet will be possible in the upcoming academic year. We will have a better sense of the schedule by the end of the summer.

We can imagine the infrastructure work all around us ... the construction of the Stevenson wings of the library; the expansion of the Hendson Computer Resources Center; the establishment of an automated card catalog system; significant growth in both the quantity and quality of computing resources on campus; the acquisition of a new administrative system and the connection of Bard as a node in the Internet.

The two biggest remaining projects will be addressed this summer: installing a large file server and mail server computer to support student accounts, and continuing the campus-wide writing project to interconnect these resources. The benefits extend well beyond access to electronic mail.

Please discuss these issues with your students. The college needs to hear from you. We would be pleased to arrange for you to speak to the entire Bard community.

Sincerely,

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**Spendthrifts they ain't**

by Matthew Apple

At some point during this past week, I got a cute little note in my box from my friends at BAGLE. The note read, "The Guy Smokes BAGLE. His name is Matthew, and he's now turned down the offer of $100 a year for his smoking habits. Thank you, Matthew!"

I was naturally curious about this seeming lack of financial planning on BAGLE's part, so I checked with Treasurer Matt. I lied to find out what. I lied to find out what the total cost of smoking and all the resources involved in the process.

If you don't take up smoking, you will have saving money. The entire project was a blessing.

Matthew Lewis

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Dear Editor:

I've written this year, and as perfect, I've said, until now, everything's been pertinent words were misspelled, which gave sentences entirely new meanings; and in two places, I've published this year perfectly, a kind of carelessness is unacceptable for any article that a person takes the time to write, but from my personal point of view, I have spent an entire year writing about men's work for this community, and I wanted what I wrote last week to be clearer. Not only that, but the stuff I write about is emotionally charged for quite a few people. I realize that I take my own risks when I engage the anger of segments of this community—so I spend hours at my computer until I'm sure there's nothing malicious in my work. It's of the utmost importance that what I write appear as I give it to you—for clarity, and also so that if I get punched in the mouth by some angry man or woman, it'll be for what I believe, and not for what your typists think I believe.

All that said, I thank you and for what your typists think I be. We humbly apologize for the omissions. We will be more careful in the future.—ed.

Arbitrary ethnicities

Dear Zoltan,

In response to your article "Going to war for what?" in the Observer of May 14, 1993, we would like to point out a grave error in regard to the "silent ethnic cleansing" of Tamils in Sri Lanka.

Firstly, we would like to ask if the Tamil Tigers Guerrilla group and the government and the people of Shri Lanka (which include the rest of the Tamil population, the Sinhalese, Muslims, Burghers, and Malays). In conclusion, we ask that, in future, you do not offend the people of other nations in the process of picking arbitrary examples to support your arguments.

NIC WAR: It is one between the Tamil Tigers Guerrilla group and the government and the people of Shri Lanka (which include the rest of the Tamil population, the Sinhalese, Muslims, Burghers, and Malays). Anouk Breckenridge, Rashid Doole, Rajlye Jayawardhane, Santushi Kuruppu and Satya "Sam" Rodrigo. Though we at the Observer are always happy to receive letters from the Bard community, we ask that from now on letter writers refrain from addressing individual writers and instead address all letters to the Editor. Thank you.—ed

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REASONS NOT TO BE A STICKPERSON...

NO SUITABLE TOILET PAPER

Anouk Breckenridge, Rashid Doole, Damannah De Thissera, Rajlye Jayawardhane, Santushi Kuruppu and Satya "Sam" Rodrigo.

Dear Editor:

Though I very much appreciate the work you and your staff have done to help me publish my ideas this year, I need to publicly register a complaint. Though most everything I've published this year has come onto the pages of the Observer perfectly, last week, both my letter and my article were majorly screwed up. As I showed you, entire lines were left out; pertinent words were misspelled, which gave sentences entirely new meanings; and in two places, words were added that were nowhere in my manuscripts. I realize that what you were trying to do was keep the text flowing, but so has everything else I've written this year, and as I said, until now, everything's been perfect.

That kind of carelessness is unacceptable for any article that a person takes the time to write, but from my personal point of view, I have spent an entire year writing about men's work for this community, and I wanted what I wrote last week to be clearer. Not only that, but the stuff I write about is emotionally charged for quite a few people. I realize that I take my own risks when I engage the anger of segments of this community—so I spend hours at my computer until I'm sure there's nothing malicious in my work. It's of the utmost importance that what I write appear as I give it to you—for clarity, and also so that if I get punched in the mouth by some angry man or woman, it'll be for what I believe, and not for what your typists think I believe.

All that said, I thank you and for what your typists think I be. We humbly apologize for the omissions. We will be more careful in the future.—ed.
**CALENDAR**

**PRESENTED BY THE DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE MAY 19 TO MAY 26 + 1993**

**What to See, Buy, & Do at Bard**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19**

- **German Table** at Kline's College Room 5:30p.
- **Table Francaise:** Berets et baguettes required. Kline's President Room 5:30-6:30p.
- **Lecture on Russia and Homosexuality.** Professor Laura Engelstein of Princeton University will give a lecture entitled "Homosexuality and the Law in Early Soviet Russia." Olin 102, 8p. Sponsored by the Gender Studies Program, the History Department and the Russian/European Studies Club.
- **ALANON/ACOA.** An anonymous program for persons who grew up in an alcoholic family. Third Floor of Aspinwall, 8:30-9:30p.

**THURSDAY, MAY 20**

- **Tavola Italiana:** Conversation 4:30-5:30p; Italian Table 5:30-6:30 in Kline's Presidents' Room.
- **Russian Table** at Kline's College Room, 5p-6:30p.
- **SMACES Meeting.** Sexual Minorities Aligned for Community Education and Support will meet each week at 7:30p in the Club Room in the Old Gym.
- **Student Forum.** It's election time again! Show up and do your civic duty. at 8p in Albee Social.
- **Dance Theater II:** Watch the Dance students strut their stuff at the Scene Shop Theater at 8p. This dance concert will run until May 24.
- **Alice in Wonderland.** Adapted and directed by Jessica Allen Hall, this play will be in the Scene Shop Theater at 10p. The play will run until May 24.

**FRIDAY, MAY 21**

- **Student Book Exchange.** Bring your old books, art supplies and other stuff to sell, buy and swap. It will save you $$ and is a good alternative to the evil Bookstore. Kline Patio, 12-2p. If it rains, go to the Old Gym instead.
- **Body Image Group Meeting upstairs in the Student Center, 5:30p.**
- **Let's Plant!** All are welcome. We have seeds and plants. Corner of Ravine and Bithlehem Roads, 3:30p. Hope to see you there!
- **Poetry, dance and drumming.** Alan West, Cuban-American poet, will read bilingual poetry. Leslie Boyce will perform African Dance to the accompaniment of Anne Marie Mejia and Steve Silverman's Afro-Cuban drumming. Bard Hall, 7:30p.
- **Student Center Movie.** See the film The Graduate and reflect upon your future situation in this Dustin Hoffman flick. Olin Gym, 7:30p and 9:30p.
- **Come to the "teach-in" outside of Olin.** Show your support for Multidisciplinary Ethnic Studies. All day Friday.

**SATURDAY, MAY 22**

- **Shuttle to New York.** See the glory that is Grand Central Station. Van leaves from behind Kline at 10p. Returns at 7p. Limit nine people. Sign up in Dean of Students Office. Cost is $2. This is the last shuttle this semester.
- **Anthropology Lecture.** Gerald Sider, Professor of Anthropology, will give a lecture entitled "The Political Economies of Hegemony: Silences and Commissions." Olin 102 at 2p.

**SUNDAY, MAY 23**

- **Learn Chapel tunes.** Spiritual fulfillment through song. Bard Chapel at 6-7p.
- **Non-denominational service.** Join in worship with your fellow theists. Bard Chapel at 7-8p.
- **Student Center Movies!** See La Dolce Vita, directed by Federico Fellini. Old Gym, 7p for non-smokers and 9p for smokers.

**MONDAY, MAY 24**

- **BAGLE Meeting.** Bisexuals, Activists, Gays, Lesbians, Et. al. will meet each week at 7p in the Club Room in the Old Gym.
- **Spanish Cinema** with English subtitles. Watch a ver pelicula en espanol todos los lunes en Olin 309 at 7p.
- **Forum on Bosnia.** The students in the International Education Program will present a forum on the topic "Bosnia: Nationalism Gone Awry." Olin 205 at 7p.
- **ACOA Meeting.** Adult Children of Alcoholics meets in Red Hook, 50 South Broadway at 8p. Contact Jeff Huang at ext. 539 in the Career Development Office for more information.

**TUESDAY, MAY 25**

- **Christian Fellowship Meeting.** Bible study, prayer and spiritual nourishment. In the Bard Chapel, 7:30p.
- **Electro-Acoustic Music.** from Columbia University, from Richard Teitelbaum's Electronic Studio, and from the MPZ Cybernetics Laboratory. From 1:30p on, in various places around the campus.
- **Speaker on music "Women's Voices in Technologically Based Art, Gender Issues in Computer Music." Olin, Brook House.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 26**

- **German Table** at Kline's College Room 5:30p.
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**SHUTTLE VAN SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAY:**
- Rhinecliff: Leave at 7:05p. for the 7:41p. train
- Poughkeepsie: Leave at 6p. for the 7:18p. train

**SATURDAY:**
- Rhinecliff, Rhinebeck, Red Hook and Tivoli: Leave at 10a, return at 2p.
- Hudson Valley Mall: Leave at 5:45p, return at 10p.

**SUNDAY:**
- Rhinecliff: Meet 6:05p, 8:15p and 10:29p trains
- Poughkeepsie: Meet the 7:38 train
- Church: Leave at 9:45a, return at noon. (St. John's)

Meet all Shuttles behind Kline Commons

Have a nifty summer!