Bosnia is a primarily American event," said Dr. Slobodan Lang, Croatian Ambassador-at-Large for Human Rights and Refugees, in Oluj last Sunday.

Dr. Lang asserted that the United States could use its economic and military power to significantly rectify the injustices of what he termed "the third Balkan war."

The ambassador was appalled at National Security Adviser Anthony Lake's recent statement that "it is not in the American interest to help stop the war in the Balkans."

"When genocide is happening, and it is not in our interests to stop it, does morality exist at all?" Dr. Lang asked.

U.S. inaction stems from the end of the Cold War: the old rules of international diplomacy no longer apply. Dr. Lang thought that in 1991 "America would draw the world that it wants to exist." He hoped the U.S. would have learned from history that disinterest in genocide in one place encourages genocide elsewhere. "Rwanda has been written in Bosnia," he said, speaking of the most recent violent manifestation of a decades-old ethnic conflict near the center of Africa.

"There is a fear of not [sic] losing American lives," he said, but suggested that a lot of American lives will be lost if mechanisms are not developed to identify and deter genocidal actions.

"The Balkan war is happening in you, because in the Balkans the battle is being fought over whether you have the right to values or not." Some audience members enthusiastically greeted Dr. Lang's message, while others scoffed at what they considered to be an inaccurate presentation of events.

His provocative views involved his interpretation of the conflict. He argued that Serbia insists that certain nationalities and religions are of lower values than themselves. He also implied that Serbs were the sole perpetrators of genocide. In addition, he drew comparisons between the Balkans and the Holocaust. They are on different scales, he said, "just as an epidemic of flu is not the same as an epidemic of the plague." But Serbian aggression demands more condemnation than a war between political factions should. He said, "it remains a fact that people are being murdered because of their nationality or religion."

Dr. Lang has attended to Muslim and Christian casualties within Bosnia, and his negotiation skills facilitated the withdrawal of Serbian forces from the Croatian-held city of Dubrovnik. As a physician, he insisted "that human rights are the hygiene of the twentieth century."

"There is no way to control hate, if you do not respect human rights...But currently there is no place where you can go and say there will be war and that something should be done, and provoke effective intervention."

He went on to say that, "the place that the
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Bosnia continued

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U.S. will have a future determined by how serious the country is in respecting human rights."

Dr. Lang proposed "that each of the United Nations should be obliged to ensure the care of refugees. And if people cannot go home in three years ... believe that they should have the right to true citizenship in any nation of the world."

Otherwise, the current international system sends an awful message, he said. "When you have a colony, sooner or later you have to leave; when you occupy a territory, sooner or later you have to leave; but if you throw people out, and if you perform genocide, then you can keep it."

President Clinton could provide the public with information that would enable citizens to systematically analyze the situation, according to Dr. Lang. The ambassador advocated the mobilizing of public opinion, perhaps in favor of lifting the embargo that is keeping arms from reaching the Bosnian Muslims. The U.S. Senate has been debating that idea this week.

Students interested in further discussion of these matters can look to the groups that sponsored this talk: CSRO, IRC, the PIE program, and the BJS—which will have a full interview in their upcoming issue.

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THE GERMAN PROGRAM PRESENTS: Scenes from Bertolt Brecht's Fahrenheit 451, adapted by New York's Transit Theater. Tuesday, May 17th, 7:30pm Olin 102 (in German).

Gloria: Thanks for the amusing phone message, and for wishing me luck with the paper. It was much appreciated. — Jean


Hey, Rabbit, you slipped through my fingers, like water, not chocolate. Miss you already, your loyal fan. — Jane

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Forum News!

The following campus-wide elections were won by default:

Student Life Committee Chair: Gil Alonso
Student Judiciary Board Chair: Andrew Fowler
Eduational Policies Committee Chair: Sean O'Neil
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A future for public relations?

Commentary on Dr. Slobodan Lang's talk concerning recent events in Bosnia

After Dr. Slobodan Lang's talk on Bosnia, something made me eager to shake his hand and thank him for speaking. I have never felt this way about any speaker at Bard before. Yet in his speech, Dr. Lang had managed to convey to me his hope for the future and his faith that my generation would realize this hope.

In a solemn, deliberate tone, Dr. Lang recalled personally witnessed war atrocities and condemned Western indifference to Serbian acts of genocide. However, he encouraged none of his paralyzing despair I am used to feeling at the plight of Bosnia. Instead, Dr. Lang told me that the conflict in the Balkans "have called upon us to grow as human beings." He startled me with this unashamed appeal to our better natures. Most importantly, he quietly assumed that we students do have the power to make changes. What an immense ideal!

With this simple assumption, Dr. Lang offered a powerful vision to the audience. He advocated a policy that would treat nations not as faceless actors, but as collections of human beings exactly like ourselves. Dr. Lang's concept of international relations would ground dialogue among the citizens of the world not in soulless considerations of Realpolitik, but in our common heritage of human rights.

This is an attractive premise for the future. No clear US policy has emerged to deal with the realities of the post Cold-War era. We now have the opportunity to define what international issues are important to us. Dr. Lang asked us, "Will genocide be an issue" important to our generation? These and other moral issues can become the cornerstone of a foreign policy the world could rally around.

Finally, a moral foreign policy will reaffirm our faith in our own ethics. To deny the Bosnians their rights to live free from fear, in their own land, is to ultimately call our own worth fighting for. Policy that ignores human rights abroad cannot hope to sustain them at home.

New opportunity to study abroad in India

For a two year trial period, Bard has joined the New York State College Consortium for Study Abroad in India, along with Skidmore, St. Lawrence, Hartwick, and Hobart and William Smith Colleges. This program, introduced by Laurie Patton, Bard's on-campus representative, involves academic study in areas including the Hindi language, Historical and Contemporary Indian Society and the Hindu religion, as well as home-stay and travel excursions.

Upon arriving in India, students will spend their first two weeks in Delhi attending lectures and adjusting to being abroad. Then it's on to the Landour School in the mountainous Mussoorie, where they will spend four weeks studying Hindi. After this students will be ready to move on to a two-month home-stay in Jaipur, where they will use their Hindi on a daily basis for two months.

Also as an integral facet of the Semester in India, students will complete independent projects, designed by themselves, with the assistance of faculty and representatives of the program.

Especially significant is the fact that, along with faculty from other member colleges, Bard faculty will have active involvement developing curriculum and supervising the overall design of the program. Moreover, because the program will be considered a "Bard" program (for the coming year at least) students can apply their financial aid and/or scholarships to the semester abroad.

Last year, two Bard students participated, and this year, Bard's enrollment has grown to three. If you're interested, see Laurie Patton for details.

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Treasurer

I did not make the decision to run for the Treasurer easily, particularly because of my close familiarity with the responsibilities of the position. But I decided to run nevertheless, since I believe that this is the area of student government where I can be the greatest service to the Bard Student community. I am glad to have the opportunity to be a member of the Planning Committee over the last year partly because I feel my experiences in the job prepared me well for being Treasurer. Even more important, I am glad to have been a member of the Planning Committee because it showed its ability for consensus-building, as the Budget Forum passes its proposed budget without opposition both semesters. Beyond achieving harmony from diverse demands, Bard Students also finally demonstrated to the Administration our ability to be fiscally responsible, as we repaid a $15,000 debt.

As Treasurer, I would like to continue and improve upon this tradition. My strong background in economics, which is my major, and mathematics, guarantee that I feel able to handle the demands accounting imposes on the Treasurer well. Over the last several years many clubs and dorms have had problems getting reimbursed for expenses promptly, even just finding out their balance. Fully investing my energies in this undertaking, and making use of the outstanding software packages such as Quickbooks, available on the market today, I promise to speed this process and hold tumult down to less than a week.

If elected Treasurer, I would also explore the possibility of developing the Student Association’s financial resources, which have not been attempted by Planning Committees or Treasurers in the past. When a few hundred extra dollars can allow the Planning Committee to fund a number of smaller clubs, the potential benefit from developing the resources available to us is clearly great.

A Treasurer can play a useful and active role in facilitating the problem-solving functioning of clubs and improving our academic and social environment. As an interested and dedicated person, I am committed to achieving this goal.

Gabor Bogran

My name is Luis Alcazar-Roman and I am a second semester sophomore Biology major. By running for the Student Treasurer position I wish to return the many services the Bard community has provided me by helping in the administration of the Student Government. As a science major, I am familiar with dealing with numbers and complicated mathematical data, which will help in the accounting aspect of the position.

Having been involved in few club activities, I understand the importance of clubs and their need for a prompt reimbursement. The careful accounting of club expenditures that this requires is one of the responsibilities and duties of the Student Treasurer and I am ready to provide the time, commitment, and responsibility this position demands. I am confident that I will be able to perform the duties of the position with the expected efficiency.

Luis Alcazar-Roman

I am running for Treasurer because I feel that quick and easy reimbursement of club activities are of utmost importance, and I wish to facilitate communication between club heads and the Treasurer. I feel organization is the key, and I am very organized when it comes to money.

Debbie Shepardson

Student Representative to Board of Trustees

The reason that the student body has representatives on the Board of Trustees is to communicate the needs and opinions of the student to the Board. The Board is composed of a mixture of alumni and business people who are primarily concerned with the management and financing of the college. While money management is a crucial function of any business (even a college), it is essential that the Board of Trustees recognize and address the concerns of the students, and the consequences of their actions.

Both the student representative and I need to have an understanding of Bard and the different needs and functions of the students in relation to the faculty, administration and staff of the college. The students need two representatives who can articulate and discuss the complexities of the population of Bard in relation to the financial locus of the Trustees. Sasha Gorman has attempted to bridge the gulf between the student body and the Board of Trustees by communicating the events and opinions of the campus which cannot be conveyed by a financial report.

For a student representative to the Board of Trustees I would hope that I could effectively describe the concerns of the students at Bard, and build upon the work of students before me to allow the Board to gain a greater understanding of the undergraduate experience. In the variety of positions and posts I have held in my time at Bard I feel that I have gained the experience and ability to fulfill the role.

Sincerely,

Dana Silverman

The position of Student Representative to the Board of Trustees has often been seen as a largely ceremonial one, the purpose of which was unclear beyond guaranteeing his/her/friends not to speak of “good company” a few years a time.

To the extent that this was confirmed by reality, I strongly believe Bard Students have missed a unique opportunity to make their opinions on important, academic, social, and other issues affecting our lives at Bard heard by the people who are ultimately responsible for making critical decisions on curriculum, development, and other aspects of the college. The function of Student Representative can be important in providing a good image of Bard to the Trustees who directly or indirectly play a large part in financing the college. It is even more important, however, to inform them of the priorities of the Bard Student community.

Do the Trustees currently have an understanding of the concerns of Bard Students on the availability of Internet, the strength of multicultural programs, the lack of career services, and political economy counseling? I believe that the position of Student Representative to the Board of Trustees is an important role, and that the Trustees should be informed of student priorities and are ultimately responsible for making critical decisions on curriculum, development, and other aspects of the college. The function of Student Representative can be important in providing a good image of Bard to the Trustees who directly or indirectly play a large part in financing the college. It is even more important, however, to inform them of the priorities of the Bard Student community.

Gabor Bogran

I am declaring myself a candidate for the position of Planning Committee Chair for the 1994-95 academic year. Statement: My name is Luis Alcazar-Roman and I am a first semester Junior in the College. I have served as a member of the Planning Committee for the past year in which two fair and balanced budgets were presented to the community. The experience gained in producing these budgets and in the process of the committee itself leads me to think that I will be a valuable and qualified Chairperson. I am familiar with the various clubs, their aspirations, activities, and the students who comprise their membership.

I am a member of the Planning Committee, the Student Judiciary Board, and the Selective Service. I have a proven track record of commitment to each. Aside from experience with the club’s histories and the budget process, I will also bring a commitment to the time and effort it takes to conduct the meetings, bring people together, and form a consensus. I am willing to sacrifice time and effort in fulfilling the responsibilities inherent in this position, and would welcome the opportunity to do so. I will ensure that each semester a fair budget is presented, which takes into account the needs and aspirations of every club.

Thank you

Reuben Pillbury

If, on some day soon, when you go to view your mailbox is still empty, your police standing around a table, in the poolroom, inside the Old Gym, and one of them waves at you and says, “Wanna vote?”, I hope you will vote for me, Josh Ledwell, for chair of the Planning Committee.

I am a sophomore, and a political studies major, who is interested in student government, as a matter of fact I am already on the Student Health Committee, which is a really cool committee despite the fact that we haven’t had any meetings this semester. I have experience that will help me deal with good people such as the Planning Committee Chair, in that I have served as a service and representative member of the Planning Committee for the past semester now, attending all the meetings, studying all the budgets and working with the other members of the committee, who by the way are all really swell guys, and I am also familiar with the duties of the chair position, involving issues such as juggling with the priorities of the administration and the student body, and keeping a healthy balance. I will try to keep my student activities under control, to make sure that the students are not being kept busy with too many activities.

Josh Ledwell

My Fellow Students,

I come before you to again ask for your support in my candidacy for Planning Committee Chair. I have faithfully served the interests of the student body by serving in a variety of elected positions in the past three years. My service includes service as Secretary of the Student Association, Planning Committee member for two years, a member of the Student Judiciary Board, and now as Chair of the Planning Committee.

In my brief stewardship as Chair of the Planning Committee, I have seen a number of things accomplished. I hasten to add that no one currently here attending Bard has as much experience as I’ve managed to accumulate as a member of the Planning Committee.

When I assumed the Chair, the Student Association had been saddled with a debt of over 17,000, due to the Administration’s failure to request student activity fees. During the year of my chair, we eliminated that debt in my first semester as well as ratified a virtually unopposed budget. I hasten to add that several clubs were formed during this time while we were paying back the debt. This past semester, the budget proposed by my committee was approved without a single revision for the first time in recent history.

Although many things have been done over the past year, I feel that much more could be done in order to improve the activities offered here at Bard. In short, I ask that you allow me to continue my interests as the Chair of the Planning Committee.

Josh Ledwell

Treasurer

We are currently facing a deficit of approximately $10,000 and it is critical that we re-establish our financial stability. I believe that this can be accomplished by increasing the student activity fee, currently $225 per semester, to $250 per semester. This fee will help us to cover the costs of running clubs, maintaining facilities, and providing other services.

Gabor Bogran

Planning Comm. Chair

Another View
Taurus (April 20 - May 20): You'll be in the mood to purr. This means that things are definitely looking up for you. You may also be in the mood to scratch, but always remember that bad moods often pass quickly.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20): An icky rash will go away, but not until after you've gotten lots of attention from friends. Things will remain calm, but good in all others aspects of your life.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22): You will find a thousand dollars buried under The Paperclip in Tewsbury field. If you can't find it, you didn't look hard enough.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): This time will be the last. The last heartache, the last disappointment. People will continue to be there for you, and you will find a new reason for never giving up, or letting go.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Policy is not a foe, for once, for you this week. Take advantage of the rules and you will find that they will most definitely work in your favor.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): This is a good week for making new friends or getting reacquainted with old ones. The familiar will bore you and soothe you at the same time.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): You will be swept up by a whirlwind and carried across the sea to some far away land where nothing is how you remember it to be the last time you dreamt this dream.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): A thousand words will confuse you, a thousand words will ease you mind, a thousand hugs will heal you, a single kiss will excite you, and a single tear will fall.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): You will invest a lot of energy this week taking care of your family's animals. P.S. BE VERY NICE to Llamas.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18): You will think far too often about a past love, but discover that love never really ends it just shifts to different forms.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20): You will get the answers you're looking for, people will stop pushing you, and if not, you'll stay content anyway.

Aries (March 21 - April 19): You'll have lots of fun on an upcoming voyage. You may find yourself on stormy waters, but these will pass and make way for beautiful days.

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Shameless Filler

In which we hide in plain sight

By Matthew Gill
Softball and Cricket

The Beginning of the End

Teams close out the grueling four-game season at Tewks

The penultimate chapter of Bard softball coverage this year has begun. The recreational playoffs began this past Monday, based on the "seasoning" of the seventeen teams. Team ranks for purposes of the playoffs were based on 1) win-loss record, 2) point differential and 3) "divisional strength" or competitiveness.

Win-loss is easy enough to understand. Point differential means the total runs scored by a team minus the runs they allowed. And "divisional strength"? According to the Athletic Department, if the playoffs were based only on point differential, many teams that played each other during the "regular season" would have played each other again. By seed- ing the teams according to the agreement of a select panel of experts who watched most of the games, the Athletic department figures that there will be more interesting and competitive games between teams who have never seen each other.

Of course, this was merely an agreement of subjective interpretations and cannot be therefore justifiable as an "objective" value judgment of a team's true strength.

And even if the NCAA uses the same method for basketball and football, they also base it on a poll of coaches and the press. But Bard doesn't do that. Now you can see the injustice inherent in the system. Softball players of Bard unite!

Matthew Apple Seed expert

The Bard cricket report

Saturday, the 30th of April, the Bard cricket team was scheduled to play Dartmouth College at Dartmouth. This match, much to the dismay of the Bard cricket fans, was cancelled because of rain and a soggy field.

Weather permitting, the Bard team was, however, scheduled to play Princeton University at Princeton on the 7th of May (Saturday).

Also, if the team is allowed the use of the new soccer field on the 14th of May, the Bard community may be able to witness its first ever home-cricket match when our team hosts the Columbia University team. Relevant discussions are going on even while you read this.

Last Saturday (the 7th of May) the Bard Cricket team took one of the strongest cricket teams on the east coast, the Princeton University team, at Princeton. Due to transportation difficulties faced by the Bard team, the match got underway only at 1 pm.

Batting first, the Princeton team accumulated a massive 205 runs for the loss of 6 wickets in their 30 overs. For Bard bowling, Reuben Pillsbury had the best figures of 2 wickets for 41 runs while Mahboob Hossain, Shehzad Hameed, Shehrayar Hameed and Imran Afzal each took one wicket.

In reply, Bard were at 54 for the loss of one wicket at the end of 15 overs when it began to rain and the match had to be abandoned. Shehrayar was not out on 19 runs and Imran was not out on 14.

The Bard team for this match was (in batting order): Mahboob Hossain, Damath De Tissera, Shehzad Hameed, Reuben Pillsbury, Arjun Bhatt, Fahad Azziuddin, Michael Walsh, Mostafizur Rahman and Toufique Khan.

The Bard team's next match will be a "home game" against Columbia University on the 14th of May at the Rhinebeck Fairgrounds (if the team is able to reserve it). Also, the team learnt recently that it would not be able to use the new soccer field to host visiting teams this season. See, I told you relevant discussions were going on as you read this.

Playoff Schedule

Wednesday the 11th
Ricardo's Revenge v. Sit and Wait... 6pm

Friday the 13th (Ooooh...)
Slut Trash v. Red-Headed Stepchildren 4pm
The Biffers v. We're Not B.A.G.L.E. 5pm
Simon's Sluggers v. Joe's Wooden Anse 6pm

Monday the 16th
Elks v. St. Tula 4pm
Winners of Weds. games 5:30pm

Wednesday the 18th
Winner of Fri. 5pm v. Snuggly 4pm
Winner of Fri. 4pm v. Spark 6pm
The Editor:

As a playing member of Ricardo's Revenge, the economist softball team that "decimated" — as you put it in your May 5 issue — the film team, St. Tula this past Tuesday, and as a dedicated and proud economist myself, I feel it to be my obligation to clarify a number of misstatements, semi-truths and outright inaccuracies published in The Observer on the game in question. (I feel this to be necessary, even though the above mentioned article was generally favorable to my memory and the members of my profession who would attribute to it.

Economy tells us, that rational actors' expectations of the future are not entirely based on projections of the past, and that indeed any historic precedent is virtually impossible to be repeated, given the momentarily changing nature of present conditions. (1)

It is true, as I believe it is common knowledge, that an overwhelming majority of players on our team, Ricardo's Revenge, had not ever seen a baseball bat or a single game until a few weeks ago, and that they are not fully aware of the obscure rules of the game of softball to this day. It is also true that even the team's American members — with the notable exception of Prof. Mac McCallum, who spent an overwhelming balance of their waking days grasping to understand economic theories they will never have an opportunity to apply in their lives. Economic theory informs us, however, that all forms of human productive activity involve a period of training, which is never sufficient for the economists' victory. The key to victory is to be found in another competitive strategy adopted by Ricardo's Revenge, which I will explain in turn. The eventual victory of Ricardo's Revenge was based in the principle of dynamic comparative advantage, which is historically exemplified by the famous partnership of St. Tula suddenly finding their productive capacity to be relatively large, given the lack of experience of the other team in the game.

This convergence of skill levels at the game progressed dramatically. The key to Ricardo's advantage might have been eroding, the higher returns to starting from a lower skill-level experienced by Ricardo's Revenge would not, by themselves be sufficient for the economists' victory. The key to victory is to be found in another competitive strategy adopted by Ricardo's Revenge, which I will explain in turn. The eventual victory of Ricardo's Revenge was based in the principle of dynamic comparative advantage, which is historically exemplified by the famous partnership of large-scale, highly specialized, highly efficient firms. While major competitors, older firms, already possess a large stock of capital invested in a particular mode of producing some good, and this capital stock may represent outdated equipment or methods, the newcomers, the trend or inferior team, may be able to exploit the large capital investment, thereby quickly increasing the productivity of the combined team.

Having explained that the victory of Ricardo's Revenge was rooted in the established nature of productive existence, it is our hope and belief that the author of the May 5 article would not continue to stand by his argument that such an outcome was "the result of divine intervention, or perhaps luckless hubris (or St. Tula's part)." Indeed, the victory of Ricardo's Revenge was unavoidable under the circumstances, and any contrary opinion may only be attributable to an a priori belief in the media. It is unsurprising that not having fully accounted for the range of competitive strategies available to each team, Mike P. would be astonished to find the mystical St. Tula fallen. (If I can add on the side, those green and black caps might have disturbed the film real halo crowning the Tulas' glorious heads.)

Idealists can go on dreaming their dreams of past glory, but as David Ricardo, the late eighteenth century economist who developed the theory of comparative advantage would certainly advise anyone, the free market will always work their magic. The free market brought Ricardo's Revenge out on top against St. Tula, and as long as the economist-team remains the only one advised by economic theory on their approach to the wonderful game of softball, the pages of history will continue to be rewritten.

Sincerely,

Gabor Bognar

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To the Editor:

As we are glad to see the ongoing expansion of the Henderson Computer Center, the laser printers are desperately desired by the majority of students. The current line of laser printers cannot print with quality, and sometimes cannot print some particular characters at all. The poor quality of printing may have negative effects on one's applications to graduate schools or jobs. As most schools in this country today have laser printers available to students, we can only use the laser printers in very few cases, (e.g. senior project). Laser printers are more expensive than the current printers, but a few of them can equip many computers because of their improved speed. Therefore, we strongly urge the administration to consider the equipment of laser printers for the computer center next semester.

Andy Gilman

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Dear editor:

There was a sign on the board close to the post office concerning the current meal policy of Wood Company. (Kline Food Service.) While it is not so easy to improve their food or service, it is reasonable for the company to give reimbursement for the meals that students miss. But at Bard they just take our money in without giving anything if we miss the meals. And the meal exchange is so limited the we can only get it if we go to meal exchange within an hour after the particular meal we miss, and it is not available for dinner. But for the meals that we miss during the week. Almost every other school food service has some kind of reimbursement policy; either give the money back, or we can get food equivalent to the meals we miss during the week. As we all know, the Wood Company has displayed extraordinary interests in profits by making the most money from students and providing the least food possible. At the same time, the school helps themselves by requiring any senior and resident student to be on the board plan. Some actions should be taken for this matter. First, we should investigate why it is possible for the food service to do all these things without any criticism from the school and administration. Is there a special deal between the school and the company? Second, we should push for the reimbursement for our missed meals by collecting signatures in the Kline Common and submit the petition to the company and the school administration. Students should not be silent or just complaining about the food service anymore, it is time to take actions now!

Andy Gilman

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Letters as printed in The Bard Observer. (editor's note: Nevertheless, I stand by my arguments.-MP)
MAY 11 TO MAY 18 1994

★ WEDNESDAY. MAY 11 ★

- Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous are meeting today in Aspinwall 304 at 12 noon.
- Mesa de Espanol. ¡No te la pierdas! Kline Committee Room 6-7p.
- Grand Union Run. Leaves at 6p and returns at 7p. Meet the van behind Kline.
- Wickets, balls and short square-legs? Anyone for Cricket? Yes, it is now the season to play. Worried that you've never played before, but would still like to learn? Come to the practice session today from 8p to 10p near or inside the Stevenson Gym. For more info call 758-7730.
- Student Forum: Elections. The following positions are up for elections: 5 planning committee seats, 2 student judiciary board seats, 2 student life committee seats and 8 educational policies committee seats. No experience necessary. Kline, 7p. Questions should be directed to Maria De Moot.

★ THURSDAY. MAY 12 ★

- Alcoholics Anonymous meeting in Aspinwall 304 at 7:30p.
- Sculptor Jim Clark will give a talk on his work today at 4:30p in the Center Studio at the Procter Arts Center.
- Yvorw Italiaans, Kline President's Room. All Welcome! Join us for conversation at 5:30-6:30p. Benvenuto.
- What's happened to the Communists in the East since the end of Communism? Moderator: Leon Botstein. Round Table discussion in Olin 205, 7p. For information call 758-7730.
- Student Repertory II. Dance Studio, 8p. No reservations necessary.

★ FRIDAY. MAY 13 ★

- Alcoholics Anonymous meeting in Aspinwall 304 at 12 noon.
- Czech IT OUT! Do you have an interest in Czech culture? Would you like to learn some Czech words, Czech expressions or experience Czech humor? Come to the Czech table. Kline Presidents Room, 5-6:30p.

★ SATURDAY. MAY 14 ★

- Alcoholics Anonymous meeting in Aspinwall 304 at 12 noon.

★ SUNDAY. MAY 15 ★

- Wickets, balls and short square-legs? Anyone for Cricket? Yes, it is now the season to play. Worried that you've never played before, but would still like to learn? Come to the practice session today from 3p to 5p near or inside the Stevenson Gym. For more info call 758-7730.
- Narcotics Anonymous meeting in Aspinwall 304 at 7:30p.

★ MONDAY. MAY 16 ★

- Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous will be meeting in Aspinwall 304 at 12 noon.
- Women's Center Meeting. Annandale House, rm 110, 6:30p.
- Lois Conner, professor of photography at Yale University will be giving a lecture today at 8p in Olin 102. This lecture is a class assignment for all photo students. The darkroom will be closed during the lecture.
- If the Mango Tree Could Speak: children's views on war in Central America. Time and location to be assigned.

★ TUESDAY. MAY 17 ★

- Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous are meeting today in Aspinwall 304 at 12 noon.
- Mesa de Espanol. ¡No te la pierdas! Kline Committee Room 6-7p.
- Grand Union Run. Leaves at 6p and returns at 7p. Meet the van behind Kline.
- Anyone for Cricket? Yes, it is now the season to play. Worried that you've never played before, but would still like to learn? Come to the practice session today from 8p to 10p near or inside the Stevenson Gym. For more info call 758-7730.

END OF THE SEMESTER TRANSPORTATION

May 25: Vans to Rhinecliff leaving at 4:53 and 7:47p. Van to Poughkeepsie leaving at 6p. Van to Albany Airport leaving at 8a ($10 to reserve a seat in advance.)
May 27: Vans for La Guardia and JFK Airports leaving at 8a (sign up in Ludlow until May 23, $15 in advance.) Van to Albany Airport leaving at 8a ($10 to reserve a seat in advance.) Vans to Rhinecliff leaving at 10a and 4:15p.
May 27: Van to Albany Airport leaving at 8a ($10 to reserve a seat in advance.)

★ TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE ★

WEDNESDAY: Grand Union Runs. Leave at 6p, return at 7p.
FRIDAY: Poughkeepsie Galleria Mall Runs: Leave every other Friday at 5p. Pick up at the Mall at 8p. Trips are scheduled for February 11, 25; March 11, 25; April 15, 29 and May 12.
Rhinecliff Train Station Run; 4:20p for the 4:35p, 5:30p for the 6:21p, 7:00p for the 7:45p.
SATURDAY: The 10a-3p Shuttle from Bard to Tivoli, Red Hook, Rhinecliff and Rhinebeck.
Hudson Valley Mall trip: meet bus behind Kline at 5:45pm, pick up at mall at 5:45p.
SUNDAY: Van meets the 7:15p and 9:30p trains at the Rhinecliff Station.
Van meets the 7:45p and 10:15p trains at the Poughkeepsie Station.
Church Runs: at 9:15 to go to Red Hook for St. Chris Church and Tivoli for St. Paul's Church.
Van trips to New York City; every three weeks: March 5, 26, April 16, May 7. Sign up in the Dean of Students Office - $5.00.

Meet all vans or buses in the parking lot behind Kline Commons.