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"Academia may be a wonderful place, but it sure does use up your time."

- John Ostrom

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Expert on the Mesozoic Era John Ostrom lectures at the Olin Auditorium. (Photo: Shana Ehrlich)

## Archaeopteryx at large

*John Ostrom and the link between dinosaurs and birds*

**Michael  
Poirier  
News  
Editor**

"What is it that is so mystical about birds? Where did they come from?" asked Dr. John Ostrom as he opened his lecture in the Olin Auditorium last Saturday afternoon.

Ostrom's talk was the first installment of the 1994-95 season of Bard's Distinguished Scientist Lecture Series. Professor emeritus in the Department of Geology and Geophysics and curator emeritus of the Peabody Museum of Natural History at Yale University, Ostrom's lecture focused on his detailed theory about the evolutionary relationship between birds and dinosaurs. He has been arguing, with strength growing each year, that birds evolved directly from certain species of smaller dinosaurs.

"I have been pursuing this topic for over twenty years," Ostrom said. "And while I have not yet convinced everyone, I will

show you all of the conclusive evidence."

### The lucky archaeopteryx

Ostrom explained that the "oldest known true bird" was the *Archaeopteryx lithographica*. The *Archaeopteryx* first appeared in the late Jurassic period, about 140 million years ago. With *Archaeopteryx* appeared the first distinctively bird-like features.

Only seven *Archaeopteryx* fossils have been found in modern times. Furthermore, all of these remains were discovered within the last hundred and twenty years in a region of limestone quarries near the town of Soinhofen, Germany.

Ostrom remarked that it is due to "incredible good fortune" that even these remains have been uncovered. Since Soinhofen limestone is quarried entirely by hand, stone workers have been careful enough to discover what Ostrom called "the unlikeliest of fossils."

Interestingly, *Archaeopteryx* fossils

also have a history of being improperly identified as dinosaurs. Ostrom told the audience the story of his encounter with such a misnamed fossil.

In 1970, Ostrom visited the Teyler Museum in the Netherlands to examine their fragments of a pterodactyl fossil. The specimen was in two pieces, and once Ostrom noticed the needle-sharp talons on the wings, he immediately realized that he was actually looking at an *Archaeopteryx*.

"I can remember exactly how I felt," joked Ostrom. "Do I tell the curator and then ask if I can borrow the fossil? Or, do I just ask if I can borrow them? That was one of the most difficult decisions of my life."

Ostrom finally did tell the curator the truth about the fossil, and the curator vanished with the fragments, not answering Ostrom's request to borrow them. Disconsolate, Ostrom thought that he had blown his chance. Then, the curator returned, the fossils tied in a box, thanking Ostrom for "making the Teyler museum famous!"

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# The other side

## Crosswalks in the near future?

**Michael Poirier**  
News Editor

The issue of pedestrian crosswalks on Annandale Road has been a lingering issue at Bard College.

When a roller-blading student was struck by a moving car last autumn, the administration reaffirmed its promise to have crosswalks put in place.

A year later, the actual crosswalks have yet to be painted. Director of Safety and Security Kim Squillace explained in an interview Tuesday morning the current situation.

Since Annandale Road is also Dutchess County Road 103, the road is owned by Dutchess County, not Bard College. The County is therefore responsible for traffic signs along the road, and for designating where the College may paint crosswalks.

Squillace said that two crosswalks have been planned: one between the Kline Parking Lot and the Stevenson Gymnasium, and another at the bottom of the hill near the Chapel. Over the summer, the County had marked the guidelines for the imminent crosswalks, and the College was ready to begin painting.

Then Dutchess County decided to repave Road 103.

Since Annandale Road was going to be resurfaced, the crosswalks had to be put on hold.

Once the road work was completed, Squillace said that the College again asked the County to redesignate exactly where the crosswalks could be painted. She confirmed that after the County does its part, the walks will finally be painted.

The only time-frame Squillace could provide was "as soon as it's under our control."

Addressing other Security concerns, Squillace urged students to take advantage of the buddy system when walking around campus. "As I tell every student at orientation, always use the buddy system," she said. "A person shouldn't be walking around alone."

Since the College is still waiting for the necessary parts to assemble the lights and emergency phones along the path leading from main campus to Cruger Village, the buddy system is particularly recommended for students travelling that way at night.

### Other Security News

In other Security related news, Squillace reported that a bike theft last week resulted in a happy ending. The bicycle was found in the woods, and the perpetrator turned out to be the guest of a Bard student. Squillace said that the situation was "quickly resolved", and the guest was asked to leave.

At a party last Saturday night, Security had to deal with two more student guests who discharged fire extinguishers in the Student Center. Squillace wants to remind students that as hosts, they will be held responsible for any damages their guests incur.

Furthermore, Squillace added that none of these guests were properly registered through Security. She said that students only need to ask for a guest pass from the Security Office to officially register a visitor. Squillace explained that the guest pass is necessary in case of an emergency involving the visitor when their

host is not available.

**Parking, parking, parking**  
Squillace also had a few comments concerning the parking situation here on campus.

First the good news. Squillace reported that Buildings and Grounds will eventually expand the Olin parking lot by fifty spaces. "This should free up the Kline lot by providing more spaces for off-campus student parking," she added.

However, Squillace also said that theft and vandalism of parking signs threatens to further restrict student parking on main campus. In the lots between the Henderson Computer Center and the B+G barn, there are 15 spaces reserved exclusively for main campus residents. In the past few weeks, the temporary signs identifying these spaces have been stolen or disfigured.

Squillace said that permanent signs are on the way, but if these are damaged, she may eliminate the spaces set aside for residents. "These permanent signs are costly, and the College can't afford to put up with this kind of vandalism," she said.

On a brighter note, Squillace did say that more spaces might be made available in the future. "We're currently collecting data about how the new parking policies are working out," she said, concluding that perhaps more spaces could be reserved for students once the data comes in.

Finally, Dutchess County has installed more speed limit and "no parking" signs along Annandale road. Squillace warned students that the Sheriff's Office does patrol the road, and has ticketed students recently for speeding and illegal parking.

wrists, shoulders, breast-bones and lower jaw of the Archaeopteryx almost exactly match those of the theropod dinosaurs.

Ostrom went on to explain that one of the reasons for the evolutionary success of birds is that they have two separate means of locomotion: flight, and running or walking. In order for birds to fly, the anatomy of their arms, shoulders and wish-bone must be of a specific structure. Since birds can have working legs, they must have evolved from obligatory bipeds, i.e. creatures that can only walk on their hind legs and not on all-fours.

The anatomy of the dinosaurs serve as obvious prototypes for the avian skeletal structure. Ostrom traced the evolutionary lineage of birds back to these small meat-eating dinosaurs. They were

small in order to live and hunt in trees. Living high in the trees, they eventually developed wings without sacrificing the utility of their legs.

Archaeopteryx, therefore, was a dinosaur that evolved into flight with tremendous success. Indeed, Ostrom feels that the avian species have remained so successful, that the Cenozoic Age should be changed from the "Age of Mammals" to the "Age of Birds."

Ostrom found it hard to characterize the arguments of those who oppose this evolutionary theory. He said that these antagonists simply cannot comprehend the notion of small dinosaurs, and they are unable to offer an alternative. "They're trapped in the old idea that dinosaurs have no survivors," he concluded.

## Classifieds and personals

**Childhood Sexual Abuse.** A special group for women designed to support, not replace individual therapy, will meet for 16 consecutive Thursdays (10am-11:30am) @ Ulster County Mental Health Services in Kingston. If you are interested in exploring your experiences and growing beyond your history, please call Peri Rainbow, MPS or Gayle Schumacher, CSW @ 331-6340.

**Eating Disorders.** If you are currently experiencing Anorexia or Bulimia, a Self-Help Group is forming at the Ulster County Mental Health Services. The group will be clinically based and led by Barbara Reynolds, CSW. For more info., call Barbara @ 331-6340.

**"Coping with Infertility."** A self-help group providing supporting information to those experiencing a wide range of issues related to the subject. Next meeting Wednesday, September 28 at 7pm at the WYCA, at 209 Clinton Ave. in Kingston. The topic will be "A Medical Update on Infertility" by Dr. Fred Hurst from Riverside Women's Health Center in Poughkeepsie. For more information, call Judy at 339-4674.

**ASTROLOGY Reading!** Find out what your chart reveals about you and your future. Special limited offer (sponsored by the National Council for Geocosmic Research): \$25.00. Call 339-7437 for details.

B.R.A.V.E. will be offering a training program for students interested in becoming either peer-support counselors or peer educators. (or both)...Applications will be available, for those interested in joining B.R.A.V.E., at the Tewks

office during office hours (Sun & Mon nights 8-10pm) or at any B.R.A.V.E. events (Watch calendar for a listing of these!) For more info. track down a B.R.A.V.E. counselor (ext.552&557) or visit our office.

**Healing Through Music and Rhythm Wed., October 5 (7-9pm)** Layne Redmond at the Linden Tree Center 30 Manchester Rd. Poughkeepsie. \$20. For more info. call (914) 471-8000.

**ESCAPE CLUB CAFE:** ROUTE 9G & 199, RED HOOK 758-5810 Thurs. Oct.6 9:30pm Original, Variety, Rock'n'Dance with Point of Departure: \$4 cover.

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In case you were wondering where Phil Schnell disappeared to, his address overseas is: Philip James Schnell Esq, 65 Palmerston, Rathmines, Dublin 6, IRELAND. (That should come out to five lines.) If you have any questions regarding this young libertine, direct them to Kara (box 800). Erin go bragh.

**Hey Rabbit, You here now.** Damn fine. Tigger's grinning, watch his yellow, messed-up teeth slide.

"She's a sad tomato. She's three miles of bad road..."

**GRETCHEN--Why is it that Ferrets are so damn cute, but so damned annoying? You must tell me how things are with you.--the Pigeon.**

Classified? Send to Observer in Campus Mail.

## Scientist continued

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From bipeds to birds

In 1973, a fossil found in 1950 was properly identified as an Archaeopteryx. This time, earlier scientists had mistaken the complete skeleton for a Compsognathus, a small meat-eating dinosaur roughly the size of a chicken. This case of mistaken identity provided yet another clue to the Ostrom's puzzle.

Skeletal anatomy would prove to be the final pieces in this evolutionary jig-saw. With the help of slides, Ostrom pointed out to his audience the distinctive features of Archaeopteryx that identify it as a bird.

He then examined the marked similarity of these skeletal features to those of the theropod (meat-eating) dinosaurs, like Compsognathus. The feet, ankles,



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# The whole van story

## Team transportation troubles vex Bard College's Athletic Department

**Joshus  
Ledwell**  
Sports  
Editor

Due in part to a shortage of transportation at Bard, the men's and women's cross-country team have had difficulty in attending away meets this semester. Disappearing vans and broken cars have been haunting the team, and Bard College doesn't have all the answers.

On Sept. 10, nobody could find the van meant to take the

teams to the Quinnipiac Invitational meet. The van appeared an hour late, leaving the athletes were left with almost no time to prepare for the race.

The next week, on Sept. 17, the athletic department found that the van they had expected would take the cross-country runners to the Vassar Invitational had in fact been reserved by a Peer Counselor for an apple-picking trip to Greig Farm. The team coach agreed to take the team in his own car to Vassar, but the car had mechanical difficulties and the team ended up missing the meet

completely.

**No Van, Part I**

Athletic director Joel Tomson and Dean of Students Shelley Morgan explained the bizarre events surrounding the two incidents. Before the Quinnipiac meet, on Friday afternoon, Tomson met with new cross-country coach Robert Goldsworthy and told him of his responsibilities on an athletic team away trip, since it was the team's first meet off campus this season. Tomson then cleaned a van and filled it with gas, finally giving the keys to the coach for use the next morning.

When Saturday morning arrived, however, the van was missing. The cross-country teams' time of departure was delayed until the van reappeared about an hour late.

Dean Morgan confirmed that the van's whereabouts were not accounted for during part of the night and the early morning. Vans are supposed to be signed out at Security, where keys for the vehicles are also kept. But no one had signed for the van, and no key had been taken from the Security office. How the van disappeared is still a mystery, though Dean Morgan commented, "Obviously, we consider this a problem."

One of the students on the cross-country team said that, due to their lateness for the Quinnipiac meet, the Bard team had only a few minutes to stretch before the races began. The team also had no chance to walk through the course prior to the actual race, which, the student said, is important so that athletes know how to pace themselves and are less likely

to get lost on the often rambling courses.

**No Van, Part II**

The cross-country team was next scheduled to run on Saturday, Sept. 17, at Vassar College. When Athletic Director Tomson attempted to reserve a van for the event, he found that the only van available was to take a group of students to Greig Farm to pick apples. Two other vans were taking the women's volleyball and women's soccer teams to their away games.

Tomson considered renting a van from an off campus source, but the \$275 cost for the minimum two day rental was prohibitive. "We were doing everything we were supposed to," Tomson emphasized, "but renting a van to go seventeen miles" to Vassar would have taken a large chunk out of the Athletic Department's budget.

As an alternative, the athletic director approached cross-country coach Goldsworthy, who agreed to drive the team to Vas-

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## Dead Goat Notes

*Due to the inferior intelligence, poor taste and a distinct lack of sophistication, some people will be offended by the following column. There's just no pleasing some people, so I have settled for irritating everyone.*

"The only thing I know is that I am ignorant of everything," Socrates said that. Of course, we can't even be too sure of that since it was reported indirectly by Plato and journalistic standards then were not nearly as high then as they are now. I mean, it was Plato who said that Atlantis was a big continent that just sank one day. He also had this hang-up about the nature of goodness and justice, which leads me to the subject of this column.

You see, I lied shamelessly to get a job at some tree-hugging nature outfit and now I'm having some sort of moral crisis over my true ideals ("better dead than green") and their ideals ("stop driving your car so we can save the spotted slug"). I don't feel uncomfortable unloading my moral crisis on you since the only person with moral values graduated from Bard College in 1963. Bard College is a value vacuum. You people are so ethically empty that you wouldn't judge a child molester on crack.

At the time of this writing, I have a job. They can't take that away from me. I mean, I could tune in Rush Limbaugh every day at lunch while biting into my whooping crane sandwich and they couldn't do much more than sit there and pray to their tree gods to try and stop me. Fat lot of good their tree gods will do when I turn 'em into plywood deities and pave over their old stumps.

But anyway, the moral crisis is this: should I promote their green ideals or slip in sneaky things about the free market and family values. I mean, it's not as if these things are completely mutually exclusive. For instance, a strict libertarian economic view would have the government do away with the subsidizing of mining and logging on public lands, reducing the environmental abuse of these lands. Also, as long as it is cost-effective, I'm not opposed to recycling. I am only opposed to it if it takes me more than five minutes to figure out which bin to throw my baby



**Greg Giaccio**  
Alumnist

seal carcasses in.

For the most part, however, environmentalists think that the government should step in at the drop of a study to save the measliest invertebrate. Coming from a more conservative philosophy, I think that unless there is absolute scientific proof that it will affect me directly, then screw the environment. Who needs the government telling me where I can dump dioxins?

Environmentalists rely on preliminary studies and hypotheses to outlaw things that we find

fun. They are basically the kind of people who lobby congress to outlaw popcorn in movie theaters because one scientist found that in an incomplete study there might be a .001 percent chance that all people who have attended the movies and eaten popcorn may sometime die in the future. My people are the types who would eat twice as much popcorn, and are still really skeptical about cigarette smoke being hazardous and swear to God that they had better hair days when the government allowed us to put chlorofluorocarbons in our hair-spray.

So, should I put on a happy face and just pretend to be one of the neo-pagan dirt-lovers, or should I allow my true self to come out? Shakespeare said "To thine own self be true." Of course, in that same play the female lead was played by a former blacksmith's apprentice from the London suburbs named John Sparrow, so who did he think he was fooling?

On the basic capitalist level, I'm just a hired pen, a tongue for rent. They're paying me to be a public relations assistant: an intellectual prostitute who must fake environmental orgasms when paid to. Don't laugh, where do you think you're literature degree is going? Planning to read Dostoyevsky for pay, are you? Another or so you'll be writing apologies for Watergate at the Richard M. Nixon Presidential Library in Yorba Linda and thanking St. Dick that he puts food on your table even after he's been dead.



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## Another View

## Trouble in Haiti

## Born again interventionists

People are becoming a little too comfortable with the fact that the U.S., thanks to Jimmy Carter, has decided not to "invade" Haiti, even though the troops are there anyway. The Haitian popular movement, which launched Aristide into power, has much to fear by the intervention of a country which has consistently fought for its own economic interests in Haiti, hand in hand with the same military that it now purports to "overthrow" (though absolving all those responsible for the torture from any criminal charges, and promising to "reorganize" the army into one that seemingly will be no less repressive.) The following excerpt appearing in the September 1994 issue of *The Progressive* by Chavannes Jean-Baptiste, head of Haiti's Peasant Movement of Papay, illustrates that the only

way to secure democracy and peace in Haiti is to allow the people to create it themselves. Though the struggle they face is daunting, we can offer solidarity here by educating ourselves and others about the situation, and organizing to demonstrate against the intervention.

Concerned members of the community will meet this Thursday, September 29, in Olin 203 at 7pm. —Brept Armendinger

From the outset, the international community—the United States in particular—has pursued a dilatory strategy to prevent the restoration of Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to power. Contrary to common perception, the United States has never thoroughly applied the sanctions mandated by the Organization of

American States. Until recently, Miami served as the major port for shipment of goods to Haiti.

In fact, according to a U.S. Department of Commerce report, the profits of American companies operating in Haiti have increased since the coup took place three years ago. Instead of supporting effective sanctions as against Haiti's elites, the United States resorted to a leaky embargo that crippled the already impoverished Haitian majority while rendering drug trafficking and contraband more lucrative, further enriching the generals and the elites.

Now the United States is moving cynically toward a military intervention and occupation, ostensibly to dislodge the military regime. But we cannot forget that it was U.S. military intervention earlier in this century that

gave birth to the Haitian army. We cannot forget that Washington has spent millions in training, arming, and supporting the criminals who continue to wreak havoc on the Haitian people. We believe that the real objective of the any military intervention would be an attempt to crush Haiti's popular movement, which was instrumental in bringing President Aristide to power.

Furthermore, even if Aristide were returned to Haiti, his hands would be tied, crippling him from carrying out the popular project for which he was given an overwhelming mandate of 67 percent of the popular vote. Haiti would be further entrenched in the U.S. notion of "democracy"—a notion rejected by the Haitian people, who want de-

mocracy rooted in popular participation in economic and political decisions.

We are opposed to any form of military intervention because intervention would not bring a just resolution to the crisis. To the contrary, it would make matters worse. It would strengthen the military and economic apparatus that the Haitian people want to eradicate. It would, in effect, consecrate the objective and effects of the coup d'état.

The Haitian people are against military intervention and occupation because we are mobilized to struggle against the coup leaders and establish a long-lasting democracy. We are determined to struggle against the coup leaders—and against the occupation.

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### Madame the Gypsy Queen's Weekly Horoscope

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): You need more freedom to make your various problems go away. You ought to try to schedule regular visits with yourself.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): Having tried very hard to keep your head above water, you find that in fact you are still very wet behind the ears. Romance isn't really on the books for you this week; what you need and what you want are two different kinds of fish.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): Beware of cows in the marketplace—if you know what I mean!

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): Finance becomes less important this week, especially compared to your personal life. Madame believes you will be making a journey soon.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Though they may be frustrating, your problems with the basic logistics of life are only temporary. Sometimes people are real pricks; try not let this get you down.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Forever waiting for the right moment may make it harder to speak when the time finally comes. If you are wondering if your prospective honey is right for you, start with a few simple questions.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will find it hard to eat at Kline tonight. Instead, cook dinner for yourself and a senior psychology major who is completely stressed out.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your seemingly innocent nature easily masks your true skepticism. While most people think you are completely gullible, you in fact do not believe everything you read.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 21): Your success with love last week will not be equalled for a rather long time. Instead, you will have to suffer through long, intense encounters with small furry creatures and stuffed animals.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 22-Feb. 18): You should not, under any circumstances, skip class this week. There are very important things afoot.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Working too hard will make your hair turn grey. And what for? Quit squirming.

**Aries** (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): The one thing you should do today is go up to someone you've known since freshman year, especially if that person is now a senior, and give her (or him, I guess, if you must) a big hug and kiss.

## A Portrait of Edith Wharton



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# Tractatus Logico-Milkus

## 0.0 Some people just shouldn't review movies

Noah  
Mullette-  
Gillman  
Staff  
Philosopher

1 Movies are all that is the case

1 . 1  
Movies are made up of scenes, not film

1 . 1 1

The movie is determined by it's being all of the scenes.

2 Any movie which can be reviewed may be reviewed in such a manner so that everyone will get the jokes. (The jokes being determined as all of the jokes which do occur in the review, and the negative jokes as all of the jokes which do not occur in the review.)

2.1 Any review which Noah writes might have been written or not have been written whether or not he has written any other movie reviews for the *Observer*.

2.11 Similarly, Noah may or may not see a movie and yet the movie review could exist in any case.

2.10000000000000000001  
However, Noah *likes* seeing movies.

2.10000000000000000002  
*Milk Money* is a movie.

2.10000000000000000021  
Noah has seen *Milk Money* (but the movie could have still existed had he not seen it, similarly Noah might have seen *Clear and Present Danger*, but everyone else has already seen that even though he waited for the summer to end so that they would go with him and he could review it for the *Observer*.)

2.00000...211  
The *Observer* is all that is the paper.

2.00000...212  
The *Observer* is made up of readings, not of articles.

2.00000...22  
This is a review of the movie *Milk Money*.

2.0000000000000000000221  
See inset.

3 I went to see *Milk Money* at the drive-in.

3.1 It was a double feature playing with *Natural Born Killers*.

3.11 Noah has seen *Natural Born Killers* three times, frankly we're all kind of worried about him.

3.12 It was a real bargain, both movies for five, count 'em buddy, five bucks!

2.00000000000000000000221

P / Q

T T when presented politely.

F T when excessive force is mandated to make people actually go and see the movie.

E When the reviewer can't make up his or her mind about what they thought about the movie, usually followed by the disclaimer; "What does it look like that says to YOU?"

3.2 It was the case that *Milk Money* was a movie about a group of kids who decide that they want to see a woman naked.

3.21 And so they all pool their life savings (\$103) and bike into the city to find a prostitute.

3.211 They might not have found one, they had a lot of trouble doing so. It is conceivable that they might not have. This is not to say that you would believe me if I told them that there were an unexpected twist in the plotline, but their disbelief is not of the same caliber as their KNOWLEDGE that a square circle is impossible.

3.2111  
As one might infer from 3.211 the plotline was pretty predictable.

3 . 3

However, It starred Melanie Griffith, who is not only really hot, but rumored to be Bill's half-daughter twice removed.

3.31 Therefore if one could woo Melanie Griffith then they would not only be assured the

fulfillment of all of their wildest sexual fantasies, but they could get a decent philosophy grade.

4 The question "Was it a good movie" is nonsense.

4.1 "Was it a good movie" is an aesthetic question.

4.2 Noah enjoyed the movie.

4.21 Noah went there with two fun friends.

4.22 It rained that night.

4.221 The rain added to the atmosphere, it did not impair viewing at the drive-in.

4.23 Noah thought that the plot was contrived.

4.24 Noah thought the acting was so-so.

4.241 (except you Melanie dear!)

5 Sometimes a bad movie can be lots o' fun!

6 Therefore metaphysics is nonsense.

6.1 Similarly, Religion and Ethics are for ninnies, and the afterlife is for people with no ambition.

7 That of which we cannot speak we must pass over in SONG!!!!

7.1 So much for a philosophy degree, at least I've got a career with the *Observer*.

## News and Notes

Sean  
O'Neill  
Guest  
Pundit

Botstein's  
Bar N' Grill

The idea has surfaced from the Font of Quaint Notions that

Bard College should purchase the town of Annandale. The possibilities for fun are endless, with Mayor Leon Botstein, Sheriff Stewart Levine, and Tax Assessor Gerald Kelly.

Bard, it is true, owns its own waterworks. We treat our own water and sewage. So the thought has been half-jokingly presented that we might sell municipal bonds to raise cash. The printing of currency, (Shelley Morgan's face on the one Annandollar Bill), is a long way off, of course. The secession from Red Hook must occur first. Still, art majors are encouraged to submit designs now for the new Bard flag, so as to expedite the process. (A white bond silhouette laid against a

You think I jest. (Why won't you take me seriously??) But just ask your friendly administrator whether or not the "historical societies" of Hudson have offered Bard the chance to buy merrie ole Annandale. Ask, too, about Bard entering into a joint-ownership in the building of a new hotel, a kind of "Beekman Arms North," in our town of Annandale. One-hundred rooms, a chichi restaurant, lots of parking space — the works.

Then ask about whether there are any plans for new housing.

### Student Center?

The new "Campus Center" will be located between Procter Arts Building and Ravine Road. It will *not* be called a "student center" because people might get the wrong idea. It will *not* be located conveniently near Olin to put all the new locker space to use for North Campus residents

about the new "Campus Center" can contact their elected representatives, Laurie Currie and Dara Silverman.

The Olin Annex will be ready in time for summer classes.

New decor will soon grace the 24-hour "Reading Room."

### Money

The college is embarking on a fund-raising activity with a goal of thirty million dollars. This "capital campaign" is big news. Bard has a "living endowment," rather than the kind of endowment that most colleges have, which is to say the kind that collects interest in a bank. In brief, Vassar plays the stock market; Bard begs for gifts.

Most of our million-dollar-class donors do not have children and did not attend Bard, two descriptions that speak for themselves.

If you have any undeveloped

thousand-seat theater at Blithewood, or who might enjoy cocktail parties at the Yale Club in Manhattan, then contact the President of the College immediately.

### Phones

Telephone troubles? Long-distance woes? E-Mail complications? Send criticisms to the phone company. It is a company that is so tiny that Bard is its largest customer. Administrators assure us that "this gives us no leverage whatsoever."

Formerly known as A-C-C- and now called Telacom/Tell-A-Fool, or something like that, the company lacks the industrial strength switchers for large volumes of phone activity. (Such as thirteen simultaneous calls to Broadway Pizza.) We are told that because this company gave us the most generous offer to install phones on campus that we must stick with them for a while. Seniors will remember a time when there were no phones in students' rooms. Well folks, the contract

### Illness

Ever wonder why Bard students are always hacking, coughing, and sneezing? It's because of the architectural design of Kline Coomons, of course. Plenty of studies have proven that buildings with large, enclosed spaces, with no ability to open windows, and with recycled air, are the primary breeding grounds for the spread of flus and colds.

### This Just In...

Registration day will be on the first Wednesday in December. Everything else that you have heard is a malicious lie.

Incidentally, any comments about professors up for tenure-track, or senior review, should be directed to the Educational Policies Committee's elected representatives. Namely, Jennifer Abrams, Shelleen Greene, Robin Jacobs, Joshua Ledwell, Stanislav Mamonov, Aaron McCormick, Dara Beach, and Luis Alvarez.

# Volleyball team falls just short

Plus individual tennis scores, soccer travails and much more

**Joshua  
Ledwell  
Sports  
Editor**

## Varsity

There were many sports events this past week, and it is my pleasure to tell you about them. In terms of participants, the biggest was the women's volleyball tourney held last Saturday in the Stevenson Gym. Attending were Dominican College, Sarah Lawrence, St. Joseph's, the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and, of course, Bard.

The Blazer volleyball team did very well, first spiking Sarah Lawrence 15-2, 15-1. They next torpedooed the U.S. Merchant Marine 15-4, 15-5, and beat St. Joseph's 15-12, 15-10. In their last game, however, the home team met defeat against Dominican, 15-10, 15-4.

Bard ended up with a 3-1 record, which left it tied with St. Joseph's and Dominican (we won't speak of the records of the other two teams). Under NCAA rules, the tie was broken based on the game records of the games the teams had played against each other. Dominican emerged as the winner after this calculation, with a 3-2 record against Bard and St. Joseph's in head-to-head games. Bard was 2-2 and took second place, and St. Joseph's was relegated to third with a 2-3 record.

Some Bard athletes were clearly disappointed over the result, pointing out that Dominican had lost to or barely beaten teams that Bard had disposed of handily. Coach Kris Hall emphasized that the decision was based on prescribed national



Misty Williams gets set to serve while teammates watch from the bench. (photos: Shuna Ehrlich) It was a conference win, making it all the sweeter. Unfortunately, the win was sandwiched by a pair of losses, against Polytechnic University 1-0 the next day, and on the previous day versus John Jay 1-3. Coach Jeff Guinn wryly noted that the sole Bard scorer, Shezy Hameed, played only in the last thirty seconds on the game. "He scored on a corner kick, the first time he ever touched the ball in a Bard game," said Coach Guinn.

The volleyball Blazers beat Baruch 15-1, 9-15, 15-8, 15-12 on Monday, Sept. 19. Coach Hall commented that "it was a good win for us, because Baruch beat us last year." The women played yesterday against Bloomfield College, and their packed schedule continues with a match versus Marymount tomorrow. Their overall record is 6-2.

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, the women's soccer team tied Albany College of Pharmacy 3-3. Anna Tamura, Julianne Voss, and Katrina Hajagos each scored for Bard.

The men's soccer team won its first game of the season 4-1 against Mt. St. Vincent College last Saturday! Brian Kafelski scored the first two goals in the game, and Ian Greenfield and Tor Loney added one goal each.



## Intramurals

Three-on-three basketball continues apace. The F.L.O.W. team leads the league with a 2-0 record, with BBR and We Won Last Year tied for second at 1-1, and Babushka and Work rounding out the league at 0-1.

F.L.O.W. owes its success to closed defeats of BBR, 15-13, and Work, 17-14. To balance its loss, BBR beat We Won Last Year 20-17. Finally, We Won Last Year won one this year against Babushka, 23-15.

Rosters for this weekend's intramural softball tournament are due today. Yes, softball! Get psyched! By the way, I love Bard softball. As of this writing, no rosters had been submitted yet, so get those teams together! But, don't blame me if it is rained out!

## Natural High and Other Events

The Natural High program continues on Saturday, October 1, when forty Bard Students will climb a faux (though still challenging) rock wall in New Paltz. Space was still available as of Monday, and though the official deadline was yesterday, interested climbers might be able to squeeze in if they call today. The trip will cost four dollars.

Last Saturday's football competition became a "friendly open competition," according to Kris Hall, partially due to the number of students present. The table looked beautiful, although where it will be put in the Kline is still anybody's guess.

See you in the sports pages!

# Van trouble continued

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his car on his drive to Bard, and was not sure that the vehicle would make it to Vassar. Tomson as coach of the women's soccer team, had already left for his own away game. He was therefore unable to find alternate transportation for the cross-country runners.

Dean Morgan noted that the van going to Greig Farm could have been reassigned for the cross-country meet, if Coach Goldsworthy had not been comfortable with driving himself. Indeed, she said under similar circumstance in the past, vans had been reassigned for the sports teams.

According to Tomson, other teams have also depended on

student's or coach's cars to bring teams off campus. He said, "This is the biggest number of people we've ever had" on Bard sports teams, and the Athletic Department has been stretched to its limits.

Many students and members of the administration have suggested that Bard may need to acquire another van. There are three vans at Bard that can go off campus, according to Dean Morgan. One is exclusively reserved for the Athletic Department, and the other two are used for trips, mall runs, and the jitney service.

Watch for a follow-up on this article next week, including further information about the van situation at Bard.

## Sign up for Women's Fencing!

You don't have to be athletic nor experienced...just enthusiastic & willing to learn a great sport.

Pre-Season Practices are already in session:

Mon, Wed, Fri  
4-6pm

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

Remember: without you, we will have no team.

Questions, comments, criticisms, concerns?

Please call or contact us through campus mail:

Nicole Willis-Grimes x7233; Box 820  
Sarah Granett x7227; Box 812

\*Varsity Fencing Manager also needed; if interested, call Kris Hall @ the gym.



## Notes from the Treasurer

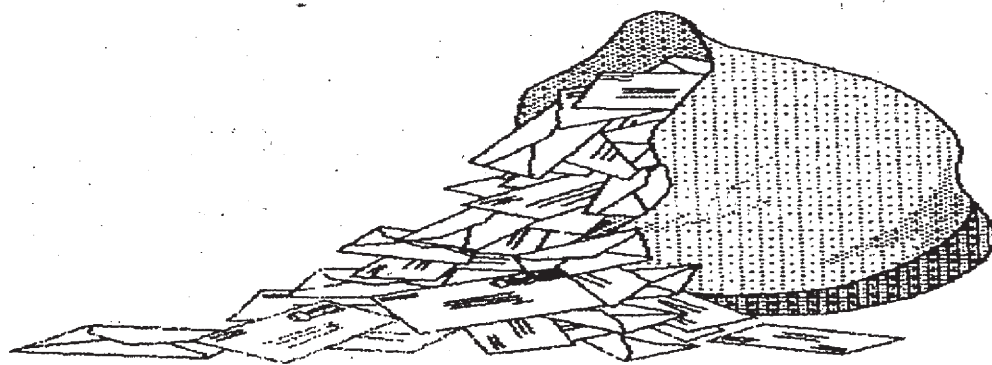
Following Dostoyevski's fine tradition of writing notes to an uninterested and unappreciative audience from despicable places, I will henceforth undertake to introduce you, writing from my cave in N. Hoffman, to the arcane process of claiming your deserved chunk of the Convocation Fund in the speediest way possible, as well as inundate you with some much craved information on how your hard earned Activities Fee dollars are spent. That is, if you're willing to put up with sentences so long you can't really see from their beginning to their end.

The reason for this veritable undertaking is twofold: First, I suspect that if you bother to hold this paper in your hands at all, or maybe even read the Dead Goat and the Gypsy Queen—with all due respect—you might still be left with a lack of fulfillment or reading satisfaction, other than the usual bad taste in your mouth. Second, I had not previously found anything useless to do between 3:30 to 4:30am Monday nights, and I have come around to think that this is just the right kind of thing to kill my abundant time with.

Well, to get down to the nitty gritty, if for any reason you're unfortunate enough to have to approach me with business of some sort, you may do that either through the phone 756-7276, or through personal contact. My room is North Hoffman 104—sorry, no alcohol, drugs or hanging out, which I'm sure comes as a shocking surprise to you. My hours of operation are as yet unforeseeable, and will probably forever be unpredictable, attributable in no small part to mother/father nature's various unsolicited callings. If this is found inadequate, I have also decided to create a virtual alter-ego of myself that is to forever haunt the Bard Cyber Community—if our beloved sysops ever figure out how to keep the system running for more than five minutes at a time.

I can also report to you that I enjoy writing checks immensely, so with the passing of the budget by a completely lame Forum the other night, I delved right into the task of showering money upon unsuspecting clubheads—not quite. In this awfully short period of time however, I have managed to distribute over five grand that has hopefully served your benefit, and not just the people's who dream up and run esoteric creatures that some constitution-writing genius at a moment of inspiration called student organizations. Eg. I found myself running around on an otherwise beautiful and potentially enjoyable Friday afternoon, searching for Mary Thomas—the person over at the barn who needs to countersign checks just to make sure that the appearance of the proper use of funds is maintained—to bring you Slug. Don't blame me if you didn't like it. I've got to admit some money also went to sound rental, a category of expenditure I would love to see forever disappear with the acquisition of the kickass new sound system that's close to being the single biggest item in this semester's budget. Once the people in charge get their act together to write them the biggest check of my miserable life so far: \$9000.

Until next time, I remain humbly and respectfully,  
Gabor the Treasurer



## Misrepresentation

To the Editor,

In my official capacity as Treasurer of the Student Association I would like to make a few comments on your article "World's Fastest Budget," which appeared in the September 21, 1994 issue of this fine paper. I would emphasize that I'm only making these comments for the sake of contextual completeness, so that no room is left for potential misinterpretation of what I said at the Budget Forum, and add nothing new to what I said there.

(1) The above mentioned article goes: "Treasurer Gabor Bogнар was also opposed to the [Fund Request Tracking] amendment..." As I said before my substantive contribution to the debate over that issue, I was not arguing for or against the amendment presented by Messrs. Loebell and Alcazar-Roman. As Treasurer I thought I had an obligation to introduce those not already familiar with the technical details of the fund request/reimbursement process to some fundamentals of that process, which would facilitate their informed decision-making on the amendment. I presented facts and information without regard to which way that was likely to affect each voter's opinion on the amendment. To put it simply, people might as well vote knowing what they are voting for or against. I believe I simply contributed to such an understanding. As to your correct quote: "If we generate more paper we will only slow down the process," it is my belief that I merely presented a tautological statement to the effect: "To do more work you need more time," ceteris paribus.

(2) The article continues: "Bognar also promised that he would see to it that checks are written each Friday for all funding requests that are received by the previous Tuesday." The latter statement is almost a correct representation of what I said, with the important omission of context. I think it is important to note, as I

also said at the Budget Forum, that the Treasurer is not the only, or even the most important person that can make sure that fund requests are handled in a proper and timely manner. No checks can be written in the absence of, and without the countersigning of Mary Thomas, Assistant to the Comptroller. Ms. Thomas has been most helpful and available in my experience so far, however there is no guarantee that her numerous other responsibilities will not, during the course of the year at some point or points interfere with the timely processing of fund requests. Crudely said, the Treasurer can knock down the door to Mary Thomas' office trying to get money to people, but he or she won't be

able to if Ms. Thomas is not available. Therefore, while the Treasurer can do his or her utmost to expedite the fund request process, it should be understood by all that outside factors may from time to time hold back or make fruitless these efforts. All a Treasurer can do in such instances is to ask for the patience and understanding of the persons involved, and that I surely do, even in advance.

This completes the list of my comments on an otherwise well written and informative article. I ask that my letter be published unedited in its entirety to assure that no further comments on these issues will be necessary.

Sincerely,  
Gabor Bogнар  
Treasurer

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Campus organizations are also invited to publicize their events free of charge in the *Observer*. Space on the *Calendar Page* is provided through the Dean of Students' Office.

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# CALENDAR

Brought to you by the Dean of Student's Office

September 28 to October 4, 1994

## TRANSPORTATION

**Jitney Schedule:** the Jitney runs Monday through Friday at the following times: 8:30a - 10:30a, 12p - 2p, 4p - 6p. The vans run continuously between Kline, Manor and Feiller during each of these periods.

**Monday:** van to OA Barrytown (7:30-9:30p), leaves at 6:45p.

**Tuesday:** van to AA Red Hook (8p-9p), leaves at 7:45p. Van to the Lyceum in Red Hook, 6:30p.

**Wednesday:** Grand Union Run, 6p. Van to AA Barrytown (8p-9p), leaves at 7:45p.

**Friday:** van to OA Kingston (5:30-7p), leaves at 5:15p. Van to AA Red Hook (8:30-9:30p), leaves at 8p. Vans to Rhinecliff Station at 4:20p (4:53 train), 5:50p (6:31 train) and 7:00p (7:51 train). Vans to Poughkeepsie Station at 5:30p (6:19 train), 7:45p (8:35 train) and 10p (10:45 train).

**Saturday:** van to AA Red Hook, van leaves at 6:15p from Security. Shuttle to Tivoli, Red Hook, Rhinecliff and Rhinebeck, 10a. Hudson Valley Mall Trip, van leaves at 5:45p.

**Sunday:** meet at 9:15a to go to various churches in Red Hook, Rhinecliff and Rhinebeck. Pick ups at Rhinecliff Station for trains arriving at 6:15p and 8:02p and 10:12p. Pick ups at Poughkeepsie Station for trains at 6:45p, 8:45p and 10:43p.

Meet all vans behind Kline

| Wednesday<br>Sept.28                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Thursday<br>Sept.29                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Friday<br>Sept.30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Saturday<br>Oct.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Sunday<br>Oct.2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Monday<br>Oct.3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Tuesday<br>Oct.4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <p><b>Jackets, jeans and shirts</b> for sale today outside Kline Commons. Gear up the chilly season!</p> <p><b>Women's Soccer.</b> Bard against W. Conn. State University. Soccer field, 4p.</p> <p><b>Table Française.</b> College Room, 5:30p - 7p</p> <p><b>Women's Center Meeting.</b> Above Student Center, all welcome, 8p.</p> | <p><b>Peruvian sweaters, backpacks and flutes</b> sold today outside Kline Commons.</p> <p><b>Sister Cities Meeting.</b> All are welcome. Kline Committee Room, 6p.</p> <p><b>Continuing Yoga.</b> Taught by professor Ben Vromen. Olin 204 6p - 7:30p.</p> <p><b>Benvenuti alla Tavola Italiana.</b> Kline Presidents Room, 5p - 6p. Join us for Italian conversation from 6p to 7p. All Welcome!</p> <p><b>Tea to introduce students to Multi-Ethnic Studies.</b> Kline Commons College Room, 7p-8p. Call Gloria Chun at x296 to confirm.</p> <p><b>International Relations: a group discussion on cross cultural communication.</b> This BRAVE sponsored event will take place in the Robbins Lounge at 8p.</p> <p><b>Bard Christian Fellowship Meeting.</b> Bard Chapel, 9:30p. All are Welcome.</p> | <p><b>Jewish Students' Organization</b> meeting. Kabbalat Shabat: wind down after your hectic week. <b>Olin Moon Room</b>, 7:30p.</p> <p><b>Video Night</b> at the South Hall Lounge. Two popular movies to be assigned, starting at 9p. Look for signs for more details!</p> <p><b>Substance Free Dance Party.</b> A cool party at a very unusual place: the library courtyard! Party starts at 11-ish, but check signs for confirmation.</p> | <p><b>Indoor Rock Climbing Class.</b> Go down to New Paltz to get a taste of this exciting sport. A fee of \$4 covers transportation, equipment rental and instruction. Van leaves at 7:00p and returns at 11:30p. Contact Kris Hall at the Gym for more details.</p> <p><b>Caribbean Night</b> at Kline Commons. Ethnic foods, drinks and entertainment starting at 9p. Entrance fee is \$3 with Bard I.D. and \$5 without.</p> <p><b>Owners, by Caryl Churchill.</b> Bard College Drama Department Production, directed by William Driver. Sceneshop Theatre, 8p. Call 758-7700 for info.</p> <p><b>Charles Gayle</b> will be playing tonight at the Old Gym. Check signs for times and details. This fine jazz musician is brought to you by the Entertainment Committee.</p> | <p><b>NA meeting</b> at Bard. Aspinwall 302, 7-30:9:30p</p> <p><b>Owners, by Caryl Churchill.</b> Bard College Drama Department Production, directed by William Driver. Sceneshop Theatre, 3p matinee and 8p performance. Call 758-7700 for info.</p> | <p><b>Owners, by Caryl Churchill.</b> Bard College Drama Department Production, directed by William Driver. Sceneshop Theatre, 8p. Call 758-7700 for info.</p> <p><b>Observer Staff meeting</b><br/>All writers and photographers welcome.<br/><b>Tewks. Rm84, 7pm.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                   | <p><b>Introductory Yoga.</b> Eight session course which started Sept. 13. Olin 204, 6p - 7:30p.</p> <p><b>Join Bard EMS</b> (Emergency Medical Services.) Informational meeting and interviews today. Olin 2nd floor, 7p.</p> <p><b>Owners, by Caryl Churchill.</b> Bard College Drama Department Production, directed by William Driver. Sceneshop Theatre, 8p. Call 758-7700 for info.</p> |
| <p><b>Bard's Natural Food Store</b> will now be open Monday through Friday, from 10 am to 5 pm. Look for apples and other yummy goodies from Montgomery Place.</p>                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p><b>ATTENTION CLUB HEADS, FACULTY MEMBERS, PARTY ORGANIZERS, ET AL.</b></p> <p>The Bard Observer Calendar wants to publicize your events and everyone on campus wants to know about them! If you want your parties, films, dances and other extravagant soul gatherings to be a complete success, send the Calendar notice and we will put your event in the weekly schedule.</p> <p><b>IT'S SIMPLE, AND IT'S FREE!</b></p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |