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— Prince Charles

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Things continue to heat up in Bosnia

Croatian Ambassador on the war

"Bosnia is a primarily American event," said Dr. Slobodan Lang, Croatian Ambassador-at-Large for Human Rights and Refugees, in Clinton 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 value 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 religious 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 come 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
Bosnia continued

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U.S. will have history will be
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, I believe that
they should have the right to true
citizenship in any nation of the
world."

Otherwise, the current interna-
tional 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 pro-
vide the public with information
that would enable citizens to sys-
tematically analyze the situation,
according to Dr. Lang. The am-
bassador advocated the mobiliz-
ing of public opinion, perhaps in
favor of lifting the embargo that is
keeping arms from reaching the
Bosnian Muslims. The U.S. Sen-
ate has been debating that idea
this week.

Students interested in further
discussion of these matters can
look to the groups that sponsored
this talk: CEEO, JRC, the P.E. pro-
gram, and the BJS—which will
have a full interview in their up-
coming issue.

The following campus-wide elections were won by default:
Student Life Committee Chair: Gil Alonzo
Student Judicial Board Chair: Andrew Fowler
Educational Policies Committee Chair: Sean O'Neill
Secretary: Maila Du Mont

Voting for Planning Committee Chair, Treasurer, and Representatives to the Board of Trustees will take place outside the Post Office on Thursday, May 12 and Friday, May 13.

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Another View

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 witnessing war atrocities and condemned Western indifference to Serbian acts of genocide. However, he convinced none of my paralyzing despair. I am used to feeling at the plight of Bosnia. Instead, Dr. Lang told us 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 not 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 Hindu 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 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. I decided to run nevertheless, since I believe that this is the area of student government that could be improved to great benefit to the Bard Student community.

I am glad to have the opportunity to be a member of the Planning Committee and to serve the last year partly because I felt experienced in the job prepared me well for being Treasurer. Even more important, I am glad to have been a member of the Planning Committee and to have had the opportunity to contribute to the campus community. I am committed to achieving this goal.

Gabor Bogner

Planning Comm. Chair

I am declaring myself a candidate for the position of Planning Committee Chair for the 1994-95 academic year. Statement: My name is Luis Alcaraz-Roman and I am a first-year student. I have served as a member of the Planning Committee for the past year in which the committee was responsible for the creation of two new clubs and the proposed budgets were presented to the community.

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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 students 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.

I believe that the student representatives need to have an understanding of Bard and the different needs and functions of the students in the faculty, administration, and staff of the college. The students need two representatives who can articulate and discuss the complexity of the population of Bard in relation to the financial focus of the Trustees. Sarah Gorman has attempted to bridge the gap 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 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 hold in my time at Bard I feel that I have gained the experience and ability to fulfill the role.

Sincerely,

Debbie Shepardson

Student Representative to Board of Trustees

The position of Student Representative to the Board of Trustees is an important and challenging one, the purpose of which is to enable students to have a voice in important academic, social, and other issues affecting their lives at Bard. I believe that I have the skills and experience necessary to represent the student body to the Board of Trustees, and I am committed to doing so.

Sincerely,

Dana Silverman

The unavailability of Internet, the strength of the culture of the student body, and the opportunity to participate in discussions with faculty and Administration on a variety of controversial issues, and my good working relationship with other members of the Student Government, all guarantee that I would be a determined, firm, and vocal advocate for Bard students.

Gabor Bogner

After my long tenure as a member of the Student Life Committee (Spring-Fall '93), I feel that I am able to articulate the most pressing student needs to the Board of Trustees. The Trustees can be a channel for change and an important role in the administration, especially in terms of financial issues. It is extremely important that the Trustees know the issues that affect students.

I would try to involve the Trustees in more campus activities, making them more approachable to Bard students. I would also ask them to play a larger role as a resource for students in terms of expanding our contacts, internship and career opportunities.
Another View

Shameless Filler

In which we hide in plain sight

By Matthew Gill

One of the things that I enjoyed the most about my High School was its population—it was very diverse. I mean that it was both. I remember this guy by the name of Will Nyvoll was the class leader, and decided to write about the tech crew. Will's younger brother, Dana, had recently landed a bit part in a play, and Will occasionally stopped by to pick him up at the end of rehearsal. We could tell that Scott didn't care for his brother associating with us, but Dana was enjoying himself. In any case, Scott took these brief visits—no longer than five minutes, any of them—and wrote his mid-term article on the tech crew.

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Will went on to discuss the benefits of joining the crew: “As the opening night approaches, the tech crew works from the end of school right into the early evening, sometimes as late as 9pm, and on weekends too. These dedicated workers take time out from their own leisure periods to complete the backstage tasks they have set for themselves.”

It was obvious the boy knew little about tech work, and less about how to write an article. Doubtless, the Army Recruitment Board never called him up for an interview. But the Cougars Grace came in the last paragraph. “If you don’t think you want to join the tech crew because they’re just outcasts, join anyway! Maybe, if you join, your friends will join as well and no one will feel alienated.” Was this guy for real? We in the tech crew fussed and fumed for a while, even considered writing an angry response to the paper. Some folks, myself included, assured people from every nature of the crew.

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Softball and Cricket

The beginning of the end

The penultimate chapter of Bard softball coverage this year has begun. The recreational playoffs began this past Monday, based on the seeding of the seventeen teams. Team rankings are 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 seeding 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!

But I digress. I should explain the playoffs again for those of you who didn't read softball first week. The recreational playoffs are divided into two tournaments, an "A" and a "B," or a "winners bracket" and a "loser's bracket." There were originally going to be only four in the "A" tourney, but Elks wanted to be in it, so they were allowed to play. Monday and Tuesday saw the first games of the playoffs, but before that, let's see what happened last week:

North Division

Joe's Wooden Anse blanked Phat Back for the season's second shutout, 33-0, while Simon's Sluggers edged out Hot Beverage 10 to 9.

South Division

Ricardo's Revenge overcame an 18-run deficit to win 23-22 over St. Tula in their last at-bat that was reported last week at the second on a sneaky Managing Editor so I couldn't use it as game of the week this because everybody already knows all about it and would be bored to tears (see Gabor's "economics of softball" dissertation this issue). Previously called "No Name," perhaps because they really had no name, the Biffers defeated We're Not B.A.G.L.E. by a score of 7 to 4.

West Division

It took only eight players for the Coalition for Apathy to beat I'm With Stupid 17 to 5. Snuggly Puppies and Slut Trash were originally supposed to play their game on Wednesday, but Slut Trash failed to show, and Snuggly Puppies wanted to play rather than accept a forfeit. A game was rescheduled for Sunday, but neither team showed, so the game simply wasn't played.

East Division

GA Renaissance defeated Sit and Wait Herbivores 8 to 2, who then defeated Elks 23 to 7 (see play of the week). Spark My Fart also played two games, losing to GA Renaissance 15 to 2 and the Red-Headed Stepchildren 14-12.

The "A" Division

In two close games, Gym Rats survived Buttafucco's many comeback bids to hold on to a 15-13 win, while Somewhere Over the Proctor claimed Dirty Dogs used a "phantom run" to win a 12-11 game. S.O.P. is protesting the game, but, as usual, nothing will come of it. The Swirleys notched their first win in a 30-3 rout of the Champions.

Play of the Week

In the very first half-inning of the Elks and Sit and Wait Herbivores game, there were eleven walks and seventeen runs in forty minutes. During the next two innings, Sit and Wait only scored six more runs, but still won the game.

Josh Ledwell, running backwards in an attempt to track down a deep fly ball, crashed through the unstable outfield fence, landing on his back as the ball went for a homerun. Ledwell later claimed that had he not smashed apart the fence, the ball would not have been a homerun, but most unbiased observers knew better and told him so.

Back to the playoffs. On Monday, Elks advanced to the Big Eight by narrowly defeating I'm With Stupid 13-11. The next day, the ninth-seeded Elks proceeded to defeat the first GA Renaissance by a score of 9-6. Despite Michael Porter's first career homerun, a beautiful solo shot over the center field fence, St. Tula recovered from their shocking defeat last week to beat Coalition for Apathy by a miniscule score of 10-6. How humiliating! St. Tula advances to the second round of action and will play the Elks Monday at 4pm.

The other game on Tuesday saw Spark My Fart defeat Phat Back 16-7. Also in the B tournament, the Snuggly Puppies enter the second round after Hot Beverage forfeited the game by not showing up. See the schedule below (and beyond) for other playoff games.

That's it, I guess. All the semifinal and championship games will be between seven innings long, i.e., no silly time limit for once. Winners get a T-shirt—I don't know if this applies to the "consolation B" tourney, but I suspect it may. Check with Kris Hall for the scoop.

The Bard Cricket Report

Saturday, the 30th of April, the Bard cricket team was scheduled to play Princeton University at Dartmouth. This match, much to the dismay of the Bard and all of Bard's many cricket fans, was cancelled by Dartmouth 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 1pm.

Batting first, the Princeton team accumulated a massive 205 runs for the loss of 6 wickets in their 30 overs. For Bard bowling, Reuben Pillbury had the best figures of 2 wickets for 41 runs while Mahboob Hossain, Shehzad Hameed, Shehreyar Hameed and Imran Afzah 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. Shehreyar 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, Damannh De Tissera, Shehreyar Hameed (Capt.), Imran Afzah, Shehzad Hameed, Reuben Pillbury, Arjan Bhatt, Fahad Azizuddin, Michael Walsh, Mostafizur Rahman and Toufique Khan.

The Bard team's next match will be a "home game" against Colgate 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 (Oooo...)
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
Gabor mouthes off

To 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 is 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 team and our players.

Being an economist I find it inconceivable to start at the beginning. Still, it is my sincere hope that my analysis and policy prescriptions that follow will be understood to have the inherent internal logic that members of my profession 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 constantly changing nature of present conditions. (1) As I will soon explore in detail, it is why the promise, before the game, of "a horrific blowout" talked about by your otherwise admirable talent and accomplished writer Mike P., and its affirmation as "St. Tula moved on to a commanding lead of 22 to 4," were ill-founded and bound to be proved incorrect from the start.

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 McCraney — spend an overwhelming balance of their waking days grappling 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 when initially rapid, and then decreasing marginal gains in productivity are achievable, as the practitioners of the activity some experience and become familiar with their tasks. (2) With every strike and dropped ball early in the game, my enthusiastic teammates on Ricardo's Revenge were able to make vast improvements over their earlier efforts, therefore progressively decreasing the competitive advantage held by St. Tula in greater technical ability.

The skill levels at the game progressed during the course of the game no doubt due in part to the decreasing competitive advantage of the team. Ricardo's Revenge would not, by themselves be enough for the economists' victory. The key to victory is to be found in another competitive advantage held by Ricardo, the economist's strategic advantage. (3) 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 might represent outdated equipment or methods, late entries into the market have an opportunity to build upon this experience, and invest in the latest available technologies, resulting in lower production costs and greater productivity. St. Tula, depending on their single-hitting prowess and fielding accuracy perfectly exemplify the behavior of an older firm, suffering from a profound inability to upgrade their outdated human and other capital. Ricardo's Revenge, however, played the role of the entrant, employing new technologies and new organizational structures. The cunning economists introduced the art of walking, not taking advantage of less than flawless pitching. Ricardo's Revenge is also among the first to have signed former cricket players, whose characteristic batting technique deserve even the best prepared opposition. Lastly, my underappreciated team relied on replacing the home run with a sacrifice fly, inserted into the lineup to maximize their chances of going to plate with fully loaded bases. The adoption of new and improved productive technologies by Ricardo's Revenge not only meant that St. Tula suddenly found their time-tested skills to be ineffective. An astonished film team was also made to realize that their lack of familiarity with the new and superior strategies employed by the economists abruptly placed them at a comparative disadvantage.

Having explained that the victory of Ricardo's Revenge was rooted in the established nature of competitive 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 on 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 ominously degrading and under-informed. It is unsurprising that 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 reel halo crowning the Tulas' glorious orbs.)

Ideals 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 Bognas

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Dear editor:
As we are glad to see the ongoing expansion of the Henderson Computer Center, the laser printers are eagerly desired by the majority of students. The current line-by-line 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 them gain monopoly by requiring every freshman 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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(editor's note: Nevertheless, I stand by my arguments.-MP)
Presented by the Dean of Students' Office

**Wednesday, May 11**

- Alcoholic Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous are meeting today in Aspinwall 304 at 12 noon.
- *Refugees in our own Back Yard*; U.S. Foreign Policy towards refugees from Central America. Time and location to be assigned.

**Monday, May 16**

- Alcoholic 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**

- Alcoholic Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous will be meeting today in Aspinwall 304 at 12 noon.
- *Professor Tom Wolf* will be giving a lecture entitled "Cebelum and Duchamp." Pre-lecture reception will take place at 630p at the Olin atrium, and the lecture will start at 7p in Olin Auditorium.
- *Van to Cheap Movie Night* at the Red Hook Lyceum. Van leaves at 630p from Kline and returns at 10p. First come, first served, so be early.

**Wednesday, May 18**

- Alcoholic 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.
- *Aloholics Anonymous meeting in Barrington: Meet van at Security at 7:45p.
- *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 758-7530.

**Transportation Schedule**

**Wednesday**
- Grand Union Run: Leaves at 6p, return at 7p.

**Friday**
- Poughkeepsie Galleria Mall Run: Leave every other Friday at 5p. Pick up at the Mall at 5p. Trips are scheduled for February 11, 25; March 11, 25; April 15, 29 and May 13.
- Rhinecliff Train Station Run: 4:20p for the 4:35p, 5:30p for the 6:21p, 7:00p for the 7:45p.
- Poughkeepsie Run: 5:30p for the 6:19p, 7:45p for the 8:35p, 10:30p for the 10:45p.
- SATURDAY: The 10a-3p Shuttles from Bard to Tivoli, Red Hook, Rhinecliff and Rhinebeck.
- Hudson Valley Mall trip: meet bus behind Kline at 5:55p, pick up at mall at 6:45p.
- Sunday: Van meets the 7:15p and 9:30p trains at the Rhinecliff station.
- Van meets the 7:45p and 10:30p trains at the Poughkeepsie Station.
- Church Run: at 5:15p 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.