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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 great 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 distinctly 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 Solnhofen, Germany.

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

The issue of pedestrian crosswalks on Annandale Road has been a lingering issue at Bard College. When a rollerblading 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 Kathy Skul- lacos 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 painting the crosswalks on the road, and for designating where the College may paint cross-walks.

Skulacos said that two crosswalks have been planned: one between the Knile 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 crosswalks on the road, 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, Skulacos said that the College again asked the County to designate exactly where the crosswalks could be painted. She confirmed that after the County designates a part, the walkways will finally be painted.

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. That mistake revealed neither its size nor its identity as a bird.

Skeletons would prove to be the last pieces in the evolutionary puzzle. With the help of sides, Ostrom pointed 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 therapod (meat-eating) dinosaurs, like Compsognathus. The feet, ankles, wrists, shoulders, breast-bones and lower jaw of the Archaeopteryx are almost exactly match those of the therapod dinosaurs.

Ostrom went on to explain that one of the reasons for the evolution of archosaurs is that they have two separate means of locomotion: flight, and running on their hind legs. The anatomy of the dinosaurs, which are our closest relatives, shows this dual nature. The later evolution of birds, from those of the bipedal type, shows that the evolution of birds from the bipedal type is a natural progression. Ostrom continued to explain that the evolution of bipeds to birds is a natural progression.

Scientists believe that the evolution of bipeds to birds is a natural progression.
Due in part to a shortage of transportation at Bard, the men's and women's cross-country teams 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 Quinipiac Invitational meet. The van appeared an hour late, leaving the athletes with 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 Quinipiac Invitational had in fact been reserved by a Peer Counselor for an apple-picking trip to Greg 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 Quinipiac 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 Quinipiac 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 -

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**Dead Goat Notes**

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

"The only thing I know is that I am ignorant of everything." Socrates said that. Of course, we can't even be sure that's true 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 hodgepodge nature outfit and now I'm writing 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 binging on whooping crane sandwich and they couldn't do much more than sit there and pray to their tree gods to try and stop me. (Pat lot of good the tree gods will do when I turn 'em into plywood desks and pave over their old stumps.

But anyway, the moral crisis is this: should I promote their green ideals or slip into 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 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 0.01% 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 actually 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 suburb named John Sparrow, so who's to say 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 organs when paid to. Don't laugh, where do you think you're literature degree is going? Planning to read Dostoevsky for pay, are you? Another or you'll be writing apologies for Watergate at the Richard M. Nixon Presidential Library in Yorba Linda and thanking St. Dick that he put food on your table even after he's been dead.

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**Alumnist**

Greg Giaccio

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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 1984 issue of The Progressive by Chastannes 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 giving support to the Aristide movement.

Concerned members of the community will meet this Thursday, September 29, in Olin 203 at 7 pm. —Brent 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 shaky 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 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 democracy 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, concomitantly the objective and effects of the coup d'etat.

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 to 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.

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

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You should not, under any circumstances, skip class this week. There are very important things afoot.


**Arles** (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.

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Some people just shouldn’t review movies

Noah Mullette-Gillman
Staff Philosopher

The movie is determined by it’s being all of the scenes, not film.

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 way 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.

2.11.1 However, Noah likes seeing movies.

2.11.1.1 If a movie is a movie.

2.11.1.1.1 Noah has seen Milk Money.

2.11.1.1.1.1 Noah has seen Milk Money but the movie could still have 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.

2.11.1.1.1.1.1 The Observer is all that is the paper.

2.11.1.1.1.1.1.1 This is a review of the movie Milk Money.

2.11.1.1.1.1.1.1.1 Milk Money.

2.11.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1 See inset.

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

3.3 It was a double feature playing with Natural Born Killers.

3.3.1 Natural Born Killers three times, frankly we’re all kind of worried about him.

3.3.2 It was a real bargain, both movies for five, count ’em buddy, five bucks!

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 you 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.

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

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

3.211.3 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 good 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 friends.

4.211 It rained that night.

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

4.211.2 Noah thought that the plot was contrived.

4.211.3 24 Noah thought the acting was bad.

4.211.4 (except you Melanie dear?)

5 Sometimes a bad movie can be lots of fun.

6 Therefore metaphysics is nonsense.

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

6.11 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

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, its 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 for the new Bard flag, so as to expedite the process. (A white bond silhouette laid against a pitch-black background, no.

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 Arms 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.

You can now secure whom the 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 criticism 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 Telecom/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 Plaza). 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. Secretaries will remember a time when there were no phones in students’ rooms. Will follow the ancient

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 Policy Committee’s elected representatives. Namely, Jennifer Abrane, Shemelin Greene, Robin Jacobus, Joshua Ledwell, Stanislav Mamontov, Aaron McCormick, Phee Ronald, and Joe Turner.
Sports

Volleyball team falls just short

Plus individual tennis scores, soccer travels 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 broke the U.S. Merchant Marine, 15-4, 15-5, and then 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 record of the other two teams). Under NCAA rules, the tie was broken based on the game records of the teams. 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 2-5 record.

Some Bard athletes were clearly disappointed over the result, pointing out that Dominican had lost to or barely beat them. (Bard had disposed of handy, Coach Kris Hall emphasized that the decision was based on prescribed national rules, and was not arbitrary or tilted towards Dominican. The team will have to plot their revenge for Saturday, October 1, when they travel to Dominican for their Invitational Tournament.

The volleyball Blazer 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 Binghamton College, and their packed schedule continues with matches 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 Tarnura, Julienne Vos, and Katrina Hagers each scored for Bard.

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

Misty Williams gets set to serve while teammates watch from the bench. (photo: Shunra 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 3-3. On Wednesday, they were upset by Pace.

Coach Qualls noted that those are the only losses so far, and they played only in the last thirty seconds of the game. “He scored on a corner kick, the first time he ever touched the ball in a Bard game,” said Coach Qualls.

The理科 was on Bard versus Polytechnic, though, since the Poly scored the only goal of the game with fifty seconds to play. This game, which was played on Saturday, October 1, and now for women’s tennis—including individual scores at last Saturday, Stevens Tech went down under Bard’s net, 2-7 overall.

The following scores are listed in descending order of the student’s ranking on the team. Laura Curry won 6-4, 6-1, Anna Wilbury lost 6-1, 6-1, and Kristi Richardson held out 6-4, 6-4.

Pat Szwacz won 6-2, 6-1, Rana Palad chalked up 6-4, 6-3 victory, and Rachel Belinos in a 6-1, 60 win.

It doubles the all-American team of Laurie and Lallie fell 3-7, but Anna Wilbury and Jen Swartz won 6-1, 7-5, while Iromi Yanceck and Ros Stone won 10-4.

Assistant Athletic Director Kris Hall consulted the sports archives and found that this is the first time that the Bard women’s tennis has beaten Stevens. Congratulations!

Postponed games are in the process of being rescheduled. Lehman will come to Bard on Oct. 23, though Western Connecticut State hasn’t made up its mind yet. The tennis Blazer plays Saturday, Oct. 1 against Mt. St. Vincent College.

The cross country team ran at the Hunter College Invitational on Saturday, but scores were not available.

Intramurals

Three-on-three basketball continues. The F.I.O.W. team leads the league with a 2-0 record, with BRL and We Wen last year tied for second with 1-1, and Babushka and Work doing the best at 0-1.

F.I.O.W. covers its success to the dominance of BRL, Mt. St. Vincent, and Work, 17-14. To balance its loss, BRL beat We Wen last year 20-17. Finally, We Wen last year won this one year against Babushka, 23-15.

Posters 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 posters had been submitted yet, so here are some options for you. Don’t blame me if it is rainouted!

Natural High and Other Events

The Natural High program continues on Saturday, October 1, when forty Bard students will climb a cliff (though only challenging) rock wall in a New Palz. 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 when it will be put inside is still anybody’s guess.

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

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

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

Van trouble continued

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The coach, and one other student who would also drive, would be reimbursed by the Athletic Department for travel expenses.

Tomson said that there was no intent to give the cross-country team the last helpings among the teams leaving campus that day. “Now one sport takes precedence over another,” he asserted. Instead, the cross-country team was asked to go in cars because the other teams had much further distances to travel.

When the team assembled for the trip to Vassar, though, car trouble ended their hopes of competing. On that day, the car had experienced difficulty with 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 circumstances 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 to 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 jemmy service.

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

Following Dostoevsky's fine tradition of writing notes to an uninterested and unappreciative audience from despotic places, I expect to do a weekly editorial this year. I 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 instill in you 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 have not previously found anything useful to do between 3:30 and 4:30 on Monday nights, and I 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 uninterested in things, in which case you're as free to approach me with business of some sort, you may do that either through the phone 736-7726, 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 be unpredictable, attributable to no small part to mother/father nature's various uncamelincings. If this is found inadequates, I have also decided to create a virtual alter-ego of myself that to forever haunt the Bard Cyber Community—our beloved sysops even figure out how to keep the system running for more than five minutes at a time. Or something...

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 derived right into the task of showering money upon unsuspecting clubheads—not quite—in this awful 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 sleep up and run astrological threads (thanks to 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 Does anyone if you'd like it, I'm going 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 is currently 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,
Gabby Bognar
Treasurer

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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 this letter is not for potential misdirection of who I said at the Budget Forum, and add nothing new to what I said there.

1. The above mentioned article goes: "Treasurer Gabby Bognar was also opposed to the [budget 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. Loebl and Alcock-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 fund 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 one, 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 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 surely do, even in advance.

Sincerely,
Gabby Bognar
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.
The Observer is published every Wednesday while classes are in session. Only those items which arrive in campus mail, or to our office, the Friday prior to the next issue will be guaranteed immediate publication.
**TRANSPORTATION**

**Jitney Schedule:** the Jitney runs Monday through Friday at the following times: 8:50a - 10:50a, 12p - 2p, 4p - 6p. The vans run continuously between Kline, Manor and Feitler 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 (8p-9:30p), leaves at 8p. Vans to Rhinecliff Station at 4:20p (4:55 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 (10:15 train).
- **Saturday:** van to AA Red Hook, van leaves at 6:15p from Security. Shuttle to Tivoli, Red Hook, Rhinecliff and Rhinebeck.
- **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 10:45p.

Meet all vans behind Kline

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Bard’s Natural Food Store will now be open Monday through Friday, from 10am to 5pm. Look for apples and other yammy goodies from Montgomery Place.

**ATTENTION CLUB HEADS, FACULTY MEMBERS, PARTY ORGANIZERS, ET AL.**

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