"News is whatever sells newspapers. The Observer is free."

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It is a damned poor mind indeed that can't think of at least two ways of spelling any word.
—Andrew Jackson

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Legal Snag

Town Meeting for S/M ACES funding

Monday night's Town Meeting pondered the uncertain future of Sexual Minorities Aligned for Community Education and Support. The S/M ACES issue was sparked by the words of a club-sponsored speaker who, according to Dean of Students Shelley Morgan, described "a way to use electricity safely" in sexual situations. The speaker also said, "know your CPR."

This ominous phrase, along with BRAVE director Joan Unger's letter in response, prompted a call to Bard's attorneys. They advised the withdrawal of college funding from S/M ACES.

Student and co-leader of S/M ACES Liam Tummulty later clarified that, despite the possibility of legal action, the speaker advised against the use of electricity above the waist, a practice for which knowledge of CPR is recommended.

The legal problem lies in the misinterpretation of such information and the so-called influence it might have over students. The analogy of injuries received from sports or slipping on the ice on campus to injuries received from sexual activities backed many student protests. It was argued, however, that the risks posed by basketball and traversing the campus on foot are socially acceptable. Those of the legal profession "accept basketball morally...and not what we're interested in," said S/M ACES co-leader Joan Belby.

Though the college can still be sued for broken ankles, it would stand a better chance in court. "The issue is not whether or not S/M ACES can function on this campus," said President Botstein, but "the liability of colleges to activities and things that happen on campus." Due to certain "peculiarities of American law," the path to filing legal suit is short, well lit and air-conditioned.

The administration does not want to be considered an opponent. Shelley Morgan has repeatedly expressed respect for the club's visibility and educational programs. Botstein stressed that it is no concern of the school what students do privately. S/M ACES may still use school space, fund raise, bring in speakers, etc.; it cannot do it with college money.

There was at least an implied call by S/M ACES' student supporters for the administration to grant the club funding despite the legal risks, and in essence protest the status quo. Botstein, however, backed away saying that "in this day of Newt Gingrich and the Contract with America, there's a lot that needs to be fought first."

The administration and the attorneys are wedded through the legal entanglements whereby S/M ACES might relinquish its funds ($1,350 allotted by the Planning Committee for the spring semester) to sympathetic clubs. These clubs could then sponsor activities organized by S/M ACES.

In closing, Liam Tummulty said, "I'd like to see [more] people engage in this dialogue because we [S/M ACES] no longer have the money to entice you."

Students interested in saving S/M ACES' convocation funding may wish to contact the club. A representative will be sent to the Bard Board of Trustees meeting in New York City, March 22nd.
Security update

Student loot, a hit and run and theft

Pedro Rodriguez
Managing Editor

“We’ve been finding that people like to keep artifacts of Bard College,” said Director of Safety and Security Kim Squillace on Tuesday morning. Traffic signs are particularly favored student loot. The handrail from a dorm stairwell was found in one student’s room.

Squillace asks that students who “do find something” call security. Bigger objects will placed in the security closet and smaller ones in lost and found. Honey House, the fifth Alumniae dormitory used for visiting professors and the like and housing the laundry machines, was struck by theft. A student had her laundry stolen on the 19th of this month. The clothing was returned on the 22nd.

In a more frequent occurrence at the Alumnae’s, a professor had a TV dinner swapped from the Honey refrigerator. The whereabouts of the frozen entrees are still unknown. The main campus parking lot was the site of a hit and run car crash. The car which was hit is owned by a member of the Bard faculty. The offender was driving a black Honda Accord which should have visible front-end damage around the parking and headlamps. No injuries were reported.

The student was stranded at the Poughkeepsie Galleria on a Bard bus trip by missing the return trip. Squillace advises students to be sure to ask the driver when and from where he or she will be departing, and to team up with a fellow student.

Finally, a reminder: the new, and currently on-line, emergency extension for hall and emergency phones will be transferred to the new system during August. The old extension, 7440, still works from hall and emergency phones.

Volunteer opportunities

by Rich Kelley

In order to provide an opportunity for students here to involve themselves in social service programs, they must be made aware of what is available. During the next few weeks, there will be discussions highlighting several organizations that provide services to surrounding communities. If you would like additional information or to speak with someone about the programs, please contact Rich Kelley in the Dean of Students Office, ext. 454.

Literacy Volunteers of Dutchess County

Literacy Volunteers is looking for people interested in helping out with the many tasks involved in combating illiteracy. Literacy Volunteers, located in Poughkeepsie, offers a training session for individuals interested in helping people in the community. In addition, assistance is needed in the offices to help with publicity and literacy drives. The main office is in Poughkeepsie, however, there are satellite offices in several towns in the area, including the Head Start Program in Red Hook. You would be matched to work with someone living near you. This would be a great opportunity for people interested in teaching.

There is a two-hour training workshop on June 10th, at the library. If you choose to attend, you can begin helping people in the program. Likewise, a one-year or fifty-hour commitment is needed, as the people learning to read need a sense of completion from the people from whom they learn to read.

Dramatists, dancers, musicians and everyone else

Montgomery Place looking for people to volunteer and help the community.

News and notes

by Sean O’Neill

The College is hiring away, and potential professors are streaming onto our groves of academia.

A new Faisalist professor is signing a contract for next semester.

Bard has offered positions for an African American position in Literature and a Sociology/M.E.S. position.

Students and professors are selecting for positions in developmental psychology, musicology and Spanish.

The photography department will be soliciting offers soon for a 3/4-time, ten-hour track position in the history of still images, though it hopes not to dislodge any current professors.

Prof. Peggy Ahwesh will work more and get paid more for teaching film courses.

Italian will not get a full-time tenure-track position for a while.

Students are petitioning for Arabic language studies; the course is a valuable addition to the curriculum.

Prof. Chris Callanan and Jamie Romen are to be evaluated for tenure.

Send your comments to students Robin Jacobs or Shelene Greene.

Prof. Peter Dolen is also up for tenure review. Praise and criticism should be directed to Luis Alcazar Roman or Stanislav Marinov.

At the next student forum, this spring’s representatives to the Board of Alumnae will be elected. The positions are vaguely defined as acting as liaison between the money donators and the students, with plenty of suck-up opportunities.

President Clinton has proposed increasing the minimum wage from $4.25 to $5.15 per hour. Like everything he does these days, this action is being opposed by the House of Representatives.

A Bard petition to protest cuts in financial aid for college students by the national government is strongly supported. Trips to Albany to protest state cuts have happened and will continue.

Spring Semester heralds the arrival of the annual ISO CULTURAL SHOW during April. If anyone is interested in participating in the show— you can do anything that you want, for example a dance, recital, singing, etc. Please contact either Sebastian Salazar-Chavez or Mahajabeen Padamsee at PO Box #1087. The deadline for signing up for the show is March 12, 1995.

Baccalaureate Service

The Baccalaureate Service will be held this year on Sunday, May 21, 1995. The service is an interfaith gathering, attended by the senior class and the faculty, which will be held to celebrate the upcoming graduation of the senior class. We are looking for creative contributions to our program. This would be a marvelous setting for the presentation of some of your work. If you have composed a piece of music, written a poem, or created a dance which you feel could be incorporated into the service, we are eager to include you. Your piece needs not be of a "religious" nature. Also, we would like to include students in the service prayers, readings and responses from all religious backgrounds represented on campus. If you would like to present anything from your program, this would be a marvelous setting for the presentation of some of your work. If you have composed a piece of music, written a poem, or created a dance which you feel could be incorporated into the service, we are eager to include you. Please contact Rabbi Jonathan Kligler through the campus mail or at his office in Hopson 203, if you are interested.

Classifieds and personals

SUMMER SUBLETS The Graduate School of Environmen- tals Studies is looking for student housing for this summer, mid June through mid August. If you wish to sublet or rent, please call 758-7843 or see Molly or Liz in Bottery 101.

Seeking male cuddly bunny. Nosey. Any responses send to p.o. box 498.

Kat—I ran the game and lost. One last time: I’m sorry. —B/

Hey Fred! I’m back and I’m BAD...Know you missed me! —Wilmna

P.S. — Fred thanks for your help!! — Wilmna

Hear you all Bard students sign up in the DOS office today for the rally in NYC on 3/4, bring $10 to help cover the Basl—Fight Contract For America!!!!

Remember: all classifieds and personals are free to members of the Bard community.

Remember 5/M ACES—S.M.A.C.E.S—iss/pet/5_M_ACES.

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The Bard Observer
Taking the plunge

New pool director makes a splash in Stevenson Gymnasium

Put on those Speedos and tighten those swimming caps—big things are happening at the pool.

Kathleen Davis came to Bard at the beginning of the semester as the new Pool Director, and she arrived with plans.

Working as the Recreational Director for the town of Pawling, and having spent four years as the assistant coach of the Holy Trinity School’s swim team in Poughkeepsie, Davis descends upon the Bard community with ample experience and a great deal of gusto.

Her initial reaction to the school? It’s great. I’ve only been here two weeks, really, but it feels like much longer. But I’d like to encourage more participation.”

She is already coaching organized workouts for the Bard Swim Club (which is open to students and community members.) These workouts take place Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

“I eventually hope to create a real swim team. It will probably be intramural at first, then maybe an official, competitive team,” said Davis, adding that interested students should contact her even if they can’t make the scheduled times. “I know it’s during the dinner hour, but if there’s enough interest, we can extend the hours. I’m here till 8:30.”

For those less confident about their aquatic powers, Davis plans to offer swimming lessons. Lessons will be offered for those wanting to learn strokes, or for those simply in need of improvement.

Besides being available Tuesday through Thursday, they will probably be scheduled for Saturdays.

“There are also some fun things we could arrange, with these nice facilities,” said Davis. “We have great water polo nets, and could easily set them up and create an intramural water polo team. I’d also like to schedule aqua aerobics, but am looking for feedback as to what people are interested in.”

Though only at Bard four evenings a week and during the day on Saturdays, Davis wants to expand the pool’s hours of operation. To this end, she is looking for lifeguards. Any American Red Cross Certified Water Safety Instructor interested in guarding or teaching lessons should contact her as soon as possible. A lifeguard training course is also being offered at Bard this March, both for initial certification and recertification.

Davis is excited and motivated to improve the athletic department here at Bard, but above all, she is open to suggestions. She encourages students to call the pool at ext. 529, or the Athletic Director at ext. 531 for any questions or comments.
Features

And Internet for all
Computer Center offers Internet access and e-mail to student body

Shelleen Greene
Staff Writer

After months of eager expectation, Internet, the latest network of computer systems currently available, has arrived at Bard. In a nut-shelled Internet is a great pool of knowledge that students can jump right into. Not only can students access information about current events, new innovations, national and international issues, but Bard computers now interconnected so that students can communicate with people around the world.

Before embarking on a journey through hyperspace, one may have a few questions such as, when is Internet and how is it installed on Bard campus? Where do students have access to Internet services, and what services besides e-mail are provided on Internet?

Jason Peckles, a workstudy assistant at Henderson Computer Resource Center says that Internet "allows Bard students to join their peers at other colleges and universities. It allows students to get information first hand, to actually reach people on a one-to-one basis."

For example, say you want to send mail to President Clinton. You can use the personal messaging system to send and receive messages directly to the President. E-mail actually allows you to contact, leave messages, conduct interviews via your personal computer. This sounds great, but exactly does one get on this Information Highway?

First, students should sign up for an academic computing network account. Second, sign and return the user agreement. After the agreement is signed, your account will be activated, providing you access to Internet along with e-mail service. Third, sign up for a workshop on how to get around on the Net. Workshops are presently being conducted for the first-time users of the Internet. It is advised that all students who have signed up for an academic account sign up for a workshop before going on the system. These workshops basically explain Bard's e-mail system (PINE) and how to travel through the Internet system without getting lost. The workshops also go over a lot of computer terminology that may be unfamiliar to a first-time user.

Bard presently has all Internet services including e-mail and World Wide Web. Students can access Internet via the Computer Center first floor classroom. If you have been there recently, you may have noticed the large volume of people sending mail and perusing the World Wide Web. Presently, students cannot access Internet through Bard from their personal computers on campus.

The Computer Center is in the process of setting up a modem bank, which is basically a lot of modems that can receive calls. Students who have the communications software and a modem will be able to use the Computer Resource Center as their Internet server. According to Bonnie Gilmor, director of the Henderson Computer Center, students will have access to Internet via their personal computers beginning at the end of March.

There are advantages to having access to the Internet via the Computer Center. Take another example: Say you have a friend in North Carolina. You have a computer and a modem. You want to do some talking over the computer. One way to do this is to call America on-line in Kingston which has Internet services. Through America on-line you can then contact your friend in North Carolina via electronic mail. Great. You've used e-mail without hiking to the Computer Center.

Then, America-on-line in Kingston sends you a bill. You discover that you have spent hundreds of dollars or more than an hour on an outside Internet service. For the student using the Internet system at Bard, however, "The costs are invisible," Explains Peckles, "as much as you are a student, you have paid for Internet.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of the academic resources available on the Internet. This isn't to say that you shouldn't send mail to your friend in North Carolina once in a while. On the administrative level, Internet and e-mail services are accelerated by the fact that it is the administration's software system. Faculty also have Internet and e-mail services through the Flannery software program. Students in the math and science divisions have access to Internet for academic purposes via department computers.

Plans are being made to set up new terminals on the second floor of Henderson, as well as in the Stevenson Library, providing more Internet access to students. The current hours for Internet access in the Computer Center are Monday and Wednesday, 7:45 pm to 12 am and Thursday 6 pm to 12 am and Sunday from 12 pm to 11:45 am. Watch out for more information on Internet at Bard, and don't forget to get on-line!

Peace Corps
On-Campus Interviews
March 8. Sign up at Career Services
(required application available at Career Services)

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for volunteers to help with several special events scheduled to take place in the Spring. These include a training session held very soon for people interested in acting as interpreters and tour guides for the grounds.

The Shakespeare Festival, which will take place in May, is an opportunity for students the drama, dance or music programs to exhibit their work or display their talents. If drama students (or anyone else willing to perform) would like to offer up portions of a Shakespeare play for appraisal during the Festival, all are invited. Likewise, musicians both stationary and strolling are needed to play in the gardens during the festival and other times throughout the season. If any students are interested in performing, their music may be met by staging a dance piece; either solo or with others. This is a great chance to display your talent (and even practice a piece in an open setting) for the enjoyment of others.
**Asparagus Soup**

2 lb. fresh asparagus
4 tb. butter
1 sm. onion (finely chopped)
4 c. chicken broth
1 c. heavy cream
S&P

*Break off tough end of asparagus, peel asparagus, cut off tips, cook tips in boiling water until tender, drain and set aside. Cut stems into 1" pieces. Melt butter in saucepan, saute onion until soft, add asparagus stems and stir until coated with butter. Pour in chicken broth & simmer until asparagus is soft enough to be mashed against the side of the pot. Put through a food mill or blender. Add S&P.*

Serves 6

**Duchesse Potatoes**

6 med. potatoes
1/4 ts. nutmeg
3 egg yolks
melted butter
S&P

*Peel and quarter the potatoes, boil in salted water. When cooked, drain and dry over low heat. Beat potatoes, beat in nutmeg and S&P until potatoes are fluffy. Beat egg yolks separately until lemony in color then beat into potatoes until they are fluffy. Squeeze mixture through a pastry bag into sm. mounds on a baking sheet. Dribble melted butter over mounds and bake in oven (450F) until golden brown.*

Serves 6

**Succotash**

2 c. cooked corn kernels
2 c. cooked lima beans
2 tb. butter
1/4 c. cream
S&P

*Heat the corn and lima beans in butter, add cream, season with S&P.*

Serves 6

**Pepper Steak**

6 fillet steaks about 1/2lb each
1 1/2 ts. salt
3 1/2 tb. peppercorns (crushed)
4tb. butter
2tb. oil
5 tb. bourbon (optional)

*Heat oven to 225F, warm an ovenproof platter. Rub the steaks with salt, sprinkle with peppercorns and use a meat pounder to pound pepper into steak. Turn meat over and repeat seasoning on other side. Heat butter and oil in a heavy skillet and saute steaks about 4 min. on each side. Transfer to a warm platter. Add bourbon and and 3 tb. water to the skillet and cook rapidly, stirring and scraping, to incorporate the bits of meat and fat in the pan. Boil down for 1 min. and spoon the sauce over the steaks.*

Serves 6

**Pecan Pie**

1 prepared uncooked pastry shell
3 eggs (slightly beaten)
3/4 c. sugar
1/8 ts. salt
1 c. dark corn syrup
1 ts. vanilla
1 c. pecans (broken in pieces)
1 c. heavy cream whipped

*Preheat oven to 425F. Line a 9" pie pan with pastry shell. Combine eggs, sugar, salt, corn syrup, and vanilla in a bowl and blend well. Stir in the pecans. Pour into the lined pan. Bake for 10 min. then reduce oven heat to 350F and bake 35 min. Serve with unsweetened whipped cream.*

Serves 6
**Fact & Fiction**

**What's What**

It is a consequent illusion that everyone here is (or ought to be) undergoing psychological counseling — to discount those few who have genuinely elevated their obsessions with themselves to abnormally high levels of neurosis.

Bard seemed a cuckoo college of curmudgeons in my first year. There were so many chips on so many shoulders that, if Arnie had collected them while sweeping our meal cards, she would have run out of space around her to stack them all.

Although every Bard student has a sense of humor—it’s the preeminent characteristic sought after in applicants by the Admissions Office, didn’t you know? — many of their ability to cope with wit or irony here, particularly during winter.

And then sarcastic statements such as that one creep into our conversations.

This college demands people who have stamina and self-discipline, yet who can also be gentle with themselves.

At its best, Bard is about learning how not to be deceived without becoming cynical or elitist.

As its best, Bard is about groping —groping for protruding flesh; groping for open beer bottles; groping for academic knowledge.

Why do people come here? We come to pretend to be experts and lovers, to pretend to be activists and artists.

We stay to toll around Haven-on-Hudson, happy to take less than full consequences for actions we’re fully responsible for.

Bard is no utopia. Unpleasantness intrudes here in a variety of traumatic forms.

Yet I have remained, because I’ve found joy here, as well as an absence of open bigots. Theater/dance/music performances, deKline coffeehouses, Trekkies, avant-garde, punk drummer, student publications, dance parties in the decrepit gym, intramural softball, and intriguing courses and professors.

Prof. Laurie Patton said it best (last May in her Baccalaureate address) that those who succeed at Bard learn to indulge in the life of the mind, as well as in the practical applications of one’s ideas. If anything, this place ain’t vocational.

I’m still adjusting to Bardwarp, however.

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**Bard Spring**

**Warning—this satire contains "full frontal nudity"**

by Sean O'Neill

The year was 1997, and no one had imagined that Albee Social could be so magnificently transformed. There, the Bard Anti-Puritanism League (BALI) had created the Spirituality Boutique. It was a unique fund-raising effort to fight the college president’s ban on the menswear party.

Imagine that you were there. I tell you the story in the present tense.

You enter the dorm lounge on your knees with a candle in hand.

"My name is Blount Haiss," says the student at the entrance, with the palms of her hands sweeping outward. "Joy upon you."

This first Greeter gives you a new name, imprinted on your hand with the Magic Marker. Your name is Kiwi Song.

"You know that we’re not mocking indigenous ritual," warns the third Greeter, in a solemn voice. The Greeter takes you on a tour to taste unusual foods, to feel unexpected feelings, and to sense the incomprehensible. This is your epicurean dream.

"The Goddess movement," intoneth the fifth Greeter, as the fourth blindfolds you, "is a movement that rekindles the spirit of the matriarchal societies of Europe and the Americas that were more peaceful and nurturing than the societies of the Judeo-Christian years."

The two Greeters lift you and lay you carefully on a bed of nails.

"Joy. You are lying on a bed of nails. Do not panic. The Goddess works here, Joy." Sounds softly surround you; sudden silences slide slowly past. You put your hands, and a long, warm, wet cloth is slipped through them. A sprinkling of scented water across your forehead follows, and then you are lifted from the bed of nails.

"Sorrow," says a Greeter, removing a blindfold from your eyes after spinning you around three times. "Now I feel sorrow for you, and the resistance I feel emanating from you. Disturb hangs from your head, friend, like a heavy aura. I feel loathsome cynicism in your being, Hush. If you wish to eat at the Bounty of the Albee, then you must display a sign of commitment."

Should you choose to continue your adventure, you will contribute a donation of two dollars. But no money is exchanged in the Spirituality Boutique itself, of course. Capitalism and the Boutique can never mingle.

To experience the rest of the Boutique, you must bring a sacrifice. Namely, branches of virgin sapling wood felled naturally in the Annadale forest. And you can buy the purified branches somewhere within Albee.

Albee has become a Labyrinth of indulgence. Almost every room hawks its wares or waxes away its wiles.

The first-floor SmartBar has vegetarian specialties, drinks, like the Papadimitriou Special, at two bucks a shot. "Big Fun" without the hangover.

Haircuts and Exotic Styling are available at two dollars a head in one room on the second floor. This is courtesy of Pierre and Monique, who claim to have just flown in from Paris for the occasion.

Room 212, the Hut of Fabric, offers "undies" at two dollars a pair.

The Foe House offers lots of money, love, cars, and society. You can have a celebrity-dedicated room. Photos are enrolled to five-by-sevens, preserving memories of your Soul Quest. A nearly two dollars per shot.

One room has equipment newly stolen from Bard’s Recording studio, so that a group of Searchers can sing to their favorite tunes and keep the recorded tape, for only two dollars. A real song.

Soul Center Pet Center enables you to prepare the pet that you’ve been hiding illegally in your dorm room for enduring health in its journey, for a two dollar consultation fee.

Searchers discover that the much-sought-after sapling rests in a place that, by day is Sandee’s room, and, by night is the Ultimate Massage Parlor.

A rub-down, for two dollars, can be either upper-torso or total-body, with expert hands devoted for a celebratory dozen minutes to soothe the aching contour of your body.

Your masseuse, Sandee, speaks.

"Looks like Nurturing Laughter released himself too freely," he says, starting at the mess on the table.

"I’m not touching that sweat," says Cougar Totem, counting the money. "Hey, turn up the volume of that New Age music."

"It’s not New Age," says Sandee, complying. "It’s All Ages."

"What happens in the Room Behind the Beaded Curtains?" you ask.


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Our Distinguished Scientist Scholars have proven through extensive experimentation that the peculiar way that sunlight refracts off of the Hudson River creates a distortion in the space-time continuum over Annadale. This phenomenon is too complicated to explain, even by the likes of a Prof. Peter Skiff. All you have to know is that it is responsible for the perception that single days last forever at Bard but semesters dissipate too quickly.

Time lapsed away at Kline Commons dinner spans eternity, for example, but that same evening elapses in a single wink with little intended studying completed.

I remember my initial shaky encounter with Bardwarp in my first year.

When I left from L&T for Labor Day weekend, I was talk, talk, talk to my father.

As I returned from that weekend, I was speechless and vaguely nauseous. The short weekend had seemed like an eternity, and we freshmen greeted each other as if we had been parted for years.

Not a week has passed since that I have not had the same sense of dislocation.

That is, for me anyway, the definitive Bard feeling.

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Phone problems explained

Dear Students,

Bard College installed a new telephone system last week which caused some temporary outages around the campus. However, this installation was not responsible for some of the phone problems that have occurred in the dormitories. Let me explain.

The phone service you have in your dorm room, if you elected to purchase it, derives its dial tone from the central office of the telephone company in Red Hook. The college has only an administrative responsibility for the student telephone program. The college pays the bills, and enrolls and disenrolls participants. If there is a problem on your line, usually the telephone company is responsible for fixing it. On occasion the college interferes with normal phone operation by accidentally disconnecting lines or cutting cables during heavy construction. In these cases the college is responsible for repairs.

In past weeks there were problems in dorm rooms phone service due to construction activity outside the dormitories. This was usually unrelated to the fact that the college installed a new phone system last week.

The installation of the new system did cause a temporary loss of service (about an hour in most places) to dormitory hallway phones. Hall phones are on the campus system (this is news), so you must now dial "700" to reach campus extensions (this is a change.) You were not notified in advance of the change in dialing. I apologize for this error.

Finally, this important notice: Turn up your emergency call from your dorm room, dial 728-7460 to reach Security (not a change.) To make an emergency call from the dorm phone, dial 7777 to reach Security (this is a change.) The reason for the two numbers is that there are two different systems. The good news is that next year when students staff and faculty alike are on a single system, we will have only one emergency number.

Please call 728-7424 if you have any questions or comments, or send them along through campus mail.

Thank you.

Jim Brandvig
Assistant to the Executive Vice President

Sister Cities auction

Dear Bard Community,

The Sister Cities Club is planning on holding an auction this semester to raise money to sponsor a delegation of Bard students to travel to Larreyagna, Nicaragua (the community we have been in correspondence with for the last five years). We chose to have an auction because years ago the Sister Cities Club was involved in a similar event. We were told that the last auction was a blast. It was successful because everyone got into it. Professors, students, and even the local community members participated. And we want this auction to be as memorable as the past. Presently, we are envisioning people donating objects or their services to be auctioned off. For example: dates, massages, dinners, walks, room cleans, and even Leon's bow tie were sold to the highest bidder. So whether the sister cities club want your input on how this event should be organized. Be creative and send us your suggestions. Also, if you want to be part of the planning committee, let us know. [Send all requests to Katrina Hajes via campus mail.]

Thank you.

Sister Cities Club

$5 Phones $5

Dear Editor and Vice President,

I find the $72 charged to merely hook-up a phone line completely outrageous. Many other schools have minimal fees (of $4 or even less) for hook-up and a phone. Why this outrageous price? Where does the profit go?

I have been avoiding having a phone for three semesters now, because I cannot afford a hook-up plus books and supplies. I have put up with the hall phones in my building being ripped out and the pay phones (of which there are only three) being out of order as often as not. I am sick of it!

How can we make the price more reasonable for the student body? Why this outrageous price in the first place?

Pamela Baumberger
TRANSPORTATION

Jitney Schedule: the Jitney runs Monday through Friday and makes stops at the following places and times:
Robbins: 8:30a, 8:50a, 9:10a, 9:30a, 9:50a, 10:10a, 12:00p, 12:20p, 12:40p, 1:00p, 1:20p, 1:40p, 2:00p, 2:20p, 2:40p, 3:00p, 3:20p, 3:40p.

Wednesday: Shop N Save Run, 6p - 9p.
Thursday: Vans to Rhinecliff Station at 4:20p (4:35 train), 6:00p (6:31 train) and 7:20p (7:51 train). Vans to Poughkeepsie Station at 5:30p (5:19 train), 7:45p (8:35 train) and 10p (10:45 train).

Meet all vans behind Kline

**Wednesday Mar. 1**
- **Transportation Meeting.** Come to help determine the transportation schedule of the new Bard van. If you have suggestions but can't come, send a note to Wendy Grunesel at Box 823, Kline Committee Rooms, 5:30p.
- **Table Française.** Kline President's Room, 5:30p - 6:30p.
- **German Table.** Join us for some conversation. All are welcome to attend! Kline Commons Committee Room, 6p - 7p.

**Thursday Mar. 2**
- **Russian Discussion** or **Ryskold Slot.** All are welcome to come from 5p until ??? Kline Commons Committee Rooms.
- **Men's Sexuality.** Video Presentation: "Finding our own way." Informal discussion with Greg Barker and Eric Keller will follow. Olin 102, 7p.
- **Corporate Wealth, Business Cycles, and Economic Policy Information.** A lecture by economist Bruce Greenwald. Levy Institute, 8p.
- **S/M ACES meets** every Thursday at 6pm in the Kline College Room. Come find out what we're up to!

**Friday Mar. 3**
- **Bard Opinion Table.** Allen Jesse and Rich Kelley, Resident Directors, will be available, along with a member of the Student Life Committee, Kline Commons, 12p.
- **Bard Christian Fellowship** meeting in the Chapel. Students, faculty and staff are welcome at 7p.
- **Knitting Workshop.** Sign up at the health food store because workshop is limited to 10 people. Olin Moon Room, 7p.

**Saturday Mar. 4**
- **Carnavale.** DJ and live music tonight at 9pm in the Old Gym. Costume contest at midnight. Come have some fun!

**Sunday Mar. 5**
- **BIGALA meeting.** Meeting: 7-8. Discussion: 8-7. All are welcome gay, straight, lesbian, bi or confused. Albee Social, 7p.

**Monday Mar. 6**
- **Green Coalition Meeting.** Come to discuss campus recycling, composting and other environmental issues. Aspinwall ???, 8p.

**Tuesday Mar. 7**
- An American Red Cross Lifesaving Training Course is being offered at the Bard Pool. If you are interested in registering for this class, please notify Kathleen Davis at the pool. The dates for the course are as follows:
  - **Wednesday, March 1:** 6:30p - 9:30p
  - **Friday, March 3:** 6:00p - 9:00p
  - **Sunday, March 5:** 9:00a - 3:00p
  - **Wednesday, March 8:** 6:30p - 9:30p
  - **Friday, March 10:** 6:00p - 9:00p
  - **Sunday, March 12:** 9:00a - 3:00p
  - **Tuesday, March 14:** 6:30p - 9:30p
  - **Wednesday, March 15:** 6:30p - 9:30p

* Re-certification dates for lifeguards re-certifying. The fee for the course will be announced by March 1st.

**HOW TO PUBLICIZE EVENTS IN THE BARD OBSERVER CALENDAR**

1. Drop off the announcement at the Dean of Students Office in Libow 204. Please include your name and how you can be reached.
2. Call the Calendar at the Observer Office at 758-0772.
3. Call ext. 454 to make reservations for your event in a committee room at Kline Commons.

The Calendar will then publicize your event.