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Internet access expands

Login from the comfort of your room

By Pedro Rodriguez
Managing News Editor

That Bard College expanded its Internet access via the Henderson Computer Center about three weeks ago is fairly common knowledge. Bard has had access for a few years at select locations like the Levy Economics Institute and through the Bard BBS at the library. About three weeks ago, Bard College took a further step which fewer students are aware of. Students can now access the Internet from their rooms.

For access, students need a computer (of course), a phone line, a modem, a communication program and a valid Bard Internet account. Visit room 302 at the top of the Henderson Computer Center to sign up.

The Henderson staff recommends potential users read Introduction to the Bard Academic Computing Systems, Logging In and Logging Out, The Final Login and Tips on Password Security. All of these should be included in the packet sent to all Internet account applicants.

The computers on either end of the phone line—the server at the computer center (the Academic Computing system) and the user's—need identical communication parameters for a successful connection. The Bard Academic Computing system uses the following parameters:

- Band rate (speed): up to 14400
- Parity: none
- Data bits: 8
- Stop bits: 1
- Duplex (local echo): full (local echo)

Terminal emulation: VT100

The Bard system is equipped with a total of 15 phone lines. Six of them are for student use; the other nine are reserved for faculty and staff. There are two phone numbers, one for each group of the Bard population. Calls to one of the phone numbers will be distributed over its lines, until all are in use, after which there will be a busy signal emitted by the user's modem probably followed by a NO CARRIER message on the computer screen.

The phone numbers are:
- Faculty and Staff User Accounts (914) 758-7622
- Student User Accounts (914) 758-7623

Bard has full Internet access, beyond that of paid services like America On-Line and Prodigy. Where those systems have several sights around the country, limited in capability, Bard's full Internet access provides services such as mail, Internet, Gopher, and Lynx.

Gopher provides access to library catalogs, including the Library of Congress, though not the Bard Library. Such a system proves too costly at the moment.

Gopher, born during the 1980's, is the precursor of World Wide Web. It works on an ASCII format—a black screen with nothing but text. Gopher handles all types of information.

World Wide Web, like Gopher, is worldwide—hence the name—but includes graphics on an ANSI format. Through Lynx, Bard users can access the Web in its non-graphic format. The graphics require huge cables with greater capacity than more phone lines. The Henderson Computer Center has been wired for this purpose.

Internet access from personal computers by modem is available 24 hours daily. Also available, in Henderson 302, is a three page photocopy with more complete and better instructions.

The primary purpose of a college is hard intellectual labor.

—Dr. Bernard Iddings Bell, President of Bard College, 1927

Student assaulted

By Joshua Ledwell
Editor

On Thursday night, a Bard student was raped by an unidentified assailant. The attack took place near Feltier dorm at about 10 pm, as the student was walking to her home off campus. A man forced her off Annandale Road and raped her. Rhinebeck state police said:

The victim described the suspect as a white male of medium build and height, physically strong, with short hair. He may have been clad in a black sweat suit. As of this writing, the suspect remains at large, although police are continuing their investigation.

According to Dean of Students Shelley Morgan, the student, a 22-year-old woman, is hospitalized with "a lot of bruises" and has had a rape examination.

Dean Morgan said that there may have been other people walking on Annandale Road nearby at the time of the assault. She urged that anyone with information about the incident or the rapist call Bard Security immediately.

The Dean was also careful to emphasize that the identity of the assailant is entirely unknown. "I would not assume that it was not a student," she said. Students should be alert and careful at all times, and not be lulled by the campus' rural seclusion. Men and women, Morgan said, should use the buddy system when walking around, or call Security for a ride.

To address emotional issues around the rape, Morgan noted that Bard Response to Rape and Associated Violence Education (BRAVE) and other groups will hold forums and meetings all week. Students can always come to the Counseling Center, or to Morgan herself, with any concerns that arise. "This is a very traumatic event," the Dean said, even for students not directly involved. Anyone who feels a need for support should take advantage of these services.

Police investigators have been interviewing people at Bard to gather more information about the assault. However, Dean Morgan asked that students not talk with anyone asking questions unless they have been notified by campus Security.

Morgan said that Security always clears any police presence on campus in advance. People inquiring about the incident who "catch students off guard" therefore could be "TV people, or anybody," she said.

Along the paved path from main campus to Cruger Village, conspicuous posts for campus phones have remained bare so far this year. The phones, which were intended to help deter assaults similar to Thursday night's, are in order, according to Dean Morgan. There is no paved path or sidewalk in the area where the rape occurred.
Security update

By Linnea Krollmuller
Features Editor

The past week has been eventful and harried for Kim Squillace and the rest of Bard’s Security staff. Following the sexual assault near Annandale Triangle Thursday evening, security has been working closely with the Rhinebeck state police. “We are following up any leads on campus, and turning the information over to them,” said Director of Safety and Security Squillace in an interview Tuesday morning. She read a description of the assailant: “It is a white male of medium build, short hair, and possibly wearing a black sweat suit. Anyone with information should call the Rhinebeck state police at 876-4014, and should ask to speak with investigator Wayne Neal.” Students are encouraged to use escorts when walking around campus, and security patrols have been stepped up.

“We’ve got people patrolling all the way to the bridge, even though it’s not Bard property, because students live out there. And those students can call for a shuttle from their homes—they don’t have to walk all the way to Feitler to get a ride on campus.”

A student wrote a letter to the editor (see page 7) in which she complained about the lack of a shuttle escort on Saturday evening, because a driver had not reported for work. “It is true that shuttle drivers did not show up,” responded Squillace. “I spoke to the dispatcher who worked from 11 pm to midnight. After she got off duty, she took a two hour shift driving the shuttle. The students will never be picked up. They might have to wait a few minutes so that a security officer can take up the route of a missing shuttle driver, but would never be told they could not have a ride.”

There are no emergency phones on the path to north campus yet, because of the switch to a new telephone system. This summer, when all the changes are made, phones will be added in that location.

Emphasizing her concern for the safety of the Bard community, Squillace added, “My door is always open for anyone who wants to talk about this, to vent their anger or frustration. I know that we at Security will take the brunt of the anger, but we’re doing what we can. People should know that they can come and talk to Security.” Rumors spreading about an incident in the Robbins dormitory Friday evening, April 14, are being investigated as what actually occurred. “A former Bard student, not currently enrolled this term, had a medical/psychological emergency,” said Dean of Students Shelley Morgan. The former student sustained injuries that were not life threatening, and is in stable condition.

Also Friday evening, Assistant Director of Security James Lawlor and another security officer responded to a fire alarm in Obershokke. “Someone had discharged a fire extinguisher into a smoke detector,” stated Squillace, “to do something like this is very serious. This type of behavior cannot be tolerated. Not only did the extinguisher have to be replaced, but they could have broken the detector due to water damage.” Anyone with information on this vandalism is asked to contact either Security or the Dean of Students office.

The gym has reported several thefts recently, so people are reminded to use good judgment while storing their belongings. Do not leave items on the benches or in unlocked lockers, even for a short time, to avoid losing them.

Monday, April 11, a student reported the theft of her Birkenstock sandals from outside her door. “If my memory serves me correctly, this is the second student this year who has had shoes stolen. Students might want to keep things inside, especially if they are brand name items.”

Another incident occurred on Wednesday, April 12, when a student in Tewsbury reported that someone had stolen her Sony CD player from her top dresser drawer. She was not certain if her room was locked or not at the time. “This is just a reminder, always lock your doors, even if you’re leaving for a minute,” suggested Squillace.

A final reminder for all art students with studio space, especially in Annandale House: “Sticks, rags, and solvents make for one heck of a fire,” said Squillace, “please don’t leave things or soil rags should be disposed of in closed metal trash cans with no plastic bags. Spontaneous combustion could occur, and with all the flammable materials around, could be dangerous.”

News & Notes

By Pedro Rodriguez
Managing/News Editor

Nuclear Arms
Nonproliferation Treaty

The United Nations is trying to update the 1968 Treaty on the Nonproliferation of Nuclear Arms (NPT), which took effect in 1970. The five world powers openly claiming possession of nuclear arms (the U.S., France, Britain, Russia, and China) are aiming for a permanent end to their spread.

Representatives from 174 countries are to meet at the United Nations headquarters in New York City for a four-week conference starting Monday, April 17, and ending Friday, May 12. Secretary of State Warren Christopher will open the proceedings Monday and Vice-President Al Gore will close Wednesday.

They will argue Washington’s position and push for a majority vote in order to veto most of the opposition for an extension rather than a permanent ban. The nuclear powers fear that an extension would tempt potential violators.

Among the opponents are Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria and Venezuela. The nuclear status of Iraq and Iran is uncertain. Egypt, the first Arab country to trade with Israel, refuses to sign the indefinite treaty unless it has “universalism,” Israel, which has nuclear power plants and is believed to have nuclear weapons, says it will not sign because of the uncertainty surrounding Iran and Iraq and the lack of peace in the Middle East.

The former Soviet republics Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan have forbidden nuclear weapons, are dismantling them and returning them to Russia.

Many opponents object to the nuclear powers not having complied with Articles V and VI of the NPT, which state respectively that nuclear-weapon states must stop “lawful applications of nuclear explosions” to non-nuclear-weapon states and vaguely that nuclear disarmament must proceed in a timely manner.

Some also want binding pledges by the nuclear powers to protect non-nuclear-weapon states in the event of a nuclear attack. The U.N. Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution offering what the New York Times called “qualified guarantees” to aid non-nuclear states under nuclear attack.

Also on the agenda is the strengthening of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, Austria.

Shipping resumes in Sarajevo

Though sporadic, the shipping of Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina has resumed. The city has been surrounded for over 1,000 days. The airport is closed because passengers were being killed by sniper fire.

Corporal Eric Hardin, a U.N. Peacekeeper of the French contingent was killed Sunday, April 16, by what seems a Serbian sniper bullet. He is the second Frenchman to be killed there this week; Sergeant Ralph Gansler was shot earlier during the week, apparently by a Muslim sniper.

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News & Notes continued

My Two Cents

by Michael Feirer

Why is there no lighted path leading out to Feetier? Where are the emergency phones? Why is the campus so uninviting?

The sexual assault on Amanda Ragnini last Thursday night has fueled many of these questions. My brain and heart are still reeling from the events of the past few weeks. The stakes are high, and the consequences for failure are monumental.

It's easy for me, for all of us, to look down and cry about what's going on instead of doing something about it. But if we're serious about creating a safer campus, we can't afford to do that.

The administration took years to finally complete the path to the River Glen Apartments. We are still waiting to get the emergency telephones. Who knows what our neighbors are doing without administrative help? Let's take a stand against violence.

But the push for blame is a defense mechanism, and it will not extinguish our fears and mistrust. One person truly deserves the blame and is responsible for this incident — the assailant himself.

And nothing we could ever do to him is going to change the conditions of this campus. The awful

P.L.O. chairman Yasir Arafat publicly agreed to talk with Hamas only if the organization accepts P.L.O. commitments to Israel. Arafat said that the terrorist group's goal is to destroy Israel to demonstrate Palestinian efforts.

Prime Minister Yitzak Rabin stated that Israel will continue to battle Hezbollah, where a curfew is in effect.

Turkey's next target: Kurdish rebels

Turkey launched another major attack on a Kurdish stronghold Sunday, April 16. Approximately 25,000 Turkish troops crossed the border into the Deyr al Zor region of Syria and at least 1,000 Kurds were killed in the fighting.

The last major operation, Operation Active Scud, eliminated the last major terrorist group in the region.

Turkish army发言人 announced that the next target of the operation is the Kurdish Workers Party (PKK).

Last month, Turkey began an offensive against Kurds in northern Iraq.

Indonesian censorship

Indonesia has redoubled its efforts to stifle dissenting journalists. Three news magazines, including Tempo, have been shut down. The Indonesian government, with its campaign to crack down on corruption and police reform, has extended its reach into the media.

A recent report by the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) said that 28 journalists were arrested in Indonesia in 2010.

Vietnamese commanders

Shunned by Vietnam as traitors, over 50 Vietnamese claim they have nothing left to do in the war. They were effectively banned from the government and the military during the Vietnam "Conflict." And now they are seeking entry into the U.S.

The commanders were part of a failed operation to infiltrate Viet Cong forces. They were offered a choice: move to the U.S. or face death in Vietnam.

The U.S. does not believe their story despite recently declassified Pentagon papers which allegedly provide strong evidence in their favor.

In a related story, former Defense Secretary, under President Lyndon Johnson, Robert McNamara has released a book, "Retract: The Tragedy and Lessons of Vietnam." 22 years later, he writes that he believes the rhetoric of the U.S. should have been withdrawn from South Vietnam by 1963.

Dornan seeks presidency

Representative Robert Dornan of California entered the race for the Republican Presidential Candidate Thursday, April 13. A member of the far right, Dornan is known for his anti-abortion, gun control, homosexual, education stance, and for his harsh chorty.

He was recently silenced in the Senate for saying that President Clinton "gave aid and comfort to the enemy" by supporting the Vietnam War.

Volunteer Opportunities

In order to provide an opportunity for students at Bard to involve themselves in social service programs, they must first be aware of what is available. During the past few weeks, there will be articles highlighting several organizations that provide various services to the surrounding communities. These programs are also available through the Social Action Workshop, a collection of faculty, staff, and students working to combine academic study and the experiences gained through social service. They would like additional information on speaking to someone about the programs, please contact Rich Valley in the Student Activities Office or E.L. Scenic Hudson.

Founded to protect, restore, and enhance the ecosystems, heritage and unique landscapes of the Hudson Valley, Scenic Hudson is a crusader for innovative approaches to redeveloping the region during its 30-year history.

Scenic Hudson transformed in the legal battles to prevent Global from embarking on the Hudson’s first pumped storage hydroelectric plant in the face of Storm King Mountain. The Scenic Hudson decision is the first in a long line of legal battles to prevent the plant from being built.

Recently, a bill from the state legislature has been introduced that would allow for storage hydroelectric plants in the state, but Scenic Hudson remains committed to protecting the region.

Reach back to the past and look forward to the future with volunteer opportunities. Check out Scenic Hudson for more information on how to get involved.

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The ruin and moral failure of Bosnia

By Sean O'Neil

A decade or two from now, when people reflect on the world events that occurred during our undergraduate days in Annandale, the catastrophe of Bosnia is likely to be the most remembered.

"Incarnations in the European, whether in the Venetian towns of the Balkan coast, the ski resorts in the environs of Sarajevo, or the vineyards of Western Herzegovina around Mostar." That is David Blight's description from his new book, Slavery and Race.

He writes that Bosnia is neither a civil war, nor a religious conflict, nor an example of "the inherent violence of the Balkan characters." Journalists, diplomats and intelligence analysts have concluded that mass genocides occurred in Bosnia, and that 80% of the genocidal actions were perpetuated by Serb forces against Muslims.

The people of Bosnia, non-nationalists and Muslims alike, are Europeans similar to those who would find a cafe in Frankfurt, Zurich or Paris. A quarter of a million of them are now dead and another million live as refugees. The destruction is so close to Europe's famed cosmopolitan cities that the distance from Italy or Germany to Sarajevo, site of the longest siege in modern history, is about the distance from New Jersey to Rhode Island to Annandale.

More astounding than the proximity of mass genocide to idyllic small towns is the fact that many of the countless war crimes and human rights abuses could have been prevented by a concerted Europe, U.S. and Russia.

I once thought, wrongly, that Bosnia was a continuation of "ancient ethnic hatreds." This, despite the fact that in 1990 one-fourth of Yugoslavia's population lived in mixed marriages, with practically non-existent rates of ethnic attack.

The truth is, while the world was distracted with the Persian Gulf War, Communists like Milosevic of Serbia and Tudjman of Croatia were desperate not to lose power in a democratic revolution. They were manipulated into artificial ethnic tensions in a nation that was historically peaceful. Authoritarian control of the media, along with the oppression of democratic opposition, re-created rivalries that had been coruscate for forty years.

"You Americans would become nationalists and racist, too, if your media were totally in the hands of the Ku Klux Klan," argued one Belgrade journalist in The New Yorker.

In Yugoslavia, similar to Canada, was a federation of six provinces. The biggest of the provinces was Serbia. Britain and France like this province because it alone of the six had historically sided with them in the two world wars against Germany. Russia likes it, too, because of its similar linguistic and cultural heritage.

The Serbs, unlike most of the Bosnians, are people with political aims not shared by the West. The West's arms and oil embargo should have been selectively used against the Serbs and not have included Bosnian Muslims.

Winston Churchill once said that "the government of the world must be entrusted to the satisfied nations, who wished nothing more for themselves than what they had." Yet the satisfied nations must earn the trust of the weak by showing that they can go without violence.

Aerial strikes in April 1992 could not have frighmaged the Serbs from further incursions into Bosnia, as scholar David Comer has argued.

Today, sanctions should be rigorously applied against Serbs for as long as necessary until its regime collapses. Air strikes should be used, too, if Serbs attack Croatia or Macedonia, or if Croatia imitates their foul behavior.

The principle that external and internal borders can be altered only by the mutual consent of the parties must be upheld whenever possible. A blockade of Serbia is the least distal choice to take to achieve the least distal of ends. It will require a sustained effort to prevent an expanded war, as well as a resistance to the shortsighted desires of Britain, France and Russia. For a new generation of nationalists, former generation of nationalists from wanting elsewhere.

Bard Spring

Returning this episode, Colby, from "unbridled love"

by Sean O'Neil

April 1997

To the Committee on Hirings:

Hello! My name is Colby Sprague and this is my application for a job at Bard College as a professor.

I was graduated from Bard in May of 1995 and have just completed my Masters degree in Tibetan culinary studies at the University of Lhasa. I am flattered at your offer for me to become a professor in the multidisciplinary Obscurantism Program at Bard.

I cannot accept, however, unless my wife, Nadine Seeffeldt, also receives a professorship. She is a doctoral candidate for monastery music studies, and her curriculum vitae is attached. As a winner of the prestigious Phillip Morris Fellowship, she has much to offer in the faculty in her knowl-

edge, piano skills, vim and vigor.

1997 has seen the flourishing of Bard at such language pursuits as Sanskrit, Gaelic and Yiddish, along with such "academic consortium events" like Urban Studies and Project 60 Act. I pleasure me to learn that the college has yet to institute Japanese studies, or a similar program. Bard should never capitulate to a mainstream educational agenda.

I heartily agree with President Hernandez that the college needs to have Tibetan culinary studies to fill a gap in its course offerings.

An understanding of the main staple of Tibetan diets, tsamde (a barley meal) — as well as a comprehension of its various manifestations as wet tsamde, dry tsamde, tsamde tea, and tsamde parties with yak butter, will supply students with new paradigms with which they can challenge the capitalist, Big Mac hegemony.

My dissertation will detail the use of tsamde by Tibetan nomads as a cultural weapon against authoritarianism. Its torious reasoning mirrors the paths through Tibet around gorges, waterfalls, pastures, and rocks.

In my thesis, I employ the concept of concentric circles to describe the interpersonal relationships of Tibetans within — to import an elitist term — a "restaurant." Interesting class and status realities can be discovered by examining the periphery of various eaters to the main tsamde dish at a traditional meal served on the Chang Tang plateau. Llamas, dressed in their sparse, charcol colored robes, are the Bud-

hist leaders who sit closest to the tsamde, as would be expected from their venerated position in society.

The next ring of people is the drehka. These wandering shepherders are recog-

nizable in their gaudy, embroidered crimson headpieces, their perfumed russet coats bound tightly at the waist, and their kneeblocks in red and green colors. The Tibetans follow in the outer concentric circle, darting and vaulting with their fluid balletic grace around the fire used for cooking. These animals are valuable, as are the shaggy ponies laden with wool.

Students can apply the insights of these concentric circles to their own social experiences. The upcoming morgen-kirsch party is one such opportunity. I congratulate President Hernandez for ac-

cepting a $50,000 grant from the Anheiser-Busch Foundation for Youth Harmony to pay for the newly endowed event.

At the morgen, beer is the equival-

ent to tsamde. The innermost circle is formed by those souls who pump the beer kegs, beside the disk jockeys who play the music. These individuals have high status within society, as evidenced by their high rates of sexual coupling. The long-stead workers and music purveyors can be identified in their traditional dress of T-shirts, ripped jeans, and Birkenstocks.

Like many Tibetans, several of these students have lie in their hair. The success of their "beer dispersal action" is measured by the duration of time expired before they pass out.

The next social tier consists of the dancers, those students who exchange green pieces of paper for a chance to write, wiggie and count in a confined, darkened mating space. These are bounded by a third circle, that populated by security forces, dressed in faded blue uniforms, and administrators, who favor darker colored outfits, all of whom command the least respect and interest in the society.

My wife Nadine's application speaks for itself. She recently created the composi-

tion "Caecophony at Three Miles Above Sea Level." Her inspiration for it came when riding a a gaily-expansive rodeo. In the piece, she tries to transcribe into musical notation her feeling when confronted with the gaze, or great teacher, sitting cross-legged on the stone floor of an ornate room in the Sera monastery, filled with thangka paintings of Buddhas, intricate mandalas, and eerie demons. A recording of its per-

formance is enclosed.

In closing, I note that there is no more fervent longing among alumni than to re-

turn to the physical. Our undergraduate longings to depart are fulfilled.
Giant weekend for tennis

Meanwhile, recreational softball is in full swing

By Josh Bell
Sports Editor

If you will think back to the last copy of the Bard Observer, you will remember that I told you that Men’s Varsity Tennis was off to a great start. Accordingly, I now have the complete results in from the April 10th meet against Mount Saint Vincent College.

As we guessed, the Blazers destroyed and humiliated their opponents by winning eight out of nine.

Playing seed number one, Andreas Tschung defeated Vincent’s Ian Bret, with scores of 6-0 and 6-0. Other triumphant performances came from Tor Loney, whose opponent also won zero of his matches and Eugene Kuhlmann, who skillfully kept his opponent to three wins.

The overall record for the Blazers is now officially, three and one.

Moreover, for all of you out there who thought that the Blazers were slacking off, the team has an incredibly long week ahead of them. They have matches this Thursday at home against Western Connecticut State University. So please come and cheer them on. On another victory (it should be noted that attendance has been really small this year at Varsity Athletics), so come, please come. The team could use your support.

Friday, the Blazers will travel to SUNY New Paltz for an away meet. Saturday, there is a 2 P.M. away match against Stevens Institute of Technology.

This intense display of sporting expertise will be conclude on Sunday the 23rd at the Independent Athletic Conference Tournament at Stevens Institute of Technology. Also look for a makeup match between Bard and the New Jersey Institute of Technology. Details and times are available from the Director of Varsity Athletics.

That’s about it for this week’s tennis news. I would like to wish the players good luck for their tough week. Remember, it’s a game so, have some fun, but still kick their butts.

Real World Sports

By Josh Bell
Sports Editor

Alright, just when you thought it was safe to go back to the ballpark, the umpires go on strike. On a professional level, I fully believe that they should get all of their demands. But, on the level of a fan, I just want the season to start with all of the professional stuff it should have. The umpires have already been replaced with umpires from the higher minor leagues, so the only question remaining is whether or not the players cross the picket lines and play.

My guess is that they will, because they are all jocks who just want money (this was proved to me by Red Sox Wade Boggs who said that he thought it was going to be great to play for the Yankees, and that the rivalry between the two was really a myth. Up yours, Wade.) Moreover, it is hoped that the season will start on time, with the umpires satisfied, but you never know what’s going to happen. Go negotiators.

In hockey news, Wayne Gretzky became the only player to score 2,500 career points. Gretzky is the league’s all-time scorer with 813 goals and 1,687 assists. Accordingly, with his total points from regular season and play-off NHL play and his points from the World Hockey Association, he is only 24 points away from the 3,000 mark. Go Wayne.

In distance running news, Cosmas Ndeti of Kenya won his third Boston Marathon this week. Ndeti is the only non-Black man to run under 2:10 for 26.2 miles. Consequently, this is the first year in which defending champions repeated. Go runners.

Also, for all those interested, Hoe Bowl Country Lane’s tournaments are now starting. All interested bowlers should call to reserve space now! Please call 492-1645 for more details. Go Bowlers.

Rec League Softball

By Josh Bell
Sports Editor

Here’s the latest report from the halls of Recreational Softball. With every division registering winners and losers, the season is off to a tremendous start. The Western Division still has not had an official game, although the Zephyrheads won their first game against Super Nova by a forfeit.

Over in the Eastern Division, Slut Trash pulled an easy victory, by forfeit, against The Blumfield Rainbows. The G.A. Enlightenment defeated the Distinguished Scientists Softball Series in a close game of 4-3.

In the Southern Division, the once mighty St. Tula lost their second in a row to Graceland, by a score of 8-7. The game can only be described as a close one, with the loss a direct result of some bad third inning pitching by the filmmakers.

The other game played, was between Bountiful Crop and RGG: the (will someone please tell me what the hell it means) Demain Outfit. Crop won the game with a score of 3 to 1, a triumphant win for the team who wanted me to say, “we are an excellent crop, ready to be harvested.”

In the Northern Division, when first games were cancelled due to weather complications, played their make-up games on Saturday the 15th. The first game between Keyens’ Curse and Wood Warriors was a dramatic six inning game ending with a final score of Woods 8 and Keyens 3. In their second game the Woods Warriors fell to the team Fashion Rules by a score of 12 to 7.

The second game for Keyens’ Curse demonstrated the team’s need for fielding and batting practice, by their 34 to 7 loss to the Unicorns. According to a team member, “we are going to come back, even if it involves watching Field of Dreams, Ted Williams’ instructional video on batting, and listening to John Fogarty’s “Centerfield” for hours (we also might practice).” Good luck, economists.

Over in the Athletic Division, the Tony Danza Bonanza beat the American Dream 16 to 10. Other Athletic league and Recreational League games that were postponed will be played later, and team members should contact the gym or their captains for more information.

In non-softball news, the gym is still open. So go and use it. Also, coming May 5th to Stevenson Gymnasium, Peak Performance Sports in New Paltz will be holding a ROLLERBLADING demonstration clinic for all interested students. The time is two to five P.M. at the gym so go and see what rollerblading can be like. Further information is available from the gym later this week.

Tomorrow is Thursday, meaning that it is Thursday Night Madness, so go and enjoy all aspects of the gym until the wee hours of the morning. Until later, good luck to all softball teams, and be kind to the prospective students visiting this weekend.
Review of a cult favorite

By Felder Mira

Honestly, I have been meaning to go to the movie theater to review a film for the past two weeks. However, due to moderation papers last week and having to finish reading a novel for class this weekend, my viewing time has been strictly limited. Allowing myself to only watch one thing each weekend, I chose something I really wanted to watch, a cult hit TV show The X Files (Friday, 9pm, Fox network).

Living up at school sans television set, I have been very behind on my TV viewing (and have, almost completely lost interest in the boot tube and its few offerings). So it was to my delight when my friends introduced me to this show.

The series revolves around a department of the FBI, which investigates paranormal activity, from UFO sightings to hauntings to mutant parasites. While many of the story ideas are based on films from the science fiction/horror genre (such as John Carpenter's The Thing, Alien, and The Exorcist), the writers have been able to bring interesting twists to the stories which make the show fresh and original. Some of the encounters have included a mutant fly or worm which grows to be six feet tall, various aliens, a town of killers created by subliminal messages, a possessed boy, and a satanic school board.

The cast consists of two primary characters: the UFO-hunting Fox Mulder, played by David Duchovny, with Gillian Anderson as his skeptical scientist partner Dana Scully. Not since Batman and Robin has there been such chemistry between a crimefighting duo.

Duchovny gives a wonderful buzzcut, square-jawed caricature of FBI agents with his monotone voice as he questions suspects about the supernatural (Mulder has been a believer since his young sister was abducted by aliens). Questioning Mulder's off-the-wall theories is Anderson's down-to-earth character, who searches for logical solutions rooted in science.

The two have an everyman, All-American beauty to them which allows the audience to relate to them. The pure lack of romance tension adds to the chemistry of their relationship.

Complementing the scripts and acting is a very unique visual style, which makes it resemble a work of film noir. The mood is created with intense shadows and extreme angles. Lighting consists of strong blue and green shades, creating a very dark atmosphere. The eerie atmosphere is strengthened by the musical score, composed of striking chords.

The show exceeds the bounds of most TV shows, but not as vulgarly as does NYPD Blue. Its horror and violence come from the unseen, which makes it all the more unsettling at times. In last week's episode, a two-year-old was brutally run over by a train. Not long afterwards, Scully is lowered into an elephant to perform an autopsy.

One drawback is the constraint of an hour show and having to solve the mystery by the end of the hour (it usually ends up unsolved anyway). With the premise that this show has, it would benefit from working as a serial, such as Twin Peaks did. This aside, The X-Files is one of the few consistently good TV shows to come along in the past few years. Few shows carry the edge that this one carries and as long as The X-Files is on, there is one reason to own a TV set.

Plugs

This weekend there will be two screenings (on campus) of films by two of my idols. On Friday night, the film committee will be showing Ed Wood by Tim Burton (ahh!).

Letters

To The Bard community,

We realize that there has been concern over the use of funds raised from the Shake Boutique Halloween party which was thrown last semester. We are printing this letter to let you know that, with your help, the Boutique donated $550 to God's Love We Deliver. This is a not for profit organization which provides hot meals for homebound people with AIDS.

To show our appreciation, we are using the remaining funds to throw a free party! Watch for it.

Thank you,

The people at Shake Boutique

Ms. Almee Lind
Club Head, Shake Boutique Bard College

Dear Ms. Lind,

Thank you so much for your generous contribution of $550.00 to God's Love We Deliver, which we received on December 27, 1994. Your gift will be translated into hot, nutritious meals, prepared with the freshest ingredients and delivered, free of charge, to men, women and children living at home and homebound with AIDS through the five boroughs of New York City and Hudson County, New Jersey.

Our efforts are filled with letters from clients whose lives have been extended and enhanced by the services that your gift support. One note included the following thought:

"Thank you for helping me through the most difficult time of my life. Once in a while, in this troubled world, something wonderful comes forth. You have given me the strength to hope, as well as something to be thankful for."

God's Love We Deliver's ability to generate such hope—through the provision of life-sustaining meals—would not be possible without the kindness of donors like you, and we are extremely grateful for your partnership in our mission.

Best wishes,
Kathy Spahn
Executive Director, God's Love We Deliver
More Letters

Dear Bard Community,

I called Security on Saturday night to request a shuttle from the dance concert to Robbins, and found that there was none available. The shuttle driver did not show up and there was nothing they could do about it! This is insane. A campus-wide alert is in effect and women have been warned to walk in pairs or use the shuttle service, and the shuttle is not in operation! Bard obviously cares very little for the safety of its students. I made it home safely, others might not have been so lucky.

Pamela Baumbarger

To the editor:

Not many days after my return from spring break I had a particularly long institutional conversation, a "conflict in communication" with another student. In my attempt to secure a check from the convocation fund for the purchase of club supplies my budget request was delayed by the treasurer. Originally my anger and frustration was aroused because there seemed to be no legitimate reason for this delay. However, I had resigned to the idea of looking for an institutional resolution with my strong suggestion that the treasurer arrange a meeting between me, himself, and the other two parties who would be necessary in achieving this end. This conversation took place in the main dining hall, shortly after Wood food service had closed its doors for dinner; the treasurer was eating a late dinner because of earlier engagements. As I prepared to leave the dining hall, on the tail end of an extremely frustrating conversation, I requested that I might have a few words with the Chair of the Planning Committee. It was at that moment that the treasurer called me back over to the table at which he was positioned to inform me—in what I perceived to be an antagonizing tone and attitude—that I would not be able to resolve this matter with anyone but himself. At the time I was called back, he seemed surprised at the intensity of his tone, and it is my impression that his tone was altered by the time he called me back. I believe him to be a man of integrity and I must believe that he has had something less than no respect for his office and the institution, and I would like to apologize to the planning committee.

Milor Roseborough


SUMMER SUBLETS: The Graduate School of Environmental Studies is looking for student housing for this summer, mid June through July. August housing is also available. If you wish to sublet or rent, please call 758-7483 or see Molly or Liz in Sottery 101.

Beautiful lake house to rent academic year 1995-1996. Situated on 1/2 acre, 20 minutes from Bard. 125' private lake frontage. Private dock, carport, finished basement with entertainment center, washer/dryer, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, dishwasher, LR with fireplace, antiques, decks, views, passive solar, Responsible people only. No smokers, no pets. Call 212-595-8618.

Open, loft-like residential and/or professional co-op on Riverside Drive in a designated landmark area. Architect: H.L. Meader, built 1916, 1000 sq. ft., faces South and West, original ceramic tile floors. Location: corner Riverside Drive and 96th Street. Maintenance $418.00. Asking price $165,000 (negotiable). Owner will hold a partial mortgage. Call for fact sheet: 212-595-6618. Leave return fax number or address.

The Bard Observer seeks staff. All interested writers, photographers, copy editors, artists, cartoonists, etc. are welcome. Meetings are held in room 84, Tewksbury basement, Mondays at 7:00 pm., or call 758-0772.

Need some spending money for the summer? Do you have a knack for appeasing large crowds? Do you have good organizational skills? Do you like Barton? The Bard Music Festival needs people to do a variety of jobs over the summer including the two weekends of the festival (Aug. 11-13 and 18-20). If you are interested, please call Robin at 758-7410.

Interest has been expressed in a self help/support group for the gay and lesbian community to address HIV issues; specifically caring and bereavement, but not limited to those issues. If you would like to belong to such a group, contact Michael at 679-7461 or Dan at 339-6909 Ext. 113.

Looking for a two-bedroom apartment to rent in Tivoli, Barrytown, or Annandale starting June 1 through next school year. Please drop a note in Box 1340.

Performers Wanted! To strut your stuff at the Queer & Coffeehouse on Friday, April 21 at 7pm, whether you’re queer or just queer-friendly, whether you’re a poet or musician or dramatist or diva. Contact Brent Armdinger via Campus Mail ASAP.

The Bard Observer is an entirely student-run publication. Submissions from the community are always welcome. Letters to the editor should be under 500 words, and may be edited for spelling or grammar. Pieces for the Opinion pages will not be edited without the consent of the author. Only that which is slanderous or libelous will be denied publication. Anonymous submissions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis for publication—but we prefer them to be signed.

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.

Oops! In last week's issue, the article entitled "Democracy's Triumphants" should have been credited to Joshua Ledwell. [If I don't toot my own horn, who will?]

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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, 10:30a, 10:50a, 11:10a, 12:00p, 12:30p, 1:00p, 1:30p, 2:00p, 2:30p, 3:00p, 3:30p, 4:00p, 4:30p, 5:00p, 5:30p, 6:00p, 6:30p.
- Thursday: Van to the Lyceum in Red Hook, 6:30p - 10p.
- Wednesday: Shop 'n Save Run, 6p - 9p.
- Friday: Vans to Rhinecliff Station at 4:20p (4:50 train), 6:00p (6:31 train) and 7:20p (7:51 train). Vans to Poughkeepsie Station at 5:20p (6:12train), 7:25p (8:20 train) and 10p (10:45 train). Trip to the Poughkeepsie Galleria Mall, leaves at 5p and returns at 9p.
- Sunday: meet at 9:15a to go to various churches in Red Hook, Rhinecliff and Rhinebeck (St Johns, St Chris and St Paul). Pick up at Rhinecliff Station for trains arriving at 6:07p and 8:55p and 10:06p. Pick up at Poughkeepsie Station for trains at 6:45p, 8:46p and 10:52p.

Meet all vans behind Kline

Wednesday
April 19

Table Francaise. Kline President's Room, 5:30p - 6:30p.

German Table. Join us for some conversation. All are welcome to attend! Kline Commons Committee Rooms, 6p - 7p.

Mary Lee Settle, award-winning essayist and novelist will be reading from her work. Olin 102, 7p.

The Women's Center invites you to come to Annandale House for talk and tea from 7p to 8p. You can stay later for the weekly meeting from 8:30p to 10p.

Learn how to write and submit a budget and how to appeal to the Emergency Fund. Kline President's Room, 6:30p.

Thursday
April 20

Russian Discussion or Rakshi Sod. All are welcome to come from 5p till 5:30p. Kline Commons Committee Room.

Sister Cities Project Meeting. Kline Committee Rooms, 5p.

S/M A.C.E.S meets every Thursday at 6pm in Kline Committee Room.


Reading by Ellen Myles. Bard Hall, 7p.

Songs by Pat Humphries. DeKline, 9p.

The Wedding Banquet Film sponsored by the AASO. Olin, room TBA, 8p.

Friday
April 21

Bard Opinion Table. Talk with the Resident Directors and members of the Student Life Committee. Kline Commons, 12p - 1p.

Bard Christian Fellowship Meeting. Bard Chapel, 7p. All are welcome.


Queerweek Coffeehouse. DeKline, 9p.

Saturday
April 22

Earth Day Celebration. Spend a beautiful spring day on the Ludlow Lawn, from 10a to 5p.


Sunday
April 23

Help clear a trail. Red Hook Trails will clear the remaining portion of the trail that connects Bard to Tivoli. Call ext. 7454 for information.

Sign up for Yom HaShoah (holocaust remembrance day). Name reading vigil on April 27. Sign up during lunch or dinner at Kline.

Tuesday
April 25

Sign up for Yom HaShoah (holocaust remembrance day).

The Bard Music Festival
*Do you have a passion to do good deeds? *Do you have a desire to go around town and teach T.C.E.C with the entrepreneurs in the Hudson Valley? *Do you have a car? If you have answered YES to any of the above, the Bard Music Festival needs you! RIGHT NOW!!

We need able-bodied to solicit advertisements for this summer's Festival Program Book. ($55 for you!) If you would like to help or find out more details, please contact Robin at 738-7410 Mon.- Fri. 9-5.

Free Fitness Seminars
April 17 - 21: Alternative Ways to Achieve Fitness Without Entering a Weight Room.

Instructor: Gina Delmont, Bard Athletic Trainer/ Fitness Director.

Stevenson Gymnasium
7:00pm - 8:00pm.