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Have you learned your lesson yet?

by Tamara Rozental and Erika Menschord

Seventeen US soldiers have died in Somalia since the United Nations sent in troops. A glance through any newspaper is guaranteed to show the suffering of UN soldiers, shot and killed by General Aidid’s followers. As usual, the US media neglects to illustrate the atrocities committed by UN forces against Somalia. Somewhere the deaths of US soldiers are being blamed on General Aidid, as if he had invited the troops into Somalia. Once again the UN (or is it the US?) has taken upon itself to impose democracy through military intervention, violating in the process the principles of national sovereignty as set forth by their predecessor, the League of Nations.

What began as a humanitarian mission has become a personal confrontation between the “undefeatable” and the defeated. Viet Nam, anyone? For variants between the “undefeatable” and the defeated, Viet Nam, anyone? For variants between the “undefeatable” and the defeated.

Puerto Rico: statehood or independence?

On Saturday October 16 a forum on the Puerto Rican Plebiscite was held in Chase Auditorium. Puerto Rican citizens will vote on November 14 to either become an independent state, remain a commonwealth of the United States, or to become the 51st state. Speaking at the forum were Dr. Cellina Romasny, a lawyer and professor from the University of New York Law School, Dr. Jorge Rodriguez Beruff from the University of Puerto Rico, and Dr. Pedro A. Cabanc from Rutgers University.

First Dr. Caban presented his analysis of the different issues raised by the upcoming plebiscite. He began by comparing the Puerto Ricans for over a century now have wanted to truly define their political status. Since being annexed by the United States after the Spanish-American War of 1898, Puerto Ricans have debated their status and relationship to the United States. Dr. Caban referred to Puerto Rico’s present political status as “rebellious,” yet he emphasized that this current condition will not be changed by the upcoming plebiscite. He called the plebiscite a “beauty contest,” among the three parties: the Partido Nuevo Progresista (PNP) supporting statehood, the Partido Popular Democrata (PPD) supporting a commonwealth, and the Partido Independientista Puertorriqueño (PIP), supporting independence.

The November plebiscite came about as a result of the controversy resulting from a bill introduced in 1989 by Senator Johnson in the U.S. Senate. Senator Johnson’s bill encountered a little support in the U.S. Congress. The U.S. House of Representatives created and passed its own bill which supported Puerto Rico taking a gradual path towards eventual self-determination. It called for first a plebiscite, then secondly for the participation of all parties in the creation of a bill for possible change in the political status of Puerto Rico, and finally for a vote from the residents of the island.

Senator Johnson’s bill encountered opposition because many members of Congress felt that it gave too much support to statehood. Congressional committees in the United States mounted a tremendous campaign to prevent Puerto Rico from becoming a state, emphasizing that Puerto Ricans have a distinct culture and would not assimilate easily into American society. Most of these groups opposed statehood because they felt it would lead to massive migrations of Puerto Ricans to the United States. They also did not want to give Puerto Rico the political power in Congress, namely seven congressional and two senatorial seats, believing that these members would most likely ally with liberal Congressional caucuses.

Dr. Caban emphasized that all three political parties support closer economic ties to the United States. Those supported by Laura Pedraza

More on female genital mutilation: why it is practiced by Laura Brower

In the last issue of the College News, as you may or may not recall, I offered a limited overview of the practise of female genital mutilation, its nature and consequences, psychological and otherwise on the women which have been subjected to it. You were left without explanation as to the reasons used to justify the horror of it all. To incite you to consider the rest of this article, I will merely cite Hannah Lightfoot-Klein who here describes one of her interviews, that she had with Mr. Nakasong, "an influential Muslim leader in Port Sudan" at the time in which she writes.

"He assured me that there was nothing in the Koran about the pharaonic (infibulation). He himself was very much against that barbarous practice, the pharaonic," and in his religious capacity advocated the mildest form of the same. Did he have any daughters? Indeed he had. What had been done about them? They had all been pharaonized. How was this possible in view of his stated beliefs? One could not go against custom, he said. Custom was too strong in the people. None could defy custom.

As is suggested by the above, the reasons for female genital mutilation are deep-seated within the cultures of the tribes that practice it. Linked to superstition and ignorance, the reasons appear somewhat incomprehensible and irrational. For example, one of the primary motivating factors is that it is argued that...
EDITORIAL

The news
Just came in
From the County of Keck
That a very small bug
By the name of Van Vleck
Is yawning so wide
You can look down his neck.

This may not seem
Very important, I know.
But it is. So I’m bothering
Telling you so.

A yawn is quite catching, you see. Like a cough.
It just takes one yawn to start other yawns off.
NOW the news has come in that some friends of Van Vleck’s
Are yawning so wide you can look down their necks.

-Dr. Seuss, Sleep Book

We leave you to discover the link between
these lines by Seuss and the present condition of
our campus. Yawn -Erika and Laura.

Due to a system error we could not print the
Sisterhood article in this issue. Our most
sincere apologies to Kelli Ford.

JUNK MAIL, YOU
KNOW I HATE IT

by Kimberly Blessing

There was a time when I was so fed up with the way things were at home that I couldn’t wait till I got to college to escape them. The constant telephone calls, having to cook, having to take out the trash at 6 a.m.—I just had to leave as soon as possible. But the biggest thing that annoyed me about home was the post office. It just takes one yawn to start other yawns off. So why thousands of papers?

I not only hate junk mail for environmental reasons, but also because it’s a big pain in my mailbox. I love getting mail and to go home everyday and have to search through stacks of junk to even find out whether or not I received anything of interest really would annoy me.

Unless I had requested it, I didn’t want it.

And so now I’m at school. I’m so close to home that mail isn’t what I usually expect to receive, so I don’t check my mail box everyday. But when I do, I get very, very angry.

This flyer and that flyer, announcing everything from parties to conferences or asking for this or that, your opinion, etc etc. It’s driving me absolutely batty! I don’t understand why everyone in the school needs to receive these flyers by the dozen that more than likely end up in the trash. A bulletin board, of which there are many on campus—is the perfect place for these things to be posted. The people here on campus, I believe, want to keep themselves up to date and do read what is posted quite frequently. So why thousands of papers?

After all, why should the people in the mail office have to stuff all of those papers in our boxes? Instead, they could be stuffing our mailboxes with things that we actually have requested—catalogues and newsletters. Instead I spend my valuable time searching through boxes of old catalogues looking for the one I ordered only to never find it, figuring someone else got to it first.

So here’s what I’m going to do. Have all my mail sent home again. That way someone else can sort through it and I’ll get it on the weekends. I’ll still get all the mail I want, without all the excess junk mail. Then again, I do miss those super saver coupons when I go shopping.

The author of this piece hopes that the departements of Bryn Mawr will regard her disapproval of the excess waste of paper with seriousness.

JOIN AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

by Elizabeth Lyzenga

The annual Amnesty International Philadelphia Area Conference will take place this Sunday, October 24, at Villanova University in Hartley Hall. The conference is geared toward current members of AI, but anyone interested is welcome. There is a five dollar registration fee, and for information, call one of the following numbers: 642-9016, 522-7509, or 492-9637. After registration and opening remarks there are two sessions of workshops: the first session includes Building and sustaining a Student AIGroup, High School Advisors Workshop, International Human Rights: Holding Governments Accountable, and The Rights of Indigenous Peoples; the second includes Making and Using Legislative Contacts, Open Discussion on Attitudes Toward the Death Penalty, Children’s Rights, and The Growing Refugee Crisis. The conference will conclude with a keynote lecture by Sheila Dauer, AIUSA director of campaigns, and a former “disappeared” prisoner of conscience, entitled The Lives Behind the Lies. AI’s new campaign to reappear the disappeared. Check the next issue of the College News for reviews of this conference, as well as news about the current campaign against the death penalty in the United States.

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The deadline for the next issue of The College News is Friday, October 29 at 5:00 p.m. Letters and articles should be sent to our mailbox (C-1716) or placed outside our Denbigh office. All submissions should be on a Mac disk; disks will be returned (we promise). We will accept articles written by women and letters from men. All opinions expressed in articles are those of the authors only and are not representative of the school needs to receive these flyers...
Yankee go home!

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government. Now really, the US never would have spent that kind of money in an effort or killed as many people in a botched-up domestic drug campaign.

The truth of the matter is that the US dropped 80,000 tons of bombs on a natural environment, finally took a stand. The sequel to "Operation Just Cause" was the "liberation" of Kuwait. "We're taking the war to them," was the US government's retort. However, turning the confrontation into President Bush's personal victory was the first problem. After all, if the US hadn't turned the leaders into political giants and supported them in their desire, the problems in all of those countries wouldn't have existed in the first place.

Those of us expecting radical changes with the Clinton administration were severely disappointed. Anthony Lake's definition of its foreign policy. A recent speech at Johns Hopkins University reaffirmed the US's primary concern as the protection of democracy at any cost. This is indeed the strategy adopted by the Clinton government regarding Haiti. Continuing President Bush's policy of support for the popularly-elected Réné Preval, the US government has provided no regard for the safety of the country's sovereignty. The ultimate hypocrisy lies in turning away Haitian refugees from US ports of entry while enforcing economic sanctions and sending in troops. Once again, using democracy to insure US political and economic interests is anachronistic.

In spite of these changing conditions, many feel the US wants to retain its military bases in Puerto Rico. Instead of the senatorial opposition to the independence movement 'staging an attack on any foreign military presence on the island' to support this view. Dr. Rodriguez Beruff emphasized that as long as Puerto Rico remains strategically important to the US, it will never be able to obtain true sovereignty.

In truth, both sides are fighting for their independence. Those supporting statehood say they can... still retain Puerto Rico's cultural identity.

Dr. Rodriguez Beruff provided his overview on the current debate. He remarked that the plebiscite will really be a contest between the PNU (statehood) and the PPD (commonwealth). Many Puerto Ricans feel that since the PPD was defeated in the last election, the plebiscite will demonstrate overwhelming support for statehood.

Several months ago, the Clinton administration released a report entitled when discussing the plebiscite. The report was released on the 80th anniversary of the defeat of the 1930 plebiscite. It was held in 1967, which showed an overwhelming majority in favor of independence. The lack of support for the bill and its eventual rejection demonstrated how much the US. wanted to retain a military presence in the Caribbean, especially in the face of the Cold War. The controversy resulting from this bill led to the referendum of 1952 that created a constitution and designated Puerto Rico a "Free Associated State." Even with this bill, the debate escalated as European colonies in Asia and Africa gained independence. With the rest of the world de-colonizing, people began to pay closer attention to the true meaning of sovereignty. The relationship between the US and Puerto Rico. Eventually a plebiscite was held in 1967, which showed an unambiguous support for all three parties, the US government would not accept any change in its relationship to Puerto Rico at that time, considering it was the height of the Cold War and most importantly, considering the Community threat posed by Fidel Castro's government in Cuba.

In the history of the Cold War, the Central American wars have ended and Cuba has been weakened. In spite of these changing conditions, many feel the US wants to retain its military bases in Puerto Rico. Indeed the senatorial opposition to the independence movement's stance against any foreign military presence on the island supports this view. Dr. Rodriguez Beruff emphasized that as long as Puerto Rico remains strategically important to the United States, it will never be able to obtain true sovereignty.

In her analysis, Dr. Colina Romany underscored the importance of international law to the current debate. She questions the legitimacy of the ongoing political process, feeling that some supervision by international players is necessary in order to "transcend" the self-interests of the political parties. She believes these parties have only perpetuated their own interests, not keeping touch with community groups and grassroots movements.

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Rival health care legislation proposed by Republicans

Led by Texas Senator Phil Gramm, conservative Republicans have proposed an alternate health care plan, which features "Medical Savings Accounts" similar to IRA plans. The bill has no Democratic sponsors, yet Gramm and colleagues remain optimistic that dissatisfied Americans will seek an alternative to the Clinton health care plan. Through the "Medical Savings Accounts," employers and employees would contribute to a central fund, which would in turn pay for catastrophic health care insurance. Contributions left in the account at year's end could be withdrawn by employees. The plan also includes a penalty of a "high-risk plan for pre-existing conditions" which are presently unable to buy coverage. The government would subsidize their costs. "Stiff penalties" would be instituted for people who are able to purchase their own insurance but do not do so. According to estimates, the plan would cost $144 billion over the span of five years, but result in saving $365 billion, Gramm says that overall the program would contribute approximately $46 billion "toward deficit reduction."
Proposal drawn by the Student Curriculum Committee: Guidelines for the exciting event

Proposal for the Students in Research Day.

The Students in Research Day will be held on Friday, April 22, 1994, by the Bryn Mawr Students Curriculum Committee. Over the years, the Student Curriculum Committee has often addressed the necessity for students to be able to present their research work to the community at large. In light of this concern, the Student Curriculum Committee has planned a tri-college student forum, which would serve as a meeting place for students to discuss their independent research work to the community. The forum will be held on Saturday, April 23, 1994, from 9:30am to 1:30pm.

The main goal of the forum is to provide a venue for students to present their work to the community and to facilitate discussions with faculty members. The forum will be held in Swarthmore College, and will be open to all students from Bryn Mawr College, Haverford College, and Swarthmore College.

The forum will consist of three main sections: 1) The Students in Research Day will begin with a keynote address by Laura Brower, who will discuss the importance of research in the liberal arts. 2) Students will present their research work in three different divisions: the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, the Self Government Association, and the Student Curriculum Committee. 3) A networking event will conclude the forum, where students and faculty members can interact and exchange ideas.

To participate in the forum, students will be required to submit an abstract of their research work. The abstracts will be reviewed by a selection committee, and students whose work is selected will be invited to present their research at the forum.

The purpose of the forum is to encourage students to engage in research and to provide a platform for them to share their findings with the community. The forum will be an excellent opportunity for students to develop their communication skills and to gain valuable feedback from faculty members.

Laura Brower

TO CONFRONT IS NOT TO THREAT

by Catherine Partridge

I'd like to bring up an issue that the Honor Board has been talking about a lot recently: the concept of "Honor Code violations." We'll hear someone in this community say, "It's an Honor Code violation if you do this."

There's evidence of it all around campus: signs are posted on doors that say it's an Honor Code violation if you prop a door; anyone working on a resume at Career Development may read a notice saying that exaggeration on that resume constitutes a violation of the Code; signs appear on dorm refrigerators telling us that eating food is a violation etc. Basically people are using the Code as a power trip. PLEASE DON'T USE THE PHRASE "VIOLATION OF THE HONOR CODE" AS A THREAT. That's not the purpose of the Code. Yes, it's obviously a very bad idea to prop doors or falsify a resume or take someone else's stuff from the refrigerator.

The purpose of our Honor Code is to foster respect between the members of our community. Let's not forget that the Honor Code is a product of a community whose value for the respect of the individual was very low. We are attempting to capture that in writing. We are all responsible for our Code, but using it as a threat is simply an abuse of the Code. NOTHING can be considered a violation of the Code until it goes through the hearing process. We have no reason to confront each other about community concerns in a spirit of respect, whether we think they constitute a violation or not.

by Alyssa Majesko

Since I have been here, I have been asked, "What made you select Bryn Mawr?" I always responded, "Tremendous academics, offerings at neighboring colleges, and the diversity of the student body." The moment I stepped on this campus, I began to learn about the glories of "Pluralism." I have been worried about the evils of homophobia and racism. The existence of the "Honor Code" delighted me and I realized that this college offers a place for us to grow—not just intellectually but also socially.

Through the year, I have seen much less growth in some areas. Though "political correctness" flows from everyone's lips, I feel that there are many discriminated minorities on campus. I belong to one of the minority groups—Republicans. I used to think that "liberal" meant freedom for all opinions contrary to the "ideology of the day." Since I have been here, I have been asked, "What made you select Bryn Mawr?" I always responded, "Tremendous academics, offerings at neighboring colleges, and the diversity of the student body." The moment I stepped on this campus, I began to learn about the glories of "Pluralism." I have been worried about the evils of homophobia and racism. The existence of the "Honor Code" delighted me and I realized that this college offers a place for us to grow—not just intellectually but also socially.

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by Tamara Rozental

LITERATURE

The 1993 literature Nobel Prize was awarded to Toni Morrison, author of Song of Solomon, Beloved, and Jazz. Ms. Morrison is the first African American woman to receive a Nobel Prize in literature. She now teaches creative writing at Princeton University.

Nobel Prizes

The news arrived just before we left for fall break: Toni Morrison has been awarded the Nobel Prize for literature. This is the first time I can remember that I've been personally well acquainted with the work of a Nobel laureate. And I wholeheartedly approve of the Swedish Academy's decision.

I had to read Beloved for the new introductory history course and then write a paper about its value as a text. I found that I really appreciated its simple honesty, which is something that a lot of written work lacks. The picture Morrison's novel paints draws out empathetic understanding. While it describes unbelievably painful events that most of us haven't experienced, it shows its brilliance by coaching the reader to empathize by thinking of herself in someone else's place. And it does this by unfolding the story little by little, telling of actions and gut reactions, and leaving some gaps for the reader to fill in.

The award going to Morrison is a long-overdue affirmation of black heritage in the United States. Morrison writes about her characters as people, and she gives great weight to their experiences as human beings, not as distant figures in history. She is the first African American to receive the award, and only the eighth woman to do so.

Dr. K.B. Mullis - The New York Times

This is the first time I can remember that Dr. K.B. Mullis received the Nobel Prize for chemistry. He is a US citizen, inventor of a technique for making copies of a single gene fragment known as the polymerase chain reaction. His invention now allows scientists to make millions of copies of tiny amounts of DNA (the technique behind "Jurassic Park").

Dr. M. Smith - The New York Times

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CHEMISTRY

Dr. Kary B. Mullis and Dr. Michael Smith shared the Nobel Prize in chemistry for their contributions to the science of genetics. Dr. Mullis, a US citizen, invented a technique for making copies of a single gene fragment known as the polymerase chain reaction. His invention now allows scientists to make millions of copies of tiny amounts of DNA (the technique behind "Jurassic Park"). Dr. Smith, a Canadian, designed a method for the coding of genetic molecules so that they will direct the production of custom-made proteins by the living organism. The technologies opened up a range of emotions and perceptions that were unavailable to people who were "nicht." The fact that her work as a black woman novelist has been internationally recognized is a formal statement; African American history is rich and deserves study.

Dr. M. Smith - The New York Times

PEACE

Nelson Mandela and F.W. de Klerk shared the Nobel Peace Prize for overcoming centuries of distrust bred by racial separation, and for pushing South Africa toward democracy. Dr. Klerk became South Africa's president in 1989 and immediately began working against the apartheid laws of race division and white supremacy. Nelson Mandela launched the African National Congress (ANC) guerrilla war in 1960 to press for a "democratic, non-racial South Africa." Imprisoned by the government for 27 years, he was released in 1990 and is now president of the ANC. Mandela and de Klerk will be awarded the 6.7 million Swedish Kroner prize in Oslo on December 10.

Dr. J.H. Taylor - The New York Times

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Elections ordered after referendum

President Boris Yeltsin ordered a popular referendum on December 12 on whether to accept a new constitution. Russians will vote for a two-chamber legislature and the new constitution of the Russian Federation. The document would presumably declare all of Russia a decentralized federal state with locally-elected legislatures. Yeltsin also banned fifteen newspapers from circulation including Pravda, the former Communist daily. The leaders of the Russian rebellion, former vice-president Rutskoi and Parliament Chairman Khasbulatov now face up to fifteen years in prison.

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Justifications of the horrible: female genital mutilation

Cutting off a centimeter or so of the clitoral hood will not affect their ability to have pleasure, he said. They did not feel they had lost anything. When asked whether he might not experience a sense of loss if a centimeter or so of his penis were cut off, he looked pained, and conceded he would. But he stuck to his guns. "Hat!"

By extension, female genital mutilation is supposedly a guarantee of virginity upon marriage of a young woman. It is "to protect and preserve the chastity of young girls until the day they may consummate the occasion," (Koso-Thomas). This is no joke, as the virginity of the bride is a vital part of the negotiations surrounding marriage, as the paternity of the ensuing children and inheriting uncontrollably between the girls' thighs. Thus, "excision is important to preserving femininity." (Koso-Thomas). It would be funny if it wasn't tragic.

The objective is not only to protect female innocence, but to ensure it. Thus, excision is considered to increase fertility. Some believe that the secretions produced by the glands around the genitalia will dry off, before it starts hanging uncomfortably between the girls' thighs. Thus, excision is important to preserving femininity. Koso-Thomas argues that excision is an affront and can cause strife with tribe, as well as there may be a wide spectrum of opinions. In the same way, there may be a great deal of ambivalence concerning the custom, as well as there may be a wide spectrum of opinions. In the same way, there may be a great deal of ambivalence concerning the custom, as well as there may be a wide spectrum of opinions. In the same way, there may be a great deal of ambivalence concerning the custom, as well as there may be a wide spectrum of opinions. 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Speak out now against exploitation of women
by Idil Cakim
I was tired of reading and writing assignments going on beyond the walls of Bryn Mawr, the women's college. I started flipping through its pages, a collection of photos caught my attention. These were scenes from works of contemporary movie ac-
tresses. The first thought I had before reading the article that followed these photos was how well they were portray-
ning the realities of women.

These women were plainly acting out living personalities such as prostitutes, sexually dissatisfied women, abused women, distressed working women, les-
bian couples. They were raising their voices on issues that are considered to be taboo by conservative standards. They were speaking out for millions of women who were told to shut up by their elders, husbands, and close communities. In one scene someone said, "He beats me." In another someone else said, "I want to find the woman in me." While another actress said, "It is a differ-
te story. It is not lower your voices after the Greek". Not everyone was listening to them, however. The article that accompanied the photos was written by recognized plastic surgeons who looked at these women out of context and pur-
pose. They agreed that if these ac-
tresses were going to try to attract view-
ern, they had to have dresses that were speci-
fically chosen from scenes where women were (semi-)naked) they might as well have dresses that were aesthetically pleasing. They deacused sometimes on noses, removal of bags under eyes, arms that needed to be "saved" by liposu-
ction.

Offering such boldness of style! Their message was direct and their sexiness was quite blatant. It does not know anyone what else might have gotten from the article, but I read that titles and degrees do not necessarily equal objectivity or open-
ness.

The commentators were drowning within the limits of their vision. They not only did not recognize the existing social problems surrounding them, but they also openly put down the aesthetic im-
age of women.

My personal ideas on a random article I read might sound too redundant to occupy space in a newspaper, but I thought I'd speak anyhow. I believe that Bryn Mawr education is not simply pil-
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DATES WOMEN MAKE

Tuesday, October 19
1:15 pm Women Writings at Bryn Mawr: Frances Howkstra (Brill). Followed by a workshop. Campus Center 105.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21
8 pm The Philadelphia Orchestra, Myung-Whan Chung, conductor. Mahler: Symphony #1 in D major. Call 893-1930.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24
4 pm The Soyer/Lipkin Duo. Five Beethoven cello sonatas with cello and piano. Thomas Great Hall.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28
8 pm Martha Distin, conductor; Maxim Vengerov, violin. Stucky, Mendelssohn and Brahms. (also Oct 26, 30).

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

SPORT SHORTS

SOCCER

Tuesday marked the annual Bryn Mawr-Haverford match-up. The rain and slushy field contributed to the 0-0 overtime tie. Over the weekend of Fall Break the Mawrters traveled to Gettysburg to battle the Centennial Conference powerhouse. Unfortunately the GRE’s and injuries prevented the full squad from participating. The final outcome was 4-0 in favor of Gettysburg.

VOLLEYBALL

The Mawrters captured a fourth place finish in the Seven Sisters Tournament at Vassar over Fall Break. This is the first time Bryn Mawr has made it to the winners bracket in tournament history. Mount Holyoke and Wellesley fell victim to the Mawrters and they managed to take a game apiece from Smith, Vassar, and Mills.

FIELD HOCKEY

The Bryn Mawr-Muhlenberg match up on Wednesday ended in a 3-0 win for the Mules.

In better news, the Mawrters chukked up a 2-1 win against Western Maryland over Fall Break. Jewel Goode and Sam Coit had goals for the gold and black.

CROSS COUNTRY

Next weekend fourteen runners will travel to Smith for the Seven Sisters competition. Good Luck!

ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE

Sponsored by the Cafe

Senior Volleyball Co-captain Jen Duclos had an excellent Seven Sisters Tournament over Fall Break. Over the course of five games she led the team with 63 digs, committed a mere 8 errors, and had 43 kills. Congratulations on a fine performance and enjoy your $5.00 gift certificate to the Cafe.

DORM TRICK-OR-TREAT Sponsoring by Residence Council

Friday October 29 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Sign up to hand out candy. Make the children of your favorite professor or faculty member very happy. See your dorm vice-president for more details. We must have 15% of each dorm participate so that it is worthwhile for everyone involved.

THE CALL OF THE OWL

by Molly Malone

In the past, interest among Bryn Mawr students in community service has been limited. During the last two years, however, there has been an overwhelming increase in those wanting to widen their perspectives on the world by helping others. We are seeing a renewed interest in the community we live in and our place in it. The Owl's Wing, Bryn Mawr's student-run community service office and an extension of Haverford's 8th Dimension, provides opportunities for those students who want to expand the sometimes overwhelming learning experience here in the bi-co system.

Many students who don't have time to participate in community service, but it only takes a few hours a week (you probably spend that much time flossing your teeth or trying to creatively avoid studying!) In other words, procrastinate productively by volunteering! Getting out into the "real world" can also be just an educational as sitting in Canada, and it helps to put things in perspective. Let's not worry so much about mid-terms and make a lasting impression on the community as the strong, intelligent, and dedicated women we really are.

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The Owl's Wing office is located in the basement of the campus center and there is an information board above the elevator machine. Come by and check out the exciting and enriching opportunities available.

LADY ORACLE

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18)

By this time in your life you've realized that nothing ever stays the same, and this week might be when you really notice things not staying the same. Look up from your hectic schedule and take the time to observe. You just might be surprised!

PIECES (Feb 19-Mar 19)

You're gonna like this. Lady Oracle foresees a lift in your spirits, a day when you finally figure out a paper topic, a day when you realize your friends are wonderful human beings. Hold on to it—a long winter is coming.

ARIES (March 20-Apr 19)

Beware of stress. You're surviving it now, but expect a sudden flare up as you attempt to run your life. May I suggest dancing on the furniture to wicked cool music for 15 minutes a day? Housekeeping won't mind. Anyway, do keep things in perspective— if you run into a crisis, it won't be as bad as you think.

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 20)

That floating, detached feeling should not give you any cause for alarm. You'll find yourself on firm ground soon. In the meantime, do things that you want to do. Get off campus and eat a lot of ice cream. Sleep really late next Sunday. Yeah.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Power and prosperity await you, I just know it. It may be after you've paid off your student loans, but it's coming. Seriously, you may find yourself being able to treat yourself to a luxury. If you do go for it! Be careful of frivolous spending, but there is something that would be nice for you to have.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Is your social life a bit frustrating now? I know—it's not the beginning of the semester when you get to know everybody in your classes and who eats lunch with you. Do you want to find the time to call your mother, let alone cultivate friendships with. But don't worry—now is the time to cherish the friends you do have.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22)

Your natural confidence and panache will be wonderful. People are noticing you, too—you’re a lot of fun to be around and you’re enjoying other people. Use your friendliness to make somebody who's a bit down smile. The rewards will be wonderful.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22)

Well, things are ticking along at a steady pace, as usual. But maybe some unemployment will creep into your life. When this happens, take advantage of your new-found energy and conquer the world! You can do it.

LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22)

Having a happy birthday? Now is a wicked good time to travel, if you can manage it. You'll really benefit from seeing a different part of the world. Perspective is a theme here. Going away helps to keep it, somewhat.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21)

Don't stop know! Yes, I know things are getting kind of tedious and monotonous, fall break has come and gone and school is still here. If you hang in there, though, your hard work will pay off. Confidence!!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 20)

Too many things to do and no time to do them!

At least you want to be doing most of these things. Your enthusiasm surprises people sometimes. In the other hand, you are sometimes overwhelming learning experience here in the bi-co system. Many Mawrters feel as if they don't have time to participate in community service, but it only takes a few hours a week (you probably spend that much time flossing your teeth or trying to creatively avoid studying!) In other words, procrastinate productively by volunteering! Getting out into the "real world" can also be just an educational as sitting in Canada, and it helps to put things in perspective. Let's not worry so much about mid-terms and make a lasting impression on the community as the strong, intelligent, and dedicated women we really are.

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