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Dr. George Zahr discusses implications of the Middle Eastern peace process

by Nadine Althaf

"Before I start, why don't we pull up our chairs and form a circle," suggested Dr. Zahr, "This is a little too impersonal." With that tables were moved and chairs arranged in a comfortable, friendly, almost mishapen circle. Thus began Dr. George Zahr's talk at Haverford College on the evening of Wednesday the 27th of October. Highly intelligent, personable and charismatic, Dr. Zahr is an appropriate choice by the newly formed Bi-College Society for Arab Students as an opening speaker for what promises to be an interesting year of activities. A research chemist by profession, Dr. Zahr has devoted much of his life to increasing awareness of the Palestinian cause. Born in Jaffa, Palestine in 1946 a few months before the creation of the state of Israel, he and his family soon became refugees in Jordan. Today, he is the founder and current chair of the Palestinian American Student Aid Society (PASS) in Philadelphia. PASS chapters exist throughout the United States and the rest of the world. Dr. Zahr is also the new co-chair of the Delaware Valley Committee on Peace and Justice in the Middle East. Dr. Zahr's talk was entitled, "Living Conditions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip: Implications of the Peace Process." Dr. Zahr began his candid talk by letting his audience know that what he was going to say is based on his perspective of the situation. Throughout his talk, Dr. Zahr maintained that although the recent peace agreement is a welcome development, it is only the start of a long process. This agreement, he finds, is vague and messy. The agreement, the Israeli military government in the West Bank and Gaza Strip controlled the Palestinians' daily life and destiny. If you wanted to modify your house, you had to get permission. The times you could go shopping depended on whether or not a curfew was imposed that day. Colleges have been closed by the Israeli military for about the past five years. Secondary and elementary schools have been closed for approximately a year now. According to the agreement, the Israeli government will continue to control security in the occupied territories, including the self-governing townships. The police in the Palestinian self-rule townships will answer to the Israeli military government in the area. The Israeli army will also control who goes in and out of these townships. As for non-security aspects, Israeli control also remains. For example, a Palestinian farmer in these areas wants to dig a well, he/she has to ask for Israeli permission. In exchange for this, the Palestinians are expected to give up their only weapon, their uprising, otherwise known as the Intifada. The intifada is a popular uprising started in the mid-1980s against Israeli occupation, the uprising has been...continued on page 2

Sexual Harassment in Erdman

To A.K.: '96

In reference to your napkin note in Erdman: I'm offended. (For the record, the napkin note reads, "Who are the 3 new interns? They're really hot. Could you ask them to wear tighter clothing? They don't seem too talkative—are they shy?").

Harassment is harassment, regardless of the sex of the harasser or the harassed. Were the interns supposed to be flattered? Did they ask for these comments by entering a woman-dominated space? Perhaps you were doing them a favor by drawing them out. Yes, they really do seem shy. I wonder why.

Of course, now that you have made them valid targets for our collective gaze as a bunch of sexually frustrated women just out to get a man, they will feel oh so confident and even desirable. I know I always feel so liberated and validated as the sex object that I am, whenever I am objectified in a public space.

May be the interns appreciated your comments; I don't pretend to speak for them. Regardless, this is not funny. Women do not have any more of a "right to harass" than men do.

Erika Merschdorff, '95

compiled by Tamara Rozental

Liberal Jean Chrétien wins Canadian Election

Joseph Jean Chrétien will become Canada's next prime minister after winning a landslide victory in the Oct. 26 elections. The Liberal Party won the majority in the House of Commons with 178 seats out of the total 295. Two regional parties also gained a significant amount of votes in the parliament: the Bloc Quebecois and the Reform Party. Chrétien said his main goal as prime minister will be to reduce the government deficit and create more jobs.

Chrétien's victory proves worrisome for the private sector. At a news conference in Ottawa, the prime minister-designate announced that he might not implement the North American Trade Agreement unless several changes are made. His Mexican and US counterparts rejected the possibility of renegotiations.

Aristide demands a complete trade embargo on Haiti

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 Dear faithful readers,

We would like to take advantage of this opportunity to invite all of you to attend The College News tea, which will be held Friday, November 5th from 8pm to 10pm! The tea will be held in the College News office, which is above the language lab in Denbigh. Use the Denbigh back door and go up the steps. You will see our office on the right. Thus, you will be able to meet our dedicated staff, exchange exciting ideas and nibble in the meantime! There will be tasty items to snack on, grapes, cheese, crackers, tea and coffee and candy. Besides, we look forward to meeting all those interested in perhaps joining us for next semester!

I would also like to announce that Erika Merschrod has resigned her editorship of the College News. The entire staff will miss her and the dedication she has shown over the past year. But please continue to look for her articles. Furthermore, I extend my sincere thanks to a wonderful staff which has proved incredibly supportive during this period of transition.

Sincerely, Laura (X7676 C-1216)

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The deadline for the next issue of The College News is Friday, November 12, 1993 at 4pm. Letters and articles should be sent to our mailbox (C-7766)., or placed outside our Denbigh office. All submissions should be on a Mac disk; disks will be returned upon request. We will accept articles written by women and letters from men. All opinions expressed in articles and letters reflect the opinions of the authors only and are not representative of the opinions of the Ed board.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The College News is a feminist newsjournal which serves as a source of information and self-expression for the Bryn Mawr community and the larger world community. Through this continuing dialogue, we seek to promote communication and understanding and to foster self-confidence and independence in expression.

Women of Seven Sister schools unite for Bryn Mawr's College's Women's Institute for Leadership (WIL)

by Jennifer de Gracia

Calling all Women!!! Students interested in the possibility of becoming leaders and/or those already involved in S.G.A leaders, Organizational Heads, Hall Advisors, and Dorm Presidents WIL WANTS YOU!!!

The student WIL committee cordially invites you to the second BMC student leadership conference—January 12-14, 1994. The theme of this year's program, "Women Revisiting Roles and Rules: Leadership Through the Decades," will be reflected in an engaging series of workshops, symposiums, leadership training sessions, and an array of exciting activities and events. The conference builds upon your suggestions from 1992 and the other "new" ideas offered by the 1994 student WIL committee.

The Women's Institute for Leadership was established in 1992 with a clear mission: to provide leadership training and development for Bryn Mawr college students: undergraduates, graduate students, post-fac and McBrides. For the first time, we are especially pleased to invite women from Harvard and Radcliffe as well as students from our Seven Sister schools and Ivy League universities. WIL entrusts its organizers and participants to foster leadership through the understanding of diversity, multiculturalism, community development, and issues facing women through the 21st century. The free, which includes meals, sessions, workshops, social activities, and housing is $50.00. Minimal scholarships are available.

Highlights of the conference include: "The Seven Sisters & Ivy League Student Leaders' Roundtable Discussion" which examines "Women Leaders Facing Ever-Changing Roles In A Hostile World." Among the workshops that are offered: "The Multicultural Panel Discussion: Power, Liberation and Revolution: Feminism from a Crosscultural Perspective, and International Career Opportunities for Women Leaders." Plus, students will take part in the Skills Assessment and the Myers Briggs Workshops. Social events include a Caribbean Splash Party, the Big Top comedy and karaoke show, "For Women Only" slumber party, and the "Philadelphia Story," which includes an afternoon of "Urban Professional" workshops, and an evening in Philadelphia.

WIL expects to co-sponsor, along with Bryn Mawr College, the Mainline Martin Luther King Association and several other campus departments and groups the culminating program. The closing address is expected to be presented by special guest speaker Yolanda King, daughter of the slain civil rights activist, in order to commemorate Martin Luther King's birthday.

Applications and recommendations can be obtained in the Office of Student Activities at BMC's Office of Student Activities. Students should complete the application and return two recommendations one from a faculty/staff member, and one from a peer. For additional information, please contact WIL, student committee members Amy Valek, Jennifer De Gracia, Jessica Jenulis, Cherie Richny, Christine Underkoffler, Frances Wu, Suzie Jedge, Molly Robertson, Jane Kim or the Office of Student Activities (215) 526-7332.

There will be a forum entitled "All Out to Smash the USA Nationalist Party's Gay Book Bank," organized by the National Women's Rights Coalition, Tuesday, November 2 at 8:30 PM in Campus Center 105. The USA Nationalist Party has called for a "Gay Book Bank" rally in New Hope, Pennsylvania, on November 6. For information, contact Catherine Hahn at x7766.

The Women's Center Newsletter

Now that the center's doors are officially open, we would again like to invite everyone to come and take advantage of our cozy little nook on the first floor of Huron. Starting in November, we will be hosting Thursday Night Social Hour which we hope will be a more relaxing alternative to Loyd. Look for announcements. We look forward to seeing you soon!

LECTURES/CONFERENCES
Nov. 10: SITES OF GENDER: WOMEN EMBODIED IN DANCE AND CULTURE. A dance lecture sponsored by the Bryn Mawr and Swarthmore College dance programs at Swarthmore College, Long Concert Hall, 4:30 pm.

Nov. 13: MOBILIZING FOR CHOICE: PROMOTING POLITICAL ACTION. A one-day conference of Planned Parenthood, sponsored by Swarthmore College's Students For Choice Coalition. The keynote speaker is Molly Yard. Call 351-5503 for more info.

THEATER/FLM
Nov. 3-21: TONECLUSTERS. The Women's Ensemble Theater Company presents this play by Joyce Carol Oates at the Actor's Center Theater at the Bourne. The author will be present to lead a discussion on Nov. 12. Call 963-0345 for more info.

Nov. 6-8: TELEVISION STORIES. The Jewish Film Festival at YMF/WHIA presents three comedies about independent women. Call 545-4400, ext. 241 for more info.

EXHIBITS
Though Nov. 15: ASSEMBLED AND PERFORMED. The Painted Bride Art Center hosts mixed media art about women's fertility by Gail Rothschild. Call 925-9914 for more info.


INTERNSHIPS
WOMEN'S RIGHTS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK in Seneca Falls, NY is offering non-paying, semester-long internships which can be tailored to the interests of the applicant but will include work in administration, history, ranges and education fields. Contact Cathy Roth at (315) 568-2991 for more info.
George Zahr explains ins and outs of peace in Middle East

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manifested in many ways including throwing rocks, because Palestinians do not have access to weapons. Dr. Zahr believes that the intifada is a large part of what brought the Israeli government to the negotiating table, for the intifada had turned the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip into a losing proposition.

As for the vagueness of the agreement, Dr. Zahr pointed out that, if, for example, a Palestinian farmer wants to dig a well, he/she has to ask for Israeli permission. He added that many people have been imprisoned for years using this policy. A person would be imprisoned without a trial. After six months, he/she is let out and a few minutes later arrested again, and so on and so forth.

Dr. Zahr said that within the Palestinian camp, there are two distinct groups on the peace agreement. The first group see it as a good sign and are optimistic. They are tired of the occupation and the daily violence. These second group are not pleased with the agreement and believe that the Palestinian cause is in trouble because by ending the intifada they are giving up their only weapon and main source of strength.

However, Dr. Zahr refused to become pessimistic and maintained: "This agreement is an agreement to begin the process of peace. This agreement does not bring about peace, but it is not the end." He pointed to how much the peace process has improved since 1972 when Golda Meir was asked about the Palesti- nians and in refusing to acknowledge their existence answered, "Who are the Palestinians?" So, what does it take for peace to become a reality? "When the Palestinians are given the same rights the Israeli people expect for themselves, only then will there be peace," answered Dr. Zahr.

After speaking for about 45 minutes, the floor was opened for discussion and questions. The ensuing conversations covered a wide variety of topics from the issue of water in the region, the legal status of Palestinian-Israelis in Is- rael, to the fact that Yousef Arafat signed this agreement without consulting the PLO or the Palestinian parliament in exile.

The talk by Dr. George Zahr was one of the first in a series being offered by the Bi-College Society for Arab Students (SAS) which aims to bring a wide variety of speakers and movies to the bi-college campuses to highlight the diversity of the Arab world. Their next speaker will address feminism within the framework of Islam in Egypt. Next semester, talks will be held on other issues, such as business in the Arabic-speaking countries, and the current state of the Maghreb.

More international news from the NYT

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Rev. Jean Bertrand Aristide asked the UN to impose a total embargo on Haiti to force the total resignation of the military rulers and to hasten his return to power. The UN has been reluctant to impose new sanctions because of the devastat- ing effects these would have on an already poor country. The military junta has refused to withdraw from power unless all officers are granted amnesty.

Father Aristide promised to try and pass amnesty laws but only after the surren- der of the armed forces. Aristide also pledged to fight drug smuggling through Haiti and improve living standards and environmental protection once he returns to the presidency.

US wants a Russian withdrawal from Latvia and Estonia

After meeting with the leaders from the three Baltic countries, Secretary Chris- topher said the US wants a "rapid withdrawal" of all Russian troops in the area. Russia has already repatriated its troops in Lithuania, but has yet to do so in Latvia and Estonia. Russia also con- trools three key military bases in Latvia. President Yeltsin explained that he cannot withdraw the troops because he has nowhere to house them in Russia.

Saudi Arabia and South Korea qualify for the World Cup soccer finals

The Saudi Arabian soccer team claimed one of the Asian qualifying spots on Thursday by defeating Iran 2-1 in an equally emotional game, the South Koreans beat North Korean team by 4-2. The 2-2 tie between Iraq and Indonesia prevented both nations from qualifying.

So far, the US, Germany, France, Greece, Russia, Columbia, Bolivia, Bra- zil, Bolivia, Nigeria, Cameroon, Morocco, Norway, Sweden and South Korea have qualified for the tournament.


More national news for the unenlightened

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Cloning Experiment Draws Criticism

An experiment in which George Washington University scientists cloned human embryos has raised questions about ethics and drawn criticism from both scientific and religious groups.

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questions center around the fact that there are no guidelines in place to govern such experiments. Some scientists have requested that the experiments be halted until "clear limits can be set"; the research team has agreed to await the establishment of ethical guidelines before proceeding.

The George Washington University researchers removed cells from a group of flawed human embryos and grew these cells into new embryos, a technique which has been used before in animal research. The experiment did not involve embryos which could have developed into a "fully realized" human being.

The news prompted reactions from the National Advisory Board on Ethics and Reproduction, a Vatican newspaper, and the Foundation on Economic Trends, a biotechnology watchdog group.

While the first two groups called only for the drawing of rules to govern such research, the latter threatened legal action if federal sponsorship of human embryo research continued. Officials at the American Fertility Society have said that the George Washington University research did not breach general voluntary guidelines on human embryo research now promoted by the AFS, but the work emphasized the need for a fine-tuned sys- tem of experimental control.

Clintons Deliver Revised Health Care Plan to Congress

On Wednesday, October 27, President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton officially presented the revi sed 1300-page Health Security Act to Con- gress. Asking that partisan politics be put aside in order to facilitate progress, the president stood firm in his demand for coverage for all Americans. At pres- ent, 37 million Americans are without insurance. Revisions include a cap on abroad by photo by Sara Garwood

federal subsidies that would be paid to people and small business and limit on the amount paid by individuals. The target date for full implementation of the pro- gram has also been changed, from January 1997 to January 1998. The re v i s ed plan, which would have been phased in from fiscal years 1996 to 2000, is estimated to cost $331 billion. Reven- nes are estimated at $389 billion, in- cluding a 75-cent-a-pack increase in the federal tobacco tax. The legislation is not expected to pass until the "spring or summer of 1994 at the earliest." [UPI]

Ethics Committee Explains Subpoena of Packwood Diaries

Thursday, October 28, Sen. Richard Bryan (D-Nev.), chair of the Senate Ethics Committee, said that Sen Bob Packwood (R-Ore.) may be forced to testify related to the pending charges of sexual misconduct he now faces. The commit- tee voted on Wednesday to subpoena P a c kwood's 8,000-page document diaries after evidence was found that he may have committed violations of criminal law. Packwood has said the diaries in clude entries on sex lives of members of Congress. In the investigation of the alleged sexual misconduct, the panel has already reviewed some 5000 pages of Packwood's 8,000 page diaries.

Supreme Court Rules on Gays in the Military

Friday, October 29, the Supreme Court temporarily overturned a ban on discrimination against gays in the mil- itary. The order was issued September 30 by US District Judge Terry Hatter, who had been presiding over the lawsuit filed by Naval Petty Officer Keith Mehlold. Mehlold was discharged in August 1992 after disclosing his homosexuality on na- tional television.

Hatter declared the Pentagon's poli- cies barring gays from the military unconstitutional and ordered Mehlold reinstated. In the case before the Supreme Court, government lawyers argued that Hatter lacked the authority to overturn the policy nationwide. They contended that as Mehlold did not file a class ac- tion suit, Hatter did not have the author- ity to issue an order for Mehlold.

The decision cleared the way for the Clinton Administration's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays in the military.
Reappeared woman speaks
by Jennifer Bacevich

The woman was Nora Begnardi and she was telling us about her experiences as a prisoner of conscience during Argent-

ina's Dirty War. She is a petite woman, with short graying hair, she told us she was a schoolteacher in Argentina and the looks like several teachers I have had during my lifetime.

Over the past few years, I have listened to many people relate their experiences as prisoners of conscience, but it ever fails to amaze me the brutality people are capable of. Mrs. Begnardi was telling us that she had been tortured by having electricity shock her breasts, throat, and vagina. Someone from our group asked me later (perhaps I hope) how any-

one could torture someone like Nora Begnardi. I don't know. I also don't un-

derstand how the Argentine soldiers could have taken her to prison just for

Common questions about Amnesty

From Philadelphia Area Amnesty Int-

ernational

How does Amnesty International get its information?
AI uses a wide variety of sources, both public and private. The International Secretariat subscribes to hundreds of newspapers and journals and gets trans-

scriptions of radio broadcasts, government bulletins, reports from legal ex-

perts, and letters from prisoners and their families. It also sends fast-finding mis-

ions to assess situations on the spot, interview prisoners and meet govern-

ment officials.

What are the purposes of an Internatio-

n al political organization?
AI is impartial. It does not support or oppose any government or political sys-

tem. It believes human rights must be respected universally. It takes up cases whenever it considers there are reliable grounds for concern, regardless of the ideology of the government or the behavior of the victims.

Isn't Amnesty International interfering in the internal affairs of states?

Human rights transcend national boundaries. This principle has been rec-

ognized by the world's main intergov-

ernmental organizations. The very fact that United Nations has a permanent Commission on Human Rights which deals with human rights violations around the world is proof that the human rights practices of individual gov-

dernments are a legitimate concern for scrutiny by the international communi-

ty. AI works on that principle and seeks to observe the human rights stan-

dards that governments themselves have adopted internationally.

Why does Amnesty International take up cases of people who have broken their countries' laws?

National laws sometimes often violate human rights standards. In many coun-

tries, emergency legislation drastically curtails the rights of all citizens and pro-
vides for lengthy detention without charge or trial. In examining each situ-

ation, AI uses a single, universal stan-

dard --- internationally recognized hu-

man rights. If a state is violating those rights, AI comes to the defense of those victims.

What is Amnesty International's op-

position to torture and the death penalty in all countries?

Both are cruel, inhuman and degrading.

The United Nations has declared an ab-

olition of torture, recognizing that there are no circumstances under which it can be justified. It has also recognized the desirability of abolishing the death penalty, which is an unjust and irrevo-

cable punishment. AI's opposition to the cruel treatment of prisoners does not mean that it condones any violent crimes of which they may be suspected or con-

victed. At the same time it insists that there are no circumstances under which the state is justified in torturing or exe-

cuting its own citizens.

Aren't human rights a luxury, especially in less developed countries?

There can be no double standard on hu-

man rights. They apply to everyone ev-

everywhere. Nor do economic, social and cultural rights conflict with civil and po-

ritical rights; both are essential in any society at all levels of development. What do Amnesty International mem-

bers do about human rights in their own country?

As an individual citizen or as a member of a civil liberties group, anyone is free to become involved in domestic cases or causes. However, when working for AI, they must respect the principle of inter-

national protection of human rights. AI members and groups do not work on cases within their own countries or make statements about them. Under AI's rules, however, they may work for the abolition of the death penalty in their own country, press their own government to ratify international human rights treat-

ies, try to ensure that refugees are not sent back to countries where they might face torture or execution or become pris-

oners of conscience, and play a part in local human rights education programs. How do Amnesty International mem-

bers participate in policy-making?

AI is a participatory movement. Through the groups and sections, members de-

cide on the policy of the movement they finance. All sections have local in-

ternal structures for involving their mem-

bers and sending representatives to the International Council meeting where delegates from all over the world deter-

mine the movement's policy. What is AI's position on violence?

AI takes no position on the question of violence. It does not identify with any of

the parties to any conflict, nor does it presume to judge in any situation whether recourse to violence is justified or not. AI opposes torture and execution of all prisoners and advocates fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners, regardless of whether they are accused of using or advocating violence. How-

ever, AI seeks to make prisoners who have been

ditional release only of individuals im-

prisoned for the exercise of their human rights, whose imprisonment cannot be reasonably attributable to the use of or advocate violence. AI is bound to accept the assertions of a government, the interpretation of a court or the claim of a prisoner as to whether an individual has used or advocated violence. The fact that a prisoner has been convicted or break-

en the law or belongs to an organization whose aims call for the use of violence does not in itself prejudice an individual from being a prisoner of conscience. AI takes up each case on its own merits. What is AI's policy with regard to the imprisonment of people for homosexu-

ality? AI is opposed to the ill-treatment, tor-

ure, and killing of all prisoners. While AI does not consider as prisoners of con-

science individuals who have been de-

tained solely on account of their sexual orientation, it must be known that people can be in prisons for advocating homo-

osexual equality or who charge of ho-

moenously purely as a matter of imprisioning for the expression of their political, religious and other conscientiously held beliefs. AI works for the cessation of all medical treatment employed with the intention of modify-

ing the homosexual orientation of any detained individual without his or her agreement.
Indigenous peoples defending land, right abuses

by Farhanah Aikikawa

Last Sunday five of us took the mini bus to Villanueva College to attend an Amnesty International Conference. There were several workshops to go to. I chose the one on ‘The Rights of Indigenous Peoples.’ Indigenous people are the natives of the land. The Aborigines in Australia, the American Indians in North America, the Yanomami and Ticuna of Brazil are some of the indigenous peoples still surviving today. These natives are faced with pressure from non-natives to yield the land that they own. The first death of Indians and all people all over the world is to preserve and keep their own land.

The natives of Brazil who live in the Amazon Rainforests. Messacres of the Yanomami occurred in July of this year and it was announced in mid-August. Two villages were destroyed by illegal gold miners, leaving only two survivors.

Since 1980 they have been peacefully demanding the government to demarcate their land. The land traditionally belonged to Ticuna but the government claims it. In 1988, 14 Ticuna Indians, six of whom were children, were killed by loggers from the nearby town who wanted the land for their own purposes. Ten bodies were thrown into the river.

The truth about AIDS in Philly

by Elizabeth Lynenga

Before I went to the lecture with this title at the Amnesty International conference held Sunday the 26th at Villanueva University I could not answer the question that I would have come up with for Haiti would have been poverty; the steady, underdressed eyes of my church’s Compassion Child from Haiti, that look out of photos taken every year. I could not have been numeroous enough to allow me not to distin- guish between them and to lump them together on a travelogue of my more immediate life. If prompted, I could have remembered something about Haiti’s African slaves revolving somehow in the 19th Century (1904) and taking the country in a government, becoming the first black republic in the Western Hemisphere. I would have acknowledged that I had heard of the name Aristide, but I would not have been able to connect it with Haiti.

The speaker at this session was Carl Anderson, a member of the International Lawyers Guild, who had been to Haiti in 1992 as a Human Rights Observer and was to be going there again the next week. He was to be there in support on Sat- urday the 30th when the ousted Presi- dent Jean-Bertrand Aristide was sched- uled to be flown back into the country. This event, to be attempted after months of struggling for a compromise with the current military leadership of Lieuten- ant-General Raoul Cedras which over- threw the popularly elected Aristide in 1991, is a very dramatic point in Haiti’s history. Since Haiti’s government was founded in 1848, it had not had a truly democratic government until Father Aristide won 67.7% of the popular vote in 1991 in an election certified to be free and fair by a long list of groups that monitor such things.

When the Haitian revolution occurred, France, the US and other countries that left Haiti to be their business, as they still do today, were horrified that a slave population might do this and France sent a force of its army there that would not longer hold onto the Louisiana Territory. Napoleon himself was involved in the Haitian government, and the embargoes that were placed on Haiti made economic and democratic progress even more diffi- cult for an already struggling government. The US occupied Haiti from 1915 until 1934, during which time they did not unscramble Haiti’s parliament and nearly every other institution that had been established by the military, so that the US could be sure of preventing the spread of communism into Haiti. This very powerful military overthrew Aristide after only 8 months of what had been a presidency of great promise for Haiti’s citizens, the hopes for

which had actually brought Haitians who had fled the country earlier back to a democratic poltical development.

The strange thing was the reaction of the US press. Supposedly in favor of spreading democratic government, the Bush Administration in particular was unenthusiastic about supporting Arts- tides in or out of office; and the CIA went to work spreading the now popularly known image of Aristide as a violent, crazy, anti-human rights communist.

The CIA does have close ties to the non- democratic government that is now in power. Those who have studied the events in Haiti see no basis at all for any of the rumors spread about Aristide, or for the notion that his return is not sup- ported by the country that elected him by the largest margin in a presidential elec- tion in the Western Hemisphere, out of 23 others were injured. There have been many other killings of the Ticuna Indians for the very same reason.

At the presentation we saw slides of

Fast facts about HIV/AIDS and its spread in the Delaware Valley from the AIDS Activities Coordinating Office, Philadelphia, PA

Numbered:

As of 3/30/93, 4080 Philadelphia County residents have been diagnosed with CDC-defined AIDS. Of those, 2039 (62.2%) have died.

In the greater Delaware Valley area (which includes Philadelphia and eight surrounding, suburban counties), 619 persons have been diagnosed with AIDS and 3789 (61.25%) have died.

This means that at least 2420 people area residents are now living with fully symptomatic, CDC-defined AIDS. This figure under-represents this reality because it does not unreported diagnosed or people who are suffering with HIV diseases but whose condi- tions do not meet the CDC’s definition of AIDS.

Approximately one third of all Phila- delphia diagnosed in the last eighteen months alone.

The Delaware Valley has gone from having 3 reported cases of AIDS in 1981 to having over 6000 in 1993—a 200,000% increase in 12 years.

Cost:

At least 24,000 Philadelphians are now HIV-positive and in need of early intervention services.

Federal funding through Title I of the Ryan White CARE Act provides Philadelphia with enough money to assure early intervention and medical services to only about 1% of these 24,000.

In 1988, the average life-time cost of 8 years of AIDS medical care in the US was $57,000. In 1992, the cost has escalated to $102,000. Diagnosed with AIDS and 3789 (61.25%) have died.

According to the organizations “A Cry for Justice” and the International Lawyers Guild, the genetic population is over-whelmingly in favor of Aristide’s return, when they can dare speak their minds. Candidates have been embroidered by his Octo- ber 30th deadline, because it is obvious that he will be assassinated as soon as he reen- ters his country and tries to assume power. On October 15, the day that Cedras was supposed to return to power, Aristi- de’s Justice Minister Guy Malary was killed. UN Human Rights observers are being pulled in and out of the country as the increasing levels of violence make it more dangerous and more necessary for them to be there. Aristide has asked the UN for more embargoes against Haiti in addition to the current oil embargo in order to increase pressure to allow the return of de- mocroy to Haiti.
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some sort of a vegetable stew. Jed had picked some fantastic veggies from the garden, and there was this one long, red, pepper-like vegetable which Orion (unbeknownst to Bob or me) chopped into millions of bits and threw into the stew. "What was that?" I asked in a very non-accusatory fashion. "A red pepper," he answered. "Oh, Gosh, Orion... I could have sworn it looked like something long and thin," whereupon I took a tiny fragment of a portion left near the stem and placed it tentatively into my mouth. When Orion and Bob saw the look on my face after I tasted it, the realization of the task yet AHEAD came plunnding into all of our heads. Alas, the next 45 minutes were spent fishing through the stew for pieces of the perpetrator—or rather, pieces of the purpe- traor's massive and almost unforgivable er- ror. "Lord, noo... THERE'S ANOTHER ONE! WAIT AGAIN!" Despite all of our hard labor, E-House's comments about dinner delayed few and far between, most people's mouths were occupied gulp- ing large glasses of water.

I feel lucky to be living as part of this group, and equally lucky to be respected for the way I am, which is not like the group. If you come to dinner (everyone is very welcoming—preferably not all at once), you'll understand why after each meal I feel surprised none of us has choked from laughing so much.

It's a kind of a detox processo eat lots of plaki, rice, various curried items, good vegetables, raisins (a new staple this year), and tofu. The running joke is: "Can any- one taste the chicken?" I can only imagine that if I lived there I would probably be less sluggish and more healthy and ener- getic (though more smelly, as garlic, love of my life, is another staple).

All food matters aside, E-House is a wonderful place. Living in HPA (having clean your own bathroom and re- member to go shopping) is a feat of inde- pendence in itself. To have an intentional community of people trying to live re- sponsibly is an even greater feat, whether they're entirely successful or not.

I think about the impact of their individual and collective actions, the im- pact of their mere living, far more than I do at this point in my life. This is admirable and, truthfully, I believe that all of them together make the thinking world (and therefore acting) easier.

Not to imply, however, that E-House is this way-serious heavy-duty intellectual (yet spacy) hippie haven (though I know it is constructed as such, by people both inside and outside of E-House).

No, it's a fun place. They have parties, draw silly pictures, relax, and joke. In fact, I would say that people at E-House are better at making fun of themselves than other people in the biocommunity are. I mean this in two senses: better than other groups are at making fun of themselves, and better than other groups are at mak- ing jokes about E-house.

So far we have spent our time mostly singing songs and reciting skits from Sesame Street and the Muppets.

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Some advantages to spending a year of exciting and

by Susanna Schroeder

Living at Environmental House has had a profound effect on me. Despite my previous (and continuing) involvement with the Bryn Mawr Greens and other environmental orga- nizations, in just two months I have be- come correspondingly more aware of my actions' im- pact on daily life. I pay much more attention to product packaging than I used to, and energy and resource conservation has be- come a much more immediate issue for me. I use less water, eat lower on the food chain (this is much better—I can completely off the meal plan and have only seen the inside of a dining hall twice this semester!) and always use clothedness rather than the dryer.

Our campus outreach effort this semester is really starting to take every form. At our next meet- ing we formed a com- mittee to compile a list of simple things to do to live a more environmen- tally conscious way of life (which is printed here). Last year I discov- ered E-House when the Bryn Mawr Greens were invited there for a dis- nner geared to further- ing communication between the different environ- mental groups in the biocommunity (by the way, all Bryn Mawr Greens should know that another such dinner is scheduled for Friday, November 8th). If we had more ex- pensive facilities at our disposal, such as a real house, it would be easier to host events and act as a resource for the campus environmental groups, but we are doing what we can with what we have. Though most of this statement concerns the educational value

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2. We eat rocks because we're

3. Actually, we don't eat rocks

4. We never shower. When paired roof and bath in the rally from the sky.

5. We no longer use toilets. In

If you are interested in visiting our door, our required dress code: sweaters organically knitted dra bunnies, and socks.

by Eve Chosok

On September 3, 1993, a handful of Bi-Co students gathered in an HPA living room for their first meeting of the year. They immedi- ately organized the Environmental House to be a resi- dential center for environmental activism. In its first year, E-House was written up in the Philadelphia Inquirer and interviewed by the New York Times.

Throughout its first three years, E-House has held various community functions rang- ing from a campus recycling center, to a meeting place for Bi-Co environmental groups, to a clearing house for envi- ronmental information and resources. Our li- brary contains books on the ecosystem, political action, conscientious con- sciousness, and vegetarian- ism. We receive environmental publications and network with other student environmental groups.

E-House is self-defined as an "intentional community," meaning that we are a group of people who have chosen to live together un- der a common purpose. Every potential resi- dent must submit an application to the hous- ing office stating her commitment to envi- ronmental issues, and ideas for the develop- ment of the house. The fifteen current resi- dents boast involvement in a wide variety of experiences such as environmental teaching in inner-city organic farming. While many students are involved in environmental activism around the campuses, the house itself stresses the practical application of environmental ideals through a low-impact domestic lifestyle. We are activists for ourselves and for the campus through example.

Some of the ways in which we save energy include the use of low-flow shower heads, the unplugging of a couple of refrigerators, the reuse of household items such as bags and papers, the pooling of cooking efforts, and the composting of food waste. Information sheets regarding apartment and dorm- friendly environmental tips are available for the community. Just visit and ask for them!

Speaking of visiting, the most frequent criti- cism of the House to date is our lack of community outreach. While we have fed hundreds of guest delicious vegetarian and vegan (translation—no meat, eggs or dairy) dinners, our connections have been largely through word of mouth. In our fourth year, we would like to correct this shortcoming by al- lerting the community to our outreach rep- resentatives, Kathy Darr, Laurie Doerr, Kathy and Lauren are fun-loving, Haverford sopho- mores, and can be reached at 649.3123 for week-night dinner RSVPs. Please feel free to visit our house, talk with us about the envi- ronment or anything else, and sample the best non-meat buffet in the western hemisphere. Well, we like to think so. Voice your impressions and suggestions in our guest register. Don't forget the $1-2 donation!

Since we are a relatively new special-interest house, we are constantly brainstorming new plausible ways of expanding our pur- pose and influence. If you would like to work with us on an environmental project, or if you have ideas about ways in which we can im- prove on our low-impact housekeeping sys- tem, please contact one or all of us through Haver- ford campus mail.

Environmental House residents for 1993-94 include: Eve Chosok (BCM '96), Kathy Darr (HC '96), Lauren Doerr (HC '96), Kristen Form (HC '94), Tally Geyser (HC '96), Orion Krieger (HC '96), Kevin McCallum (HC '94), Bob Munger (HC '96), Sage Platt (HC '96), Susanna Schroeder (BCM '95), E. Sta- mas (HC '96), Aspen Swartz (HC '96), Julia Tebbets (BCM '95), Jacob Yohay (HC '96), Marissa Zanotop (HC '96).
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I've arrived late on days when I was scheduled to cook dinner. Sometimes I have doubts about our ability to expand as a low-impact residence within an HCA, or of the cohesiveness of our group dynamics. This is not a flippant concern, but what I have gotten out of living here is essential to my peace of mind as an undergraduate.

When I graduate in May, I will be 24 and 1/2. As my work and life take on an ever-increasing focus, I find that the apartments help me feel linked to the post-collegiate crowd. Living in Ardmore also helps. To purchase groceries, I must walk through diverse, working-class neighborhoods, and to local stores. An escape from the Ivory Tower is a stroll down Ardmore Avenue.

There's the E-House itself. I always come home to people. I live with a group of purposeful, active, funny people. This doesn't happen all that often, but after dinner last Friday, someone started singing to the Styx song that was playing in the background. Pretty soon, eight people were doing the hustle to Abba's Greatest Hits. The spontaneous hoe-down lasted for a couple of hours, and some of us ended up ditching our early-evening plans. Often, though, dinners are scattered, due to evening commitments and work. Our mainstay of ritualized socializing, dinner conversation varies from topics of current events, to campus news, to in-jokes. Pretty much the same as everywhere else. But there is a difference in the way we share meals. Maybe it is the moment of silence, maybe the fact that we cook gourmet all by ourselves. We eat like vegetarians royalty.

This feeling is so hard to describe probably relates to the reason we have drawn together to live as an environmental group. Respect for life, appreciation for feelings, all that post-60's stuff. Not that we host Love-Ins or interpersonal workshops. I feel like what I feel matters to people.

Our set-up challenges us, to some extent, to be accountable to one another. When it works, it works. When it doesn't, people decide the co-op isn't for them, and move back to the dorms. I feel like a bit of a hypocrite, a Mauzer, living at Ford. I justify this in two ways. Number one, we're a bi-co special interest house, situated just barely on campus. Second, when something works for you, why fight it?

by Kathy Danek

"Uh, Kathy? That's a lot of tofu," Tally observed. But it was more than an observation; it was a hint. I had diced the tofu not thinking about the quantity. Now I looked at the four pounds in the bowl for the first time. Is it too much? The answer: yes. What could we do with it, since our recipe was half done? If we fried it all the tofu would be dry. I would be really bland and have an overwhelming tofu flavor. I started at the lime, soy sauce, and wondered how we were going to make this meal turn out right. Already it was a disaster: we didn't have any vinegar for the salad dressing and there was too much lemon juice in the rice, which also had the consistency of oatmeal. Our vegetable stir-fry with tofu had been going well until we were faced with this mountain of soy. What were we going to do with it?

We brainstormed. We ran into the living room and began to look at easy tofu recipes. Our options were limited, but we found the perfect solution: a tofu sauce! (When you don't use milk in your cooking, tofu is a good base for a cream-like sauce.) Within minutes, and we only had minutes before dinner was supposed to be ready, we were chopping garlic, parsley and ginger. We got out the trusty E-House blender and threw everything in. It blended, although the parsley got stuck in clumps. "The parsley will be a surprise," I said. Next some spices were added for extra flavor.

Meanwhile, Lauren added soy sauce to the salad dressing in place of vinegar. The rice, when eaten with other food, wasn't too sour and, well, there wasn't anything we could do about its consistency. We put everything on the living room table and called everyone to dinner. I waited. I expected everyone to be disgusted with the meal. Nobody wanted to eat much of it, and we'd have leftovers that would just sit in the refrigerator. People served themselves some salad, then rice and vegetables, and asked about the sauce. The cooks looked at each other and suggested, "It's for the vegetables." After the moment of silence, people began eating. "Hey, this is good salad dressing." "What's in the sauce, it's great." "Lemon juice in the rice? What a great idea!" I looked around in amazement. Not only were people eating, but they were enjoying the dinner. I didn't believe it. Lauren, Tally and I had managed to creatively solve these culinary problems without people even realizing that we had problems to solve. E-House is quite an experience for me. Most of us didn't know how to cook before this year, and we certainly didn't know how to cook for fifteen or twenty people.

We certainly didn't know how to cook for fifteen or twenty people. But so far, all of our meals have turned out, and we've only had one fire. Each meal, the chefs are required to think creatively. On this vegetable stir fry night, we managed to produce a good meal, and the small amount of leftovers were eaten.

Do you feel an intense need to know more about the ecologically sound E-House way of life? Come to dinner! Give us a call: 649-3128, and ask for Kathy or Lauren.

A dinner and tofu sauce to remember

I stared at the lime, white cubes and wondered how we were going to make this meal turn right out.

by Eve Chouak

This is my second year as an E-House resident. My involvement in this place is such a way of life, I often take it for granted. After two semesters of budgeting, organizing meetings with various committees, and donating roughly five hours per week to chores and meetings, I almost forget to mention it on my resume. I care so much about making things happen here that I sometimes fail to consider it work.

I don't mean to paint a picture of myself as a model environmental-ist or communityman. I've gotten lazy and "forgotten" to compost the odd apple-core,

known myths at E-House

After our mouths so that we don’t be, thereby mercilessly slaugh-

against any form of death.

but because things are people too.

it rains, we remove our solar-industrial waste that falls naturally

stead we compost.

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E-House, or just peaking in the 60s is: cruelty-free Birkenstockos, from the wool of free-range tun-

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Culinary/cultural tour of Austria and Russia
by Carley Hydusik

After a long border-crossing train trip early in the morning and a last ride through the city of Salzburg, past the Hotel Sacher where they make the origi- nal chocolate cake, we followed the ancient marmalade grape via the flowing Salzach, through the mountain tunnel from the Old City of Salzburg, and past the stately yet groinning fortress, I ar- rived in the yellow and white baroque style building which was to be my resi- dence for the semester. Lugging my bags up the stairs into the hotel, I thought myself, “Gee, I’m hungry.” (No surprise there.) Not knowing Austrian shopping hours, I decided to unpack before I ven- tured into the unknown supermarket. Unpacking really works up an appe- tite (no doing breathing), so when my room appeared somewhat in order I pulled on my shoes (black with buckles, specially designed to disguise me as a European), got my craptastic Austrian Schilling, and headed out. Only then did I find out that stores close at noon on Saturdays and don’t open on Sundays or Monday. Only then did I find out that no one in this hostel, my host, was stay- ing in Budapest for another semester; shortly thereafter I discovered that the hostel was almost bare. “Wel- come to living in Europe.” We have spectacular mountains, but no food on weekends.” What was a poor tired American to do? Okay, okay, I was with a program. That night I sat in a cafe with some fellow program members drinking coffee and smoking our $3 mineral water. After viewing the prices (also $3.20 for coffee in Cafe Tomassel on Markt Square) I decided to thereafter put some pepper on old noodles and crusty bread, and deal until Monday. When the new week rolled around, I stopped for the old vegetarian staples and was content to explore the city. Dur- ing this week I was captured by the bak- eries, wafting scents into the hall through the door. Aside from the layer cakes and chocolate al- mond cookies and raspberry turnovers and sugar cream with raisins, I discov- ered Brothen (rolls), or Semmeln to the Aus- trians. The breakfast standard, they are the simply the best that German-spea- king bakeries have to offer. Ten different kinds, my favorite with 4 varieties of seeds and grains, steaming warm out of the oven. (I have had to sneak some past U.S. Customs officials on return trips. Not that they are illegal—they just want to take a bite too.) The best, I think, are the bleached white German peace (peace?) however, and culinary triumph to whatsoever bravado—... One wouldn’t think that garden would be a major issue blocking international un- ion, but I found out that bad breath is not all that evil garden can cause. One particular Austrian widow, namely my host for the semester, had a personal vendetta against this wondrous spice. Pasta and garlic are staples in my diet. Spaghetti sauce with lots of garlic, pasta with garlic and oil, pesto made with plenty of ‘garlic, etc. For a week I cooked to my heart’s content. Then Frau Balke returned, she walked in the door, introduced herself, and promptly began to sniff the air. “Good day,” she said, “you cook with garlic?” I didn’t say “you” and although she set down the rules about open win- dow and closed kitchen doors when using the very seasonings. “Okay,” I thought, “I can deal with that.” The next week the rule was altered to apply dur- ing all cooking. Again, no problem. But then halfway through the semester she laid down the law: no more garlic. It may seem like there was a personal quirk involved here. To some extent, yes, but then I found out the deeper truth. Upon further questioning, I discovered first that garlic “sticks to the curtains and upholstery forever.” Then, “It is embar- rassing when my friends some over.” Finally, “I don’t like the smell of garlic in my house, because they cook with garlic. Garlic is a low-class spice.” I was shocked. That I was expected to mimic this highbrow whole set of views on the problem of the flood of asylum seekers in Austria and what to do with them. The issue of classism in a society. Some Mawters express discontent with classism on cam- pus. You don’t see this from me yet. Frau Balke took the cake on this one, blat- tantly and with no sense of breach of democratic principle, from here I learned about the Austrian aristocracy, the Hapsburg Empire which still reigns in the mind of many Austrians, and I should never marry outside my class.” The definition of class, pure, and Two next anything about marriage! I discovered a whole attitude which seemed to set Aus- tria apart from the rest of European coun- tries I had been to. I expected Austria to be mostly like Germany, with a few more mountains and a different accent. I am still open to the idea that not all of Aus- tria is the same, but this rule was a rude awakening. Soonest time you go to cook with garlic in a foreign country, consider the company you are keeping. For the rest of the semester I limited

Some advice for those planning to leave on JYA
by Adrienne Robbins

Thinking about going abroad? R.O.T.U. Not only is it good for your aca- demic future and resume but it also is a hell of a lot of fun once you get there and get over your culture shock. I have just returned from a semester abroad in Arequipa, Peru. But my advice for your experience is one of the best things I have done for myself. Not only did I improve my Spanish but I also greatly improved my self confidence get a much needed shot in the arm. If you are going abroad, there are some tips and tricks they don’t tell you in the going abroad handbook. First, TALK, TALK, TALK with your dean, with your major advisor, with people who have gone to the country with the same program. They will hopefully avoid the predicament of receiving less than your 4 credits per semester or other disasters. I really can’t stress this enough. Bryn Mawr has many resources to help with the transfer of credits, so read be- both the lines and be neurotic! Once you get there you will probably experience some form of culture shock. I cried my eyes out for a week straight in my bedroom after everyone went to bed. I got very tired of speaking French constantly, the people were not as friendly as they were advertised, and I would have killed for a turkey burger instead of cheese and good ol’ day son of Days of Our Lives. Hang in there, believe it or not all is good in about 2 passes at which point you wake up one morning and realize that you are slowly learning and this will actually be your life. And now for the fun part! You will be amazed how quickly you adapt to your new environment. What will seem very strange at first will become more acceptable. At this stage it is easy to make friends with all the Americas you know, but try to incorporate foreign people too. It was at a French/Ameri- can party that I met a French woman who would turn out to be my absolute best friend in Arequipa. You will have to put in long hours at the university, and there will be long papers and long tests and you will have to get a job and study abroad once in your undergrad career. Don’t be afraid of the time. You will have to put in long hours at the university, and there will be long papers and long tests and you will have to get a job and study abroad once in your undergrad career. Don’t be afraid of the time. You will have to put in long hours at the university, and there will be long papers and long tests and you will have to get a job and study abroad once in your undergrad career. Don’t be afraid of the time.
Surviving Russian cuisine--the JYA way

by Kelli Ford

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Soul to soul the 411, hon... for the black woman at Bryn Mawr

by Brinda Gangalry

I have had a traumatic week--not only have I had exams and papers, but my roommate is having boyfriend problems.

Perhaps that is a mild way of putting the situation. She found out a few days ago that "the man" (if he deserves to be called such) was seeing another woman throughout the course of their relationship. Besides the fact that neither of the girls knew about the other, "Pathetic Excuse for Human Existence," a.k.a. Jerk, had been profusely telling Shotty that if she ever looked at another man, he would wring his and her necks.

Admittedly, I did not take the news very well. After telling this assembly of caterpillar excrement exactly what I thought of him (unfortunately for him, he is in Providence, Rhode Island), I helped Shotty chop his photo into minuscule pieces. We arranged the strips into pretty designs while attempting to decide whether we should send him the remains of the mutilated picture. We confirmed that this would be indeed a nice idea.
Marge Piercy captures her Haverford audience

by Esther Reed

After I had heard that Marge Piercy, the author and poet, was coming to Haverford, I set out to find a few books of hers to read before her arrival. As it happened, the Bryn Mawr College Bookstore was having a sale, and among the sale books were 3 of Marge Piercy's: Stone, Paper, Knife; My Mother's Body; and The Moon is Always Female. Eager to find these treasures soon before Marge Piercy's appearance, I purchased them and devoured the pages each evening before I went to sleep.

Unfortunately, I failed to finish even one of them. (I don't read much in bed before succumbing to desperately needed sleep.) But, Stone, Paper, Knife is thoroughly enjoyable so far.

October 27th arrived. So off I went to her poetry reading, having read a few poems from only one of her many books. I was rather embarrassed because it seemed like my peers were so much better "prepared" to hear what she had to say. I wondered if I'd get anything out of her reading at all.

As soon as the reading began, my question was answered. Her poetry moved me, at some points it was riveting, at others, sweetly touching. Her manner was casual, even humorous. Something about her work drew me in. Her imagery, vocabulary, and style really made the poems come alive.

One poem, "True romance" from Mars and Her Children, describes a young girl watching television - "the cars chase each other off cliffs into balls of flame. The hero steps out with a grin promising he will unspool you, walk into the set of your head, turn up the brightness control till you become real too, as the box glued to your eyes." (p. 55).

Another poem she read, entitled "Right to life" begins with "A woman is not a pear tree thrusting her fruit in mindless fecundity into the world." Further metaphors tell what a woman is not, "A woman is not... a purse holding the coins of your descendants till you spend them in wars." Her poem touches on legislation, hunger, death from abortions, and finally ends with, "This is my body. If I give it to you I want it back. My life is a non-negotiable demand." As she finished, applause arose from the packed-to-capacity auditorium. (The Moon is Always Female, p. 59).

Marge Piercy dedicated one poem, "For Strong Women," to the women who worked on the project of bringing her to campus and the women who put together the Women's Center at Haverford. It ends with, "Strong is what we make each other. Until we are all strong together, a strong woman is a woman strongly afraid." (The Moon is Always Female, p. 57).

Since her reading, I have remained interested in Marge Piercy's works. From the small amount of her work that I have read, I realize she has a favorite line: "Love dies like a poisoned cat vomiting." (Stone, Paper, Knife, p. 16). And I highly recommend "Dis-ease" from the same book. In it, thoroughly enjoyed Marge Piercy's reading, and if you missed it, you should read her work on your own. (Note: I hear she also writes excellent science fiction. Also, the three books I purchased will be available to loan from the Jewish Student Lounge in 1100 Emlan as soon as I finish reading them.)

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Luscious spookiness on the menu

by Stacy Curwood


Halloween has just come and gone, and I celebrated by actually reading for pleasure. Interview with The Vampire was what I chose, being eager to see what has been putting Anne Rice on the bestseller lists. Rice's storytelling instantly drew me in, making it difficult to put the book down until I finished it and keeping me occupied on a seven-hour train ride. It's not classic literature, but it's high-quality pop art.

While it may be morbid to think of killing as pleasurable, that's exactly the case for our friend Louis.

Interview is the first book in the Vampire Chronicles (there are three more I have yet to read). It's the biography of Louis the vampire, who has been a vampire since 1791. Some might classify it as a horror book because there are some graphic parts, but it's a wonderfully refreshing approach to a horror novel. The monster, the vampire, is the protagonist and I found myself rooting for him as I would for a real human. What's more, while walking at night in shadows and fantasizing about what might lurk there, I thought that it actually wouldn't be so bad to meet a vampire.

I think that the reason for this is that Rice romanticizes the existence of the vampire even while she tells of his eternal curse. She details subtle aspects of vampire emotion, which usually don't get breathing unless it goes on for pages and pages (this occasionally happens). This is the first book I've read which follows the nuances of a monster's mind.

Early in Louis's vampire career, he was still prone to mortal confort:

"You must understand that what I felt for Babette was a desire for communications, stronger than any other desire I then felt... except the physical desire for... blood. It was so strong in me, this desire, that it made me feel the depth of my capacity for loneliness." He changes as he leads a vampire existence, losing touch with the mortal world and cultivating a vampire's detached view, but he never lost my attention.

Rice's narrative is wonderfully sensual. There isn't any sex in this book, but the

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Juliana Hatfield live: Skipper sings the blues

by Shauna Nickel

One of my more obvious character flaws is going to concerts in which the bands are ones I've never listened to, so when I heard the opportunity to go to the Juliana Hatfield Three show I just had to go. I heard rumors that she was playing with a little something thrown in about her being a Sassy Cover Girl, and that both women and men yearned to be her. So obviously I was intrigued. Previously I had only heard one of her songs, "I Hate My Sister," on my "alternative" radio station back in Ann Arbor. I remember as I was packing the song came on and I and to it so hideously annoying I had to turn the station. You can imagine my grief when I followed me here to Pennsylvania. We set off on a Thursday night to see this famed queen of the cool stuff somewhere in Philly. Luckily some friendly Villanova people helped us out and led the way. Inside, "Gimmie", the first of three bands, was playing. Out of all the bands, they were, I thought, the best. Lots of energy, musical variation, themes about cake, and the lead singer was dancing around talking to the audience, making everyone feel loved and welcomed. Maybe too much. Then from Barbie's place there was a woman in front of us who was offering licks of her own to the crowd. The audience were the least lively lollipop. I was a little distraught when she didn't offer me any. Evidently I was one of the wrong sexual persuasion. Around 10:00 the Three came on. I had nestled myself away from the mop pit, and found a very nice seat where I could see everything that was going on, stage and floor (because really, people-watching is prime at "all-agers" shows). Men began bursting into orgasms as she ap- proached. Her whole look was nifty, only to be ruined by the fact that she had no personality throughout the concert. Song after song blurred into one, but I amused myself by watching the crowd along with the other, and to try to kill each one simultaneously. They were more enthu- siastic than she was about the music (or so it seemed), largely because there was a lot more interesting to watch, both the floor moshed, women and men alike would be palled off on headaches, and from supporting groups of hands, like a malicious trust fall. And there are those who say that America has no culture.

Men began bursting into orgasms as she approached. Her whole look was nifty, only to be ruined by the fact that she had no personality throughout the concert. When I looked up again from my cul- ture shock I was greeted with a strange idea. The setting cast my mind back to my best friend's "Don't Rock the Osmond Con- cert Stage." The stage was before me, with Juliana in the middle. I thought, she's sort of like "Barbie... and the bassist was so goddamn hot.

As I started to think of a story that would explain why the age-old Barbie was doing the grunge scene she was singing, "I Hate My Sister." I gritted my teeth and looked loafed off to the side. Here she was... SKIPPER, my god, she's grown! The more she sang her irritating little song, in her original flavor of voices, the more I understood what had happened. Skipper was pisseled! She had been left out of the happening Mattel scene for so long she had decided to strike out on her own and overturn the grunge scene. Skippoo had a lot of anger in her, I could tell, all those years that Barbie had left her out of her band Barbie and the Rockers. Well, I thought, it's about time Skipper showed some attitude! Now she had had it. She was a woman, and was selling her soul to teen angst. It all began to make sense. The moment she was sobbing was that Mattel was trying for that hip audience, going for the Slap Boys and Girls, commercializing the scene. And then when I had come to the conclusion she would continue to do nothing but sing, her eyes closed, I realized that she was singing with a soul. She spoke, Now, I thought, she can prove to me why she is so good. I waited in intense anticipation, for something, something good, something nifty. And slowly she began explaining her song... "It's sad," she said, "I have the voice dripping with an imperceptible pain. "like a lot of things are sad." She still has time to bestow upon me her redeeming qualities. "Come, woo me with your wit and wisdom!" "But sometimes," she continued, "sadness can be beautiful. Because beauty is sadness." That was it. She said what she had come to say. A moosie of darkness entered herself, flowing, pouring, stirring the audience into... into... total confusion. Hooked around to just make sure I hadn't missed the true, soulful meaning of her statement. Evidently I hadn't; the punk-rockers sitting next to me were look- ing around and muttered "Is she high?" I shrugged and tried to look for clues.

I just couldn't understand why some- one like her, so untouched and allowed could be so damn... how could she be all that stuff? I had to admit that Skipper was Mattel was definitely on to something, and it was bringing in a lot of money. Trends. Giving her a breath of life, Ken's rib, Mattel's rib! I think now of poor Marlo Thomas, out there somewhere whimpering in pain at our lost generation. This generation she fought so hard for, all she wanted was a little peace or PC. Was that really too much to ask from us? Come all ye faithful, rise up, go out and relieve the world... be born

...Because beauty is... Sadness. That was it.

Marlo! I know one singer who will love

Lissa Ferrri..."During her set at the Rosy, Melissa Ferrrie played a thus-far unre-
corded song, "Juliana Hatfield" that deals with her feelings of competition towards her better-known label-main Juliana Hatfield. Get a different version of her record even came out! And I got five ads... At stations no one was interested about/ That's OK'/Cause I'm not sad." (Rolling Stone, David Wild, Nov. 11). I'm not interested about anything. Hopefully Barbie will come back soon, and kick Skipper's whiny butt back to the Dreamhouse.

A vampire's psyche: the Anne Rice in question

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damn, you don't put out mysteriously and alluring. While it may seem morbid to think of killing as pleasurable, that's ex- actly the case for our friend Louis. The setting in New Orleans' aristocratic neighborhoods, perpetually in darkness or in the light because of the hours Louis keeps, evokes luminous images. He was a wealthy property owner before he "died," and somehow he never runs out of money, so he dresses in well-tailored black throughout the book. He's hand- some enough he has oddly luminous pale skin. He seems very human, in fact, with re- spect to desires, loves and emotions, ex- cept for having essential abnormal traits (like sucking human blood for suste- nance). The subtle, psychological parts by no stretch of the imagination outweigh the adventures in the book. Louis and his "daughter," Claudia, travel, battle vil- lains, and meet other vampires. The ex- citing parts complement the introspec- tive parts, and it is this combination that turns the pages. It satisfied my taste for both action stories and lush sensory de- scription. I have no movie coming out and none in the works that I know of. I can compare to the novel. We'll see... I've got two other Vampire Chronicles waiting for me on the shelf, which I can't wait to get to. For me, the discovery of Anne Rice is a blessing, and I reco- mend you to do the same. We should be enchan- tis...
Look for the exciting dates that women make...

compiled by Stacy Carwood
October 30 – January 2, 1994

Visions of Antiquity: Neoclassical Figure Drawings. Exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum of Art

Through January 2, 1994: "What About AIDS?" an exhibit about HIV and AIDS at The Franklin Institute

Tuesday, Nov. 2:
- 6 pm: Organizational meeting for Bryn Mawr Concert Series, agenda: bringing outside bands to BMC. In Rhoads North #157. Call Sandra X5162 or Laurel X5723.
- 8 pm: French Film Club: La Gloire de Mon Pere, Thomas 110

Thursday, November 4:
- 9-30 am-noon: "Dealing With the AIDS Crisis: New Directions" Symposium at The Franklin Institute featuring "AIDS czar" Kristine Gebbie (White House AIDS Coordinator), call Elaine Wilner 448-1176
- 8 pm: (Also Tues. Nov. 9, 8 pm, Fri. Nov. 5 at 2pm, and Sat. Nov. 6 at 8 pm). The Philadelphia Orchestra: Debussy, Messiah, Roussel.
- 7 pm: Monster Magnet and Clutch at the Trocadero, 10th and Arch Sts. $5 adv. Call 923-ROCK

Friday, November 5:
- 7:00 and 10:30 pm: Bryn Mawr Film Series: Malcolm X

Saturday, November 6:
- ESPN Out on the Town: Walnut Street Theater. Neil Simon Comedy— "Jake's Women." "Writing the Riddle / The Riddle of Writing" sponsored by the International Women's Writing Guild. on-campus location TBA
- Taj Mahal (concert): Bucks County Community College Gym. call 968-8627
- De La Soul / A Tribe Called Quest (concert) at UPENN's Irvine Auditorium. call 645-9636
- 7 pm: Jim Rose Circus Sideshow at the Trocadero, $10 adv.

Sunday, November 7:

Monday, November 8:
- 7-9 pm: "Innocation and Inspiration" faculty presentation: Corey Brennan, Classics; Maria Luisa Crawford, Geology; Joseph Kramer, English; Sharon Ullman, History. In Ely Room, Wyndham.

Wednesday, November 10:
- 8-7 pm: James E. Dupree "Transition," gallery opening—mixed media works on paper. Exhibit open through January 10, 1994 at Esther M. Klein Art Gallery, 3600 Market St. (215) 387-2255
- 7 pm: Mazzzy Star and Codeine at the Trocadero, $8 adv.

Thursday, November 11:
- 8pm. (Also Nov. 12 at 2pm). The Philadelphia Orchestra: Wagner, Weill, Tchaikovsky

Friday, November 12:
- 8 and 10 pm: Bryn Mawr Film Series: Strictly Ballroom
- 6 pm: Dad and Threapy? at the Trocadero. $8 adv.

Saturday, November 13:
- "Mobilizing For Choice: Promoting Political Action" with featured speaker Molly Yard, president of NOW. Call Kim 391-5503

The Campus Bestseller List: As if you all had TIME for pleasure reading!

1. Rising Sun, by Michael Crichton. (Ballantine, $6.99)
2. The Firm, by John Grisham. (Random, $5.99)
3. "Laura, the Hidden Woman," by John Grisham. (Dell, $5.99)
5. A theme park's cloned dinosaurs lead to a world crisis.
6. A book on the popularity of certain animals.

Dykes To Watch Out For

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