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SGA TO HOLD PLENARY

SGA will hold the first Plenary in two years on Sunday, February 8. Restructuring the SCA constitution will be the largest item on the agenda (see next column). Work on the proposed constitution began in '78-'79 under a committee headed by Hilary Herdman '80. Frustrated by the lack of a quorum in the '79 plenaries, the Restructuring committee has "clarified points, reorganized, and put in amendments that have passed," according to Anne Platt, now in charge of the committee.

Honor Board records will be a second agenda item. The only written records now kept of trials under the Academic Honor Code are anonymous 'ghost cases' published in The News. The new resolution proposes that the names of offenders be kept on file until their graduation for the use of the Honor Board Head and, with the student's permission, the Dean's Office. This system would allow better evaluation of the cases of repeat offenders and increased accuracy of Deans' recommendations for graduate schools. On the other hand, record-keeping could discourage offenders from turning themselves in; some students feel that it would contradict the spirit of the Honor Code. The proposal is not a change in the letter of the Code, which makes no reference to records. Nonetheless, declared Honor Board member Lynn Gordon, the Board is bringing the issue before the community because "we can't just change procedure without input from our peers." Record-keeping has been "an issue which is raised by each administration," noted Margot Boigon, Acting Head of the Board.

Plenary will also consider any other resolutions students wish to submit. Resolutions to be added to the agenda should be typed and given to Anne Platt, Pem East 34B, by midnight on Monday, Feb. 2. All comprehensible resolutions received by the deadline will be discussed at Plenary.

Students submitting agenda items should attend an open SCA meeting on Wed., Feb 4 at 10 pm in the Blue Room of the College Inn, in case their items need clarification. Restructuring and Honor Board record-keeping will also be discussed and questions on parliamentary procedure will be answered. Amendments to the restructured constitution, although they may be submitted at the open

NEW CONSTITUTION PROPOSED

The new constitution will be discussed and voted upon at Plenary, February 8 at 2 pm in Goodhart. Two years ago, the SGA Assembly appointed a committee to revise the constitution and by-laws of the Self-Government Association. The committee was asked to develop an alternative to the present constitution because of student feeling that the government was too large, involved too much bureaucracy, and permitted abuse of power.

Among a number of major changes was the replacement of the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer by a five member executive commission. The Commission would perform all of the executive duties without the concentration of power that exists in the present system. The Commission members would be free to divide the duties among themselves. Since its conception, there has been much debate over the idea of the Commission. The major complaint, as Vice-President Heidi Pemberton explained, is that "a commission would be too inefficient." Opponents of the Commission fear that too much time would be spent deciding who is to do what. Another complaint has been that students would not be able to elect the candidates best suited for specific jobs, and that all the elected commissioners may have run wanting to do the same duties. "People should run with the duties in mind," said Pemberton, who is writing an amendment to replace the commission with offices similar to the present ones.

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meeting or proposed from the floor during Plenary, should also be typed, with the correct section number, and submitted to Anne Platt by February 2.

SGA President Isabel Montanez and Parliamentarian Cynthia Broussalian will conduct the Plenary, which begins at 2 pm. If quorum is not reached by 3:00, the agenda will be discussed and a sense of the meeting taken. However, last October's constitutional amendment makes the lack of a quorum unlikely. Eighty percent of the Association members who register to attend Plenary must be present for quorum to be reached. Voter registration will be held on Thursday and Friday, January 29 and 30, during confirmation of academic registration; forty percent of Association members must sign for Plenary to be held at all. Montanez strongly encourages everyone who can possibly attend Plenary to register. Anyone who signs is pledged only to attend this Plenary; unregistered Association members may still attend and count toward quorum. If fewer than 40% of Association members register, the hall presidents will go door-to-door collecting signatures to reach the total.

Every Association member will receive copies of the old constitution, the restructured constitution, and the Honor Board resolution, as well as the final agenda and information on Plenary procedures. Buses will run from Brecon and Haverford. No conflicting activities are scheduled for Feb. 8, and SGA is requesting the faculty to postpone exams and papers due Monday.

In the week before Plenary, hall meetings will be visited by Restructuring Committee and Honor Board members who will discuss the Plenary issues.

---Betsy Duren

Poster-makers, vote-counters, and (possibly) pro-con speakers are needed for Plenary. All who are interested should contact Anne Platt by February 2.

---Betsy Duren

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On Tuesday, January 20, nineteen Bryn Mawr College students demonstrated support for the Equal Rights Amendment at the inauguration of President Reagan. A large number of E.R.A. supporters joined the Inauguration Watch conducted by the National Organization for Women (N.O.W.). The watch was designed to provide a "silent and dignified presence in support of the E.R.A." (N.O.W. watch pamphlet).

The attendance of the Bryn Mawr contingent was organized by Eliza Dixon, who served as a marshal in the watch, and by Shari Leipzig, co-ordinator of the Women's Alliance. Members of N.O.W. chapters from Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and New York also participated in the event. Members of the delegations, carrying pennants in support of the amendment, posted themselves at the Capitol during the inauguration ceremony and at seven strategic points along the route of the inaugural parade. They offered pennants, stickers, and buttons to members of the crowd in exchange for optional contributions, and circulated petitions advocating passage of the E.R.A.

According to Shari Leipzig, there was wide support for the E.R.A. among the crowd; N.O.W. advocates collected large numbers of pro-E.R.A. signatures. The members of the E.R.A. Inauguration watch constituted the only organized

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Constance Applebee 1873 - 1981

Constance Mary Katharine Applebee, founder of field hockey in the United States and former Director of Physical Education at Bryn Mawr College, died in Burley, England, on January 26. She was 107.

Miss Applebee was born June 4, 1873, in Chigwall, Essex, and spent most of her early years in Devonshire. She was graduated from the British College of Physical Education in 1901 and came to the United States the same summer to continue her studies at Harvard. Astonished to find that Americans thought of musical chairs and croquet as appropriate sports for women, she introduced her hosts to field hockey, using improvised equipment, in August, 1901. Women's colleges such as Vassar, Smith, and Wellesley accepted the sport enthusiastically and invited Miss Applebee to teach field hockey to their students. In 1903, she visited Bryn Mawr for the first time; returning the next year, she was appointed Director of Outdoor Sports. She soon won the admiration of students, and in 1906 was named the Director of Physical Education.

Her concern about the students' health was apparent from the beginning. She is reported as saying to President M. Carey Thomas, "You want all these students to go out and do some thing in the world, to get the vote. What's the good of their having the vote if they're too ill to use it?" She established Bryn Mawr's Health Department in 1908 and instituted a "registration of exercise", under which students received credit for participation in sports and for "long tramps taken by three or more students together." Strict regulations and colorful language combined to make The Apple a legend and a terror to her players. Training rules for hockey practice began, "In bed by 10.30. Nothing may be eaten between meals, except fruit and one cup of tea or lemonade...." Saying, "An athlete is at her best only when pushed to the limit," Miss Applebee despised slipshod playing so much that she once ran onto the field during an exhibition match, shouting, "Lift your great feet! At least act as if you had the ball!" In 1922, she and twelve other women, five of them Bryn Mawr graduates, established the United States Field Hockey Association. The same year, she founded hockey camp Tegawitha in Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania. She also edited and published The Sportswoman, a bi-monthly magazine.

Miss Applebee's career at Bryn Mawr encompassed far more than athletics. The original College News, a paper which she founded in 1914, records that she sponsored a number of activities: Philanthropic Committee, Christian Association, a Community Sing, and square dancing in Philadelphia. Described as having become "in her years at Bryn Mawr, the very spirit, the driving force, of May Day," she directed the College's seventh May celebration in 1928. That year was her last at Bryn Mawr. The College News recounts the parting scene on Alumnae Day, June 4:

Miss Applebee was presented with a brown leather suitcase from the college, and an enormous basket of flowers from the alumnæ. The applause was furious, with stamping, clapping, shouting, and sobbing.

In response to this ovation Miss Applebee confessed that this was her birthday. But, she added, I'm not as old as most of you think! ... In leaving Bryn Mawr, Miss Applebee said that she was leaving the place in America, and perhaps in the world, that she loves best. The enthusiasm of the audience expressed its affection, and it was some time before the meeting was allowed to continue with the regular business....

Miss Applebee never really left Bryn Mawr altogether; she returned as visiting coach nearly every year for four decades. Active well into her nineties, she was presented with the 1980 Award of Merit by the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) for her promotion of field hockey in the United States. Because of her vigorous efforts, more than 200,000 women and girls play field hockey in this country today.

After retiring at the age of 97, Miss Applebee lived alone in her English cottage, devoting herself to her garden and communicating occasionally with American friends and Bryn Mawr alumnae. She left no survivors. Funeral services will be held in Burley on Tuesday, February J. The woman who gave Bryn Mawr "many a team and many a May Day of which to be proud" will also be remembered in memorial services at the College, to be held on an unspecified date.
NEW STUDENTS ARRIVE

This semester there are three transfer students and three new freshman as well as two new special students at Bryn Mawr. Jackie Atkins, Acting Director of Admissions, explains that the number is so small because few people like to enter college at mid-year, and also because Bryn Mawr does not grant financial aid at mid-year. In September, Bryn Mawr may have as many as twenty or more transfer and special students.

Although she declined to give the names of the new students, Miss Atkins did volunteer some information about them. The transfer students are from Vassar, Stanford, and Duke, and are all sophomores. The special students are on leave from Wellesley and Mount Holyoke. These two students are not currently candidates for degrees at Bryn Mawr, but they may apply for candidacy as official transfer students if they decide they want to remain at Bryn Mawr.

All of the new students live on the Bryn Mawr campus. The weekend before second semester classes began, they were given an orientation session so that they would be familiar with Bryn Mawr. One of the new students whom the College News was able to interview said that President McPherson had a dinner for them at her home.

Ann Lewis, a special student from Wellesley, says that she left that college for a variety of reasons. In particular, she did not like the idea that most girls felt they had to get off campus on the weekends for their social life. Ann did not feel that she wanted that kind of pressure. Although she is quick to say that she did not "hate Wellesley", she feels Bryn Mawr will be a better place for her.

Marcia Ferguson transferred to Bryn Mawr from Stanford. She says she left because she felt Stanford to be "too conservative" and because the students are overly grade-conscious (an observation which Ann also made about Wellesley). Marcia plans to major in English and did not feel that Stanford offered the best English department.

Both Ann and Marcia are very enthusiastic about their experiences at Bryn Mawr so far this semester. With luck, the other new students will adapt equally well and will choose to remain at Bryn Mawr to complete their degrees.

--Kris Anderson

ARCHIVES SEEKS FEMINIST PAPERS

Feminist research papers by Bryn Mawr undergraduates are being solicited for an innovative collection in the Archives. The collection, begun this January, will preserve a broad sample of student work on topics relevant to a woman's college.

Lucy West, Project Director of the Archives, hopes that the faculty will submit appropriate papers from their classes after obtaining the writers' consent. Archives also urges students to submit their own papers by sending them through campus mail to Archives, Canaday Library.

This collection is unusual for college archives, noted Mrs. West; most college archives, including Bryn Mawr's before now, have accepted little material by students.

The collection will be open to advanced scholars.

--Betsy Duren
BOARD PLANS RENOVATIONS

The Board of Trustees has not yet decided which college buildings to renovate this semester. At a December meeting, the members of the Board considered renovation plans for Pembroke West and Merion, as well as spot renovations and energy conservation measures. According to Lisa Louis, Student Representative to the Board, the Trustees prefer to renovate Pembroke West if enough money is available for the project. However, the Trustees have not determined the amount of money which will be spent on renovations this summer, and plans for construction work in Merion are still being considered.

The Board has hired the architectural firm of Dagit Saylor Associates to conduct an investigation of Pembroke West and Merion and to draw plans for renovation. "They need design plans for all of them, and that's what the board committed funds to do," said College Treasurer Margaret Kealy. Dagit Saylor Associates conducted last summer's modernization of Denbigh, and will probably be employed to conduct the renovations this summer. Michael Erdman, the College's architect in charge of this summer's Pew Grant renovations, said the architects are drawing their plans "on the assumption that future authorization to spend the money would be made." The Trustees' final decision is expected in May, said Erdman.

If Pembroke West is chosen for renovation this summer, major construction will be necessary. Drastic plumbing improvements, woodwork painting, and replacement of the heating system are all required. Renovations in Merion would include new bathrooms and a smoker on every floor; staircases and woodwork would be preserved. Meg Elighan, head of the SGA Expansion Committee, listed the Rhoads boilers, the wiring in Haffner, Erdman's roof, and the Infirmary as possible sites of construction.

Finances for this summer's renovations are uncertain. The College's request to receive the remaining $3 million of the Pew Grant this year was refused. The College will instead receive $1.5 million this summer and $1.5 million in September. The Trustees are now considering borrowing $1.5 million against the second installment to avoid the disproportionately high inflation rates of construction materials and labor. According to Meg Elighan, the architects believe that the savings made from borrowing the money would surpass the high interest rates of the loan. The Trustees will make their final decision this spring. If they elect not to borrow funds, this summer's renovations will be restricted to spot construction and energy conservation measures.

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allowing the dorms more direct representation.

Although the decisions would come from the Senate, the heads of major committees (Honor Board, Curriculum, Residence, Traditions) would be required to attend the meetings of the Senate to discuss issues at hand, but would not be included in consensus. Consensus is the proposed means of reaching decisions in both the Commission and the Senate. "Consensus increases discussion and forces people to express their opinions," said Platt. Others feel that consensus would increase the amount of time spent in deliberation and would at times even prevent decisions from being made.

The new constitution streamlines the student government, giving more power to the dorms and eliminating the hierarchy. The advantages and disadvantages of the proposed constitution are many, and the student body will have to decide at Plenary which constitution promises to be more efficient.

--Judy Calhoun

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political group present in force on the occasion. "I think we were noticed by the press, and that we had an impact on the crowd," said Ms. Leipzig. "I think we were a kind of enlightening force, definitely reminding everyone that there are still people campaigning for the E.R.A." Asked whether she thought that passage of the amendment will be possible during President Reagan's administration, she replied that it is impossible to tell. "I don't know how many senators wore E.R.A. YES buttons at the swearing-in ceremony," she said.

In an effort to provide continued discussion and new support for the E.R.A., Women's Alliance plans to sponsor two speakers at Bryn Mawr this semester. The organization is considering sending invitations to a representative of N.O.W., and to Ann Beuf, head of Access to Power: A Program of Leadership Education (APPIE) at the University of Pennsylvania.

--Alison Pierce
THEFTS ON CAMPUS

Several break-ins and burglaries occurred on campus over winter break, two of them shortly before students returned for classes.

On the night of January 13, prowlers broke into Rhoads and the College Inn. Juliet and Mohamad El-Najdawi, the wardens of Rhoads, called Security at approximately 3:25 am to report the sound of footsteps in the basement. They were told that a security officer was on duty in the building. Twenty minutes later, after hearing the sound of breaking glass, they called again. Immediately afterward, the prowlers attempted to break into the wardens' suite, but fled when the wardens shouted. The thieves escaped with liquor, a radio, and small items from three or four rooms on the corridor. Thieves also broke into the College Inn by smashing a third-floor window over the fire escape. Entering three three-floor rooms and the kitchen on the first floor, they took a calculator, a radio/tape recorder, and $12 worth of food, leaving disorder in their wake.

Three rooms near the south fire escape of Merion were entered at an unknown date, and a variety of articles were stolen, including clothing, a tape recorder, and a stereo. The thieves used tools to break into a closet but apparently possessed a master key, found jammed in a first-floor lock, which they used to open other doors in the building.

Security Director Vincent DeCerchio said that the burglaries, which he called "vandalism," were probably committed by people from off-campus. However, he also said that seven or eight building contractors were working on campus over break. Since, with only three officers on duty, it was not possible to assign a security guard to each contractor or to each building, the contractors were left alone in the buildings during work hours and were requested to call Security as soon as they left for the evening. DeCerchio stated that he knew of several large lapses of time between the contractors' departure and the locking of buildings, and that smaller lapses occurred in most cases. He also said that no one knows exactly how many of Bryn Mawr's master keys are missing; many may be in the hands of former students or employees.

Now that a new director of Buildings and Grounds has been appointed, DeCerchio hopes to replace the antiquated locks of many of the campus's sixty buildings. He feels that much of the blame for security incidents can be placed on students who do not report prowlers or unlocked doors. He also says that students should follow the official procedures for reporting security incidents. Unfortunately, the security dispatcher did not inform this winter's burglary victims of the approved procedure.

--Betsey Westphal

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GUEST RATES:
- Breakfast $2.00
- Lunch $3.00
- Dinner (including Sundays) $4.00
- Special dinners $5.00
- Brunch $3.00
CONVOCATION

The second semester of Bryn Mawr's 96th academic year opened with Convocation on January 19th. President McPherson, Haverford Vice President Steve Cary, and Professors Jose Ferrater-Mora and Elizabeth Foster spoke on topics that ranged from disco parties to student-teacher evaluations, greased pigs to possible changes in the Bryn Mawr constitution.

President McPherson mentioned the possibility that the "Dean's Fun Fund" might sponsor a disco party this February. Last semester, the fund paid for a Dean's Tea in Denbigh Hall. Students' ideas and suggestions will be warmly welcomed by Isabel Montanez or Dean Dunn.

According to Miss McPherson, the College, like the nation, is in a state of transition. She mentioned several of the recent developments and plans for change at Bryn Mawr. An anonymous alumna's pledge will establish a chair in philosophy to honor Professor Emeritus Milton Charles Nahm.

While the decision on plans for a new gym is yet to be made, the Board of Trustees has voted to renovate the kitchens in Haffen and Rhodes Halls. Dean Dunn and the student committee members will discuss possible academic changes at the college, as the Curriculum Committee looks at the curricula of today and tomorrow.

The second speaker, Mr. Ferrater-Mora, discussed the way in which students and teachers see each other. Teachers rarely get to know students well, and so their evaluations of student work are "deplorably incomplete." Caution is very necessary in determining a student's marks, for "a grade is a grade is a grade." While students may from time to time think that professors grade harshly, Ferrater-Mora suggested that this reflects a high opinion of the students' intelligence; therefore students "have to pay the penalty" of high expectations.

Students judge the quality of a course. At times, they judge poorly, Mr. Ferrater-Mora said; "If a course is liked, it's good; otherwise it stinks." Students do, however, attempt other evaluations, asking what effects will be produced by the course. A class that at first seems difficult may end by being deep and challenging, for "our judgements are constantly modified by time." Mr. Ferrater-Mora responded to Miss McPherson's hopes that he share some "wit and wisdom" by saying at the end of his speech that "This may not be witty, but I'm convinced it's wise."

Relations between Haverford and Bryn Mawr are at times amusing, and Miss McPherson referred to some in her introduction of Haverford Vice President Stephen Cary:

"It's Steve who always knows where the Maypoles have been cached." But Mr. Cary, who will be retiring this semester, parried, "Who let the greased pig loose in Canaday? Who put the flags on this august building?"

A Bryn Mawr ty, apparently, but he conceded that "After one hundred years, I think it's time Haverford let your Maypoles alone."

Co-operation, however, will continue, and touching on other aspects of the two schools, Mr. Cary said that Bryn Mawr's "academic distinction...greatly enriches us." He admired the "largeness of spirit" with which Bryn Mawr accepted coeducation, and hoped that Haverford might show the same if a like situation should occur. He closed his speech with "Thank God for Bryn Mawr College," doubtless winning many a loyal heart.

Mrs. Foster, an expert on England's parliament, spoke on constitutional changes at Bryn Mawr. When first she came, she was impressed by Bryn Mawr's sense of order, exemplified by a faculty code, by-laws and academic regulations; however, Mrs. Foster stressed that changes must be made, for as time passes teachers and students inevitably leave their roles, creating new situations. She is confident, that Bryn Mawr's constitution will grow in an orderly way as students and faculty interact with the Administration.

Miss McPherson suggested that we approach the year and its changes vigorously: "And now, to work, with enthusiasm and zest."

--Ellen Medearis

ENERGY STUDY PREPARED

An Energy Conservation Study was prepared for Bryn Mawr College last summer by Samuel Miller of Hauser's Enterprises. Energy costs at Bryn Mawr have risen from $400,000 per year in 1972 to $1.1 million per year in 1980. Six and a half percent of the College's annual budget is now destined for energy expenses. The report recommends that the College return to reliance on gas or coal. Installation of more storm windows, insulation, caulking, and control systems to lower hall temperatures at night would further reduce energy costs. The valves and timers of boilers in Cartref, Rhodes and the Science Building are already being repaired. A summary of the Energy Conservation Study is on reserve in Canaday Library.

--Florence Fusc