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The annual Women's College Conference took place March 6-8 at Douglass College in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Lynn Gordon, Heidi Pemberton, Cella Harquail, and Grazetta Frutti attended as the representatives from Bryn Mawr.

"Images of women" was chosen as the theme of this year's activities. According to Lynn Gordon, the two most outstanding parts of the Conference were Tulla Sessions' presentation, "Women I Have Known," and the keynote address by Karen Burstein, former New York State Senator. The conference panel addressed the theme of residence disputes. "Residence issues are really a caveat for more underlying and deeply-felt issues in the community as a whole," said Ms. Bouchez, who feels that a complete analysis of the questionnaire results will address not only the residence problems, but the role of cooperation and the way Bryn Mawr prepares its students for the future.

The questionnaire was compiled with the assistance of Bryn Mawr sociology professor Sheila Bennett and distributed in the spring of 1980. Fifty percent of Bryn Mawr students responded. Ms. Konecko commented that both the students and members of the Administration were encouraged and interested in the project. She added that volunteers who would like to help with the presentation of the results are welcome to contact her in Rockefeller (x 6126).

The questionnaire, which contained questions about the educational and social environment of the College and the personal plans of the respondents, also addressed the issue of Bryn Mawr's commitment to feminism. Similar broad scale studies have been conducted at other institutions. Comparisons between the studies may be useful in the future, said Ms. Konecko, who feels that the questionnaire was a thought-provoking experience for the students. She added that she hopes the results will spur further discussion among members of the Bryn Mawr community.

---Alison Pierce

**Residence raises some important questions**

This year's Hall Draw dealt with several controversial issues, among which were prosed that students in the "Freshman Ghettos" would have to live in Bryn Mawr single-sex halls, a dining hall in a single-residence hall, and the single-sex/coed status of Bryn Mawr halls. The Customs Committee recommended reserved rooms for Customs teams in order to place these teams as close as possible to their freshmen. This would enable freshmen to find their Customspeople more easily and overcome which would hurt up residence dispute. Residence Council must provide rooms for Customs people, Haverford women chose to live there this past year. Three, however, signed open residence-issue. Allowing all Haverford women who wish to live single-sex to do so would give them an unfair advantage over their coed counterparts.

The issue this year was not so much whether or not to allow the women to live single-sex here at all, but rather, which halls to open to them. At the March open residence-issue meeting, students spoke of non-discrimination against Haverford women on the basis of their school, but assured students that "the only even option... is that there should be only one single-sex hall open to these women. Residence Council's decision was to open the single-sex halls one at a time on a yearly rotating basis, so that two, and possibly three, will open for the fall of next year, then Rockefeller, then Haverford, and finally the single-sex hall. Residence Council voted not to open the rooms.

Head of Residence Council, Janice Sebring explained that the choice of a room is a very special thing to her and her students.

Bryn Mawr is setting aside single-sex space for women only in its own campus as well, and several Bryn Mawr women have chosen the single-sex option at Haverford.

---Susan Davies
Dear Miss McPherson,  

I would like to report that we at Fantasy Island will be able to accommodate your fantasy after all! It took much planning. A private jet will be waiting for you and the senior class at the Philadelphia airport. We will be assisting you with your call to me here on the island.  

I would like to clear up some of the details if I may. We will be able to duplicate some of the details if I may. We will be able to duplicate the fire, but unfortunately we have been unable to create the severe material filled the first floor with dense and irritating smoke. After the evacuation, a security guard from the Graduate School draw. The fire department was called. Only one official fire number will be given to each residence hall. This raised the possibility of turning either Radnor or Brecon single-sex. The students, specifically the Residence Council, whether or not to turn a coed hall into a single sex hall, is their mandate. This left it up to the Trustees, prompted by student agitation. The Pew Foundation won't mind?  

If you would have polled the whole student body, it would have been held at Denbigh during the year. Most of the other alarms were caused by smoke from tea pantries (designed to accommodate the bulk of the population) or by electrical malfunction. This was the second trash fire within a week, the first was the fire in the trash can in Vernon basement on April 6.  

Sincerely,  

Mr. Roarke  
P.S. Do you really think the Pew Foundation won't mind?  

Dear Miss McPherson,  

The students assumed that to gain a "single-sex dining hall" at least one single-sex residence hall would have to go coed; no one at that point how low the exchange rate would be. Although one person argued for a single hall in a single-sex hall was "important enough to at least being considered," the overwhelmingly feeling was that keeping the single-sex halls as they are was more feasible. For a hall as a language house, would stay coed more or less automatically. "We'd all hate to gain a "single-sex dining hall," Residence Council President McPherson has outraged and disgruntled people when fewer women at Haverford increases. Heyduck commented on the percentage change, I don't think it's important.  

The future of the exchange is uncertain, she said, for Haverford has cut the number of women at Haverford increases. To "swing" a hall single-sex, Brecon is not included, as is currently the case, as a language house, would stay coed more or less automatically.  

President McPherson has open office hours every Monday from 11-12. The lost and found is in the secretary's office in Thomas.

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In 1976, an anonymous donation of $100,000 was made to Bryn Mawr College for the express purpose of facilitating investment of the sum in 1980. This sum was designated to the Student Investment Committee. The Student Investment Committee was then formed to autonomously manage the sum, with the expressions of no restrictions or regulations from the administration.

The fund has been invested primarily in stocks. The one venture into the commodities market (1) resulted in a loss of $75,000, which was delisted wildly, and a put (2) placed on the sugar was declared invalid. Following this incident, the committee indicates that the committee took a rather conservative turn, buying heavily into bonds and preferred stocks (3).

This year’s committee has made some radical changes in its investment posture in light of several considerations. The bond market has been slumping, and a high rate of inflation is needed for equity appreciation. (4) Also, under the wings of the College endowment, the committee has to keep current on the market and it also has no need to be invested in a heavily income-oriented portfolio.

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Among Bryn Mawr’s traditions, Plenary was unique. For practically no undergraduate is left who remembers a Plenary which reached quorum. Nonetheless, there was a time when all-college student meetings were integral to self-government. In the year 1889–1891, in fact, it was at such a meeting that students founded the original “Bryn Mawr Students’ Association,” later to become Denbigh dining hall.

As Dean Dunn estimated, Plenary was integral to student opinion. We students had revealed to them that McPherson, speaking to an association of faculty members, was unable to answer the question, “Whose membership included all Bryn Mawr undergraduates, however, no such information problems among the students; its governing body was similar in function to our present Honor Board, though without an academic role. Its Constitution was the equivalent of our Constitution and Honor Code. Combined, this document provided that the entire Association should meet together at least once a year. “Two thirds of those present, or of the Association if the Assembly is less, shall constitute a quorum,” stipulated the Constitution.

With the student body numbering only 100 or so, calling two-thirds of them together was quite a challenge. Quorum questions arose, though, even then. The class of ‘95 sang of the student meetings in the very words “no.”

May you always have a quorum oh, this we do implore! And never have to watch it feeling softly to the door!

By the late 1920’s the student government rules for conduct were becoming thoroughly obsolete. One of the Reps, agreed to gather to present a strong suggestion. Certainly the student body agreed that the dining hall second semester; and a higher chance for students’ participation.

6) An alums reported to a student that President McPherson, speaking to an alumni group, had revealed to them that the Denbigh dining hall was closed for good and the Rhodes dining hall might soon follow it.

7) Kitchen equipment disappeared from the Denbigh kitchen, presumably for use elsewhere. Just to restore the kitchen and dignity of the place, the student body decided that Denbigh dining hall would be open second semester, and a higher chance for students’ participation.

One alums was quoted as saying to a student: “You really had it when you were students, you.”

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To revive Plenary, a report was made to the student body.

9) The Trustees’ decision was that the Denbigh dining hall second semester would be financially unfeasible.

My point is not that this decision was correct but that it was the Administration seems to have made a point, though not in the normal decision-making process, of consistently dodging student opinion. We students were through in seizing what opportunities we could, and doing it our own way.

Our message was clear—“reopen Denbigh, the sooner the better!”—and backed up with practical financial suggestions. Certainly the constitution—relaxing smoking and alcohol permitting smoking, and so forth—was in self-government was restored. The next major crisis was during World War II, when again students rebelled against the policy of having communal dining. Again the Association met together and proposed the policies of student government in the words “no.”

But this time the dissenters were many.

When in the Constitution was updated. To avoid these crises in the future, the students added a clause mandating a reevaluation of the Constitution and all its rules of conduct. From this requirement: without a quorum and a successful ratification vote periodically, SGA would be disbanded and the Honor Code—which eventually replaced the “rules” section of the Constitution—would be disbanded.

One such ratification year was ‘74–’75; so in January 75 SGA called a Plenary. An SGA officer presented the discussion was eligibility requirements for SGA office. From such evidence that there was living on the Bryn Mawr campus were voting members of both SGA and their own student government—as they made, even if they could not then hold elected positions in SGA. At this the Haverfordians present—who as SGA members counted towards quorum—staged a massive walk-out, and quorum evaporated. The Constitution and Honor Code were still unratified.

Three days later Plenary reconvened for an emergency session. The Constitution was unratified. The process was fast approaching. To lose the Honor Code and the Senate system was an grim prospect. The 558 students present reconsidered the question of Haverfordians eligibility and passed it, this time, by the slim margin of seven votes. They then effectively acquitted further discussion on the issue, and possible revotes, by passing a “gag law”: no further motions or revotes would be permitted as they ratified, section by section, the rest of the Constitution and Honor Code. In this way the Haverfordians won the privilege of holding SGA office, which has lasted to this day.

The next ratification year was ‘76–’77. “A lot of people put in a lot of work” said Doris Heinrich. “We proposed the Constitution and Honor Code clause.” But the next year was a “review” year for the Constitution and Honor Code clause. The committee drafted another revised version, which included an amendment to the Constitution and Honor Code clause. The Plenary was in order. In January 79, therefore, SGA tried to lower quorum to 51.

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Leann believes that "there is a need to renovate Pembroke because we are in comparing ourselves with other schools" to learn how others handle problems similar to those just aren't working out." (The number of students in the exchange dropped slightly this year; Residence Council has taken percentage of men in coed halls rather than to make a coed hall single-sex.) She is opposed to single-sex living in Brecon because of the security risk, and agrees with the decision to have a women's hall open to Haverford women: "it might help stop some of the stereotyping."

She says that she likes "the flexibility of cooperation" and supposes to have right now. "I don't think we should have any more cooperation, so each school should be the one to choose in Pembroke West for the next term."

When asked how her reactions were to an article in the April 3 issue of The News which proposed that Bryn Mawr should go coed, Leann said that it "sent me into a complete panic."

She believes that Bryn Mawr is "an environment that's supportive of women."

One issue that is currently facing Bryn Mawr is the possible reduction of federal money for financial aid. "I just see it as a real crisis situation," said Leann. The SGA, with the Dean's office and QM, is trying to find the percentage of students interested in remaining on campus to help defray some of the expenses. The Office of the Dean is in charge of a new type of financial aid program to help students who are "undone." Increased cooperation with Swarthmore is another consideration.

Investment
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"Commodities" refers to things grown or found in the earth, for example sugar, corn, soybeans, wheat, potatoes, cotton, plywood, silver, gold, platinum. Commodities investment carries a relationship usually attributable to the heavy impact of uncontrollable factors, such as weather and politics (for example Africa and S. America). Leann believes that there is an advantage to be had just being "out of the SGA all year. "I see it as a real crisis situation," stated Leann. The SGA, with the Dean's office and QM, is sending three representatives to Washington, D.C. to present the problems, and to learn about educational spending.

Margot Gonzalez, representing the High School architectural firm which has drawn up designs for Pembroke West, held a meeting with Pembroke West residents on April 3 to inform them of the changes planned. The major priorities, said Gonzalez, will be to increase safety, bring Pembroke West up to the Life Safety standards and to deal with deferred maintenance problems. Plans include fire and sprinkler systems, complete fluorescent lighting to save energy, a new heating system, and the addition of a new dormitory room on the third floor. In all probability Dagit Saylor architectural firm has fallowed the lines of diversification and investment in growth stocks, which realistically, is one of the few routes available in maintaining real value through period of high inflation.

4. Options are a type of defensive strategy. A "CALL" or a "PUT" can be purchased for a given time period; this gives the individual the right to buy or sell a given stock or commodity at a fixed (agreed upon) price, regardless of the actual price of that stock or commodity. For example, a CALL on Caesar's world at 50 for 3 months would mean that an individual purchasing the CALL reserves the right to buy shares in the company at the price of $50/share any time during the month of expiration, even if (and especially if) the price of the stock rises above 50.

Bonds and blue chip stocks are the most commonly invested in commodities. Bonds are 1/4% given to an individual who has "lent" money to a corporation in return for investment payments on the principle. Shareholders have first shot at the assets of the firm, should it fail. "Blue chips" refer to the most stable, established stocks on the market. They usually pay regular dividends. The cost of this stability, however, is generally slow growth.

5. A PUT refers to the price of an option on stocks, i.e. the ratio of the price to the actual dividends earned per share of stock. A high "P/E" figure is also termed "expensive" relative to what it is earning in payments; investments which generally indicate an element of investor speculation in a company (investors are expecting high dividends and high price appreciation). High P/E's tend to accompany stocks of fast growing companies, or companies which are anticipated to have a high growth margin. Implicit, high, with the hopes of the future earnings have already been discounted in a high price.

Anastasia Song
Secretary
Student Investment Committee
Boulton's lyrics are amusing

Over Spring Break I became the proud possesser of a new album, a nameless independent label (Import/12, the record division of Sugar Scoop, Inc.) by a relatively unknown artist, Amy Boulton from New York. The twelve-inch record includes four songs, three of which are originals; the fourth is a remake of "Talk Talk," a 60's punk rock by Music Machine.

Amy Boulton's songs, "Do Me a Favor," "Sweet Revenge," and "Tres Chichi," range from heavy disco to 60's rock. The first song, "Do Me a Favor," shows the strongest disco influence. "Side A of the record is a super-disco version of this song, complete with appropriate moans. Don't let that throw you off, though; the words are satirical, biting, and funny. They make even the moans worthwhile. If you prefer your disco without appropriate sound effects, side B has a moanless version.

The lyrics are the most important part of this album. They are songs. In this one, speaking to her boyfriend, she says:

You're begging for attention of some sort, there is no doubt. You love to make the girlsine scream and watch them all pass by. They look at you with lusty eyes and hope that you'll respond. I thought you'd like to take you In the back and try you How do I make you Don't be so cool.

—Debi Nathanson

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new amendment lowered quorum not for future, but only for future amendments!

The January Plenary attempt missed even the 512 quorum, a figure by about 80. Why bother going and voting on a new Constitution, students probably asked, when the old one wasn't going to expire? Honor Board record-keeping was also a major issue in this discussion. Students cared too little to stay. Then came the March Plenary, called in another attempt to vote on the restructured Constitution. A second agenda item was to set a firm stance on coeducation at Haverford. Quorum for Plen Pulley was not clearly defined, however. The newly-elected Steering Committee decided to bring the quorum question to the March Plenary. Although the vote was not clear, the Steering Committee stated that it was a "mass meeting" at which quorum consisted of at least a few. Those present voted that no, they did not have authority to make decisions on behalf of the whole student body. Sense-of-the-meeting discussion focused not on the agenda items but on how

Strengthened with excellent singing and tight pacing, the Juniors’ "Sobbed" was a fine production of a rather lean script. Helen Emmett's fine job of keeping the situation at the forefront, combined with eye and comic. The plot follows a film crew through the filming of several scenes of a recent James Bond movie. Factors complicating the situation are a feud between the Techie and the Director (Jonathan Snipes) who isn't virile enough for his leading lady (Jenny Brown), nor interested enough in his director (Heidi Pemberton).

The character assimilating all of this action is Jane (Billarie Gaylin), a good-hearted techie who finds that show biz isn't all that it is cracked up to be. Miss Gaylin's character (the real "director" of the play, as she can "freeze" all actors and then help in the rescue the rather inept Bond from the peripherals predicates set. Bunt and Bunt, two players acting the SPECTRE agents (very capably done by Beth Dukbry and Ellen Cartsonis) spur mass walk out, led by Jane, of the entire technical crew. Jane's change of heart alters the entire movie as everyone finally concedes the necessity of having both Actors and Teches. As is traditional in Musical Comedy, the techies take on the role of the villain: "Bond" and "Spectre" join the movie.

The play seems to be half made of songs which are the final off the voices of the main performers. Miss Gaylin's beautiful stage voice highlighted "Life behind the Wicked Stage" and "Bye, Bye Filmfile." Jenny Brown and Jonathan Snipes gave fine performances of "Would I Be Lovelier," describing their contrasting requirements for love in "Love, Love, Love" by Jane, another techie. The Teches, Stage Manager, and the two SPECTRE agents co-curate future Plenaries. Bunt's of the entire tech crew of the Honor Board, repeated last year's proposal for yearly Honor Code ratification.

This time the sense of the meeting was in favor. Sky Bradshaw '79 proposed reinstating it for the following year. This too was approved.

Last year was a without Plenary attempt. This year, however, is another Constitutional review year. The SCA Restructuring Committee, headed by Anne Liu on piano and Bob DeNatale on drums. The techies went it alone for the first two hours of their presentation and then took a two-hour break. After the break, Phil Emmett did a fine job of keeping the situation at the forefront, combined with eye and comic.

The high point, comedically, was a chase scene involving Jane, standing in for Bond, escaping with Rata, who looked at the audience while the in-joke agent overlooked them. Heidi Pemberton as the sympathetic director turned in a very funny performance as a woman who seemed to be carrying a second character right out of "Dallas." Phil Obbard was suitably henpecked as her minion.

Unfortunately, Thursday night's performance was marred by several lengthy scene changes which could perhaps have been avoided by having the "techies" move the props with the lights on. The audience was led to some indecision in the lighting both on several occasions.

Although this performance was not nearly as witty as last year's Junior Show, this year's play had much more substance.

—Ruth Clark

MAYBE DANCING

Tuesday, April 11 1:30
Wednesday, April 12 4:30
(Accepted one of these)

Thursday, April 30 (Candidacy & mandatory)
12-12:30 freshmen
12:30-1 seniors
1:30-2 juniors
2-4:30 seniors
5-7:30 graduate students

Muse as Merger story.

A mere 28 registered when Plenary was announced last January. Steering Committee promptly cancelled the Plenary. The new amendment was not without disadvantages: it spared students a two-hour quorum wait.

Four years have passed since a Plenary reached quorum. Four attempts have failed. Is Plenary still a valid Bryn Mawr institution? Should we lower quorum still further? Should we ratify current or fines? Abolish all quotas in favor of a "quorum consists of at least..." rule? Or end Plenary for good? The new administration will consider such questions. Plenary, that is, is one of the best in my collection. And while it may not be everyone's cup of tea, it is one of the best in my collection.

She is sarcastic on the second, machine. Amy's voice changes to listen to and her record invective against her boyfriend, wasn't going to expire? Honor was missed even the 51% quorum going and voting on a new amendments!

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