U.S. Rep Nita Lowey '59 to Speak at Commencement

By Catherine Grandy

U.S. Representative Nita Lowey has been selected as the keynote speaker at the 1994 Commencement exercises. A 1959 graduate of Mount Holyoke College, Lowey has represented New York's 16th district in the House of Representatives since 1988, when she defeated a two-term incumbent. She currently sits on a number of committees, including the House Appropriations Committee, of which she has been a member since January, 1993. Within that committee, Lowey has become the leading advocate for increased funding for breast cancer research and aid to Israel.

Lowey is also a member of the Foreign Operations Subcommittee and the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee. As chair of the Pro-Choice Task Force of the Congressional Caucus on Women’s Issues, she has worked to include comprehensive reproductive services in health care reform, and to ensure that all women have access to safe and legal abortions. Before her election to Congress, Lowey served in the New York Department of State from 1975 to 1987, and was assistant secretary of state from 1985 to 1987.

Lowey was chosen as the Commencement speaker after a long process which began in September. The Commencement Committee, chaired by Nicole Friederichs '94, assembled a list of possible speakers based on voting by the senior class. From there, people were contacted and invited to speak, and Lowey agreed to return to her alma mater to speak and receive an honorary degree from Mount Holyoke.

"We are definitely pleased with the decision," said Friederichs. "Her file of accomplishments is astounding." W. Stephen Jeffrey, director of external affairs, also participated in the selection process. "I believe the process has improved this year. We made inquiries of the list sooner than in years past."

"We are accelerating the process," said Jeffrey. "We need more lead time to secure the person that the seniors would like to have as their speaker."

Anthony Lake Speaks About Foreign Policy

Student Leadership Awards Also Presented

By Julia Price Hinton

National Security Adviser Anthony Lake addressed the Mount Holyoke community at second semester Convocation on Wednesday, January 26 in Abbey Chapel.

Lake, who is on leave as a Five College professor of International Relations, has just completed his first year as Assistant to the President for Foreign Affairs. In his speech, Lake focused on the Clinton administration's foreign relations successes over the past year and its goals for the next three years. He also stressed the importance of foreign affairs to students and those just entering the job market.

A major theme in Lake's speech was the interdependence of domestic and foreign affairs. He stated that we must reach beyond our borders and engage the rest of the world because decisions made in distant countries could have a profound effect on domestic affairs.

In addition to Lake's speech, several student leaders were also honored at Convocation. Jennifer Unger '95 was recognized as the winner of the Karen Snyder Sullivan Award. Cheslie Shaw '94 and Maryann Villarreal '94 received Mount Holyoke College Community Service Awards, which are given by the College Bookstore.

The Maurice L. Rabinoff Award, was presented to Nikola Smith '94. The award, established in 1978, recognizes a student "who has made an outstanding contribution to the life of the College." The winner of the Senior honors thesis award for the 1993-94 academic year was also announced.

Students Await the Arrival of Microwaves

By Karin LaBelle

Upon returning to Mount Holyoke, students were supposed to be greeted with a new microwave in each residence hall. But, students found nothing but their empty kitchenettes and a promise that microwaves would be coming soon.

The necessity of microwaves in the residence halls was brought to the attention of the Student Trustee Council last semester. Although meals are provided in the residence halls, the microwaves make life easier for busy students. "I think that with students limited time scheduled it is helpful so that students can provide their own meals when it is a better time for them," said Jenny Unger '95. But, not only are microwaves necessary for practical concerns, it also makes residential living more enjoyable because students can easily fix snacks.

Providing a microwave to all students in a public area will also combat against cooking in the rooms. It is "better that microwaves are not in rooms, but in space where we can monitor them," Unger said.

According to Michelle Rosenthal, director of residential life, "Students should begin to see [microwaves] popping up soon. The microwaves have been received, but are sitting in storage because Building and Grounds has been too busy because of floods and other problems. However, they are now assessing the suggested locations."

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especially significant contribution to the life of Mount Holyoke.

Smith was "very excited that the College recognized some of the things I was trying to do." She has been active throughout her years at Mount Holyoke in APAU, serving as both co-chair and chair of the organization. She also served as co-chair of the Passages Orientation Board, co-director of Shades of Expression and sung with Voices of Faith.

Smith has also taught at Mount Holyoke’s child care center and at Holyoke Magnet Middle School.

Sophia Rhea Parkes ’94 received the Helen Warren Smith Award, which was established in 1979 by Smith, a member of the class of 1908. This award is given to a student who has dedicated herself to the Mount Holyoke College community and who had displayed outstanding service and involvement.

Parkes appreciated the award because it showed her that she has made a difference both at Mount Holyoke and outside the College. She stated that "you do these things with-out wanting to be recognized, but it felt good that somebody took notice."

Parkes is an outstanding member of the track team, and she has also been a member of the Student Government Association and the International Club. In addition, Parkes traveled as a spokeswoman for the office of admissions. Outside of the Mount Holyoke community, Parkes has done a great deal of work in inner-city urban renewal, most recently in Jamaica.

Funteller Thomas FP ’94 received the Frances H. Williams Award, established in 1981 by members of her family. The award is presented annually to a minority student who "best exemplified the capacity to create a dream and the passion to pursue it, the ability to soar with that goal whether it be academic excellence, social justice, or service to others."

Thomas was honored to receive the award, and she felt that it made her feel "connected to the larger community of outstanding Mount Holyoke women."

Thomas has been active in many organizations at Mount Holyoke, including three Laboratory Theater productions, various singing groups on campus, the Student Government Association and she has worked as a peer counselor. She has also been active in teaching in South Africa and through the World Literacy Teaching Program.

In addition to these awards, 18 students received Student Leadership and Service Awards. Recognized for their achievements in many different areas of campus life, these students were nominated by the community.


Public Safety Log
December 23 1:07 a.m. A fire was started by a candle in Pearson Hall. The fire department ventilated the building and, and Buildings and Grounds cleaned up water and fire damage. The matter is under investigation.

December 27 8:25 a.m. A student’s car was stolen some time between 12/22 and 12/25. The car was found damaged on 12/25 by Holyoke police. The case is under investigation.

January 5 3:19 p.m. A student reported a sexual assault that occurred last semester. The suspect is known and the case is under investigation.

January 10 10:35 p.m. There was a report of a known suspicious person in Mary Woolley Hall. Crime prevention material was distributed.

January 19 8:26 p.m. A report of an aggravated assault occurring on 01/16/94. A security alert was previously circulated. An investigation is ongoing.

January 23 2:58 p.m. There was a report made of suspicious material found in a dorm room in Safford Hall. The matter is under investigation.

January 26 3:48 p.m. A student reported a stereo stolen from Pearson Hall storage area. The case is being investigated.

5:12 p.m. A student reported a stolen bicycle. The matter is under investigation.

6:30 p.m. Officers observed an individual operating a vehicle erratically. Upon interviewing the individual, he was determined to be intoxicated and placed into protective custody.

January 29 10:10 a.m. An injured student was transported from Ham Hall to the health center.

4:48 p.m. There was a report of a parked car hit by an unknown vehicle. The matter is under investigation.

9:10 p.m. There has been a report of annoying calls at Ham Hall.

January 31 3:55 p.m. There was a report of two missing films from Blanchard Campus Center, believed to be stolen. The situation is under investigation.

6:55 p.m. There was a report of smoke coming from the basement of Buckland Hall. The cause is believed to be a cigarette disposed of in the trash chute.

PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICES

• Public safety is required by law to protect the identity of victims/survivors of sexual assaults while still providing basic information about the incident to the college community. Sexual assault victims/survivors are encouraged to use Public Safety as a resource and as a place to record the facts of the incident. Victims/survivors make decisions about prosecution and campus sanctions. In cases where the offender is a risk to the community, Public Safety will circulate a safety alert with as much information about the situation as possible without jeopardizing the victim/survivor.

• Students are encouraged to leave their vehicles parked in student lots when a snow storm is expected. Parking vehicles overnight in faculty/staff parking impede plowing operations. Anytime there is a snowfall of two or more inches, vehicles must be removed from the roadways (including faculty/staff lots). Vehicles impeding snow removal may be ticketed and towed.

• Public safety has taken a number of reports of vehicles damaged by falling snow and ice from the roofs of buildings. We encourage people to avoid parking in spaces next to buildings. The college has placed a number of signs indicating parking is at your own risk in these locations.

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NEW NIGHTLY MENU ITEMS:
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Inclusiveness Day Dominates SGA Senate Discussion

By Rachel Scher

The Student Government Association's first meeting of the semester on Monday, January 31. Already, SGA members are rolling up their sleeves and preparing for a busy semester. Many students asked questions and offered suggestions about the issues that need to be tackled.

Inclusiveness Day

Jackie Rad '95 and John Grayson, associate professor of religion, addressed the SGA. Both students served on the Committee for a Multicultural Racial Community, which is comprised of students and faculty members. Grayson explained that the committee has no agenda per se, but tries to respond to campus concerns and to assist organizations at their request. On Monday night, the committee put Inclusiveness Day, which made its debut last semester, in the spotlight.

Jackie expressed concern about the apathy of the Mount Holyoke community. She said, "I felt we were doing something great for the community... something the student body had been crying out for... by providing a day on which students could learn more about how to communicate with each other. However, there was poor student and faculty attendance.

Rad suggested that the lack of interest could be attributed to many factors: little student involvement in planning the day, inadequate explanation of the purpose of the day, and frustration with cancelling classes for inclusiveness events. Rad appealed to the SGA to drum up student support for next year's Inclusiveness Day so that last semester's apathy is not repeated.

Community Remarks

Paul Ominsky, director of public safety, updated the SGA about changes in his department. Ominsky also answered several questions, primarily regarding parking on campus. Ominsky realizes that some parking regulations are unclear, but he reassured the SGA that they are being reevaluated.

If anyone feels that she has been ticketed unfairly, public safety encourages her to appeal the ticket.

All-Campus Meeting

On February 14, there will be an all-campus meeting in the Audrman Auditorium. President Kenmann and Anita Smith, director of admissions, will be on hand to answer questions posed by students.

Organizational representatives mentioned a variety of concerns that they would like discussed at the meeting. These concerns include the marketing plan, admissions and recruiting rates and the process for finding a Commencement speaker.

Current Campus Issues

President Michele Similas '94 asked the senators to voice any issues that they would like to bring attention to. Some students expressed concern about the lack of student workers, dissatisfaction with the amount of time it takes to build buildings and grounds and the process for responding to serious problems, such as flooding. Ominsky, the installation of microphones in the residence halls and need for student support for Students Organized Against Racism.

Improvements in Blanchard

Dr. Lorenz, director of student activities, briefly outlined the changes being made in Blanchard Campus Center. The game room is undergoing a complete metamorphosis. In place of the video games that used to stand unused, there is now a juke machine and a soda machine; a snack machine is on the way. For those who miss the games, there is now a Sega Genesis system available for use.

Two more campus phones have been added: one near room 207, and another near the rest rooms on the main floor. The telephone near the bookstore will either be moved to a more visible location, or a sign will be posted to remind students about the phone's location.

Elvers promised to find out more information about jewelry vendors and who their relationship is to the campus Bookstore. He is also looking for a better system that allows campus organizations to know about each other's events.

By Emily Danahum

A recording device is now in place in the public safety department which monitors all incoming calls through public safety lines.

Those using the listed number X2304 for either emergency or business reasons, and those using the blue light phones will now be greeted with a beep followed by "Public safety, your call is being recorded." Paul Ominsky, director of public safety, said, "The College is committed to the public safety department, so we have a responsibility to be excellent and continue to look for ways to improve upon that excellence."

These days, part of that quest for excellence includes addressing student complaints of rudeness on the part of the college operators by implementing a voice activated system to record incoming calls to public safety. Although the use of the recording system does not record calls to the college operator (I) that seem to be the source of the complaints, the operator response to emergency calls through X2304 and blue light phones is being recorded.

Catherine Borz, telephone director, responded to complaints by saying, "I think that students interpret brevity as rudeness, but when you have only one operator handling Public Safety calls during the day, and only two at night, you have to be brief. You have a responsibility to every student on campus, so you need to move from one call to the next rather quickly."

Borz stated that it was a source of frustration to the operators that instead of using their directions, students continue to phone the operator for campus numbers. "When requests come in to the College operator, we can tell at once where the student is calling from. And large they are in their rooms, and since every student is issued a directory, it is difficult to understand why they don't use them."

By Emily Danahum

Borz commented that "in addition to being able to tell the location of the caller, the operator would also be able to tell whether the telephone number requested was different from the listed number. If the number has been changed, we understand the reason for the call, but if the student just doesn't bother to use her directory—then you just have to be brief. Other calls are coming in all the time, and some require immediate attention in the form of a dispatch."

Ominsky emphasized Borz's and the operators' commitment to serving the community. "I don't see this as a big problem. I would say that 99 percent of the time, everything is going great. These people here are seriously interested in helping out the students and faculty who call in to Public Safety, and this recording equipment contributes to that in several different ways."

Ominsky stated that the tapes provided accountability to the community in the case of operator handling. "If there is any question of how the call was handled, we now have a record that we can refer back to.

The tapes are also useful in emergency and training situations. "This system allows the operator to relay a message, should she have missed the location or any other information given by the caller. In addition, since emergency situations often result in frantic calls, the machine can replay the message at half speed so that the call is understandable, and an officer can be dispatched to the correct location with due expediency."

The tapes provide the opportunity for operators to listen to calls and learn the correct procedure for handling various emergency situations.

Ominsky stated, "I see this as a technical leap forward. We plan to connect the recording system to the dispatch system so that the call will be recorded from the moment the operator answers the phone to dispatching an officer to the student's location to the last response from the officer after the immediate situation has been resolved."

Ominsky again emphasized that this would not provide accountability to the community, but also a valuable training tool for both public safety operators and officers.
EDITORIALS
Making the Grade
From the State of the Union Address to Larry King Live to Anthony Lake's Convocation address last Wednesday, the Clinton administration has been tooting its own horn.

Not that the administration has resorted to blind optimism. Clinton and his official rhetoric towards Russia, health care needs, Korea, welfare inefficiency, uncontrollable domestic violence and the rest of America's problems with address, yet not without the most popular determinations to change them.

Nor, indeed, is a little tooting out of order, as some of the accomplishments have been extraordinary — especially on the international front. Say what you will about NAFTA, the understanding health care plan, the federal budget legislation or the Brady Bill, but no one can dispute the good in the very real prospect of having Russia's nuclear weapons turned away from us for the first time in decades. It is a staggering and wonderful thought.

But, as Lake was one of the first to point out, a great many of the administration's accomplishments are incomplete; they are first stages, steps toward the ultimate goals. He spoke of how they have "worked to create more American jobs through more open trade and exports," "worked...to achieve a nuclear-free Korea," the Partnership for Peace which should "lead to NATO's enlargement without dividing Europe anew," and so forth. The verbs here describe processes, not done deals.

And there are a great many wranglers ready to throw themselves into the workings of these lofty processes. Russia, whose transformation into a democratic society is crucial to America's future, is besieged by difficulty — its economic reforms are threatened by hyperinflation, its social reform by the persistence of poverty, and its credibility by its increasing aggressions towards neighboring countries, such as Latvia. The newly-occupied Ukraine, though becoming nuclear-free, is endangered by the rebellious Crimeans. North Korea continues to refuse inspection and to court aggression. The military continues to look out the legitimate Haitian government. War rages on in former Yugoslavia. The list is lengthy, disquieting and a threat to all the wonderful "accomplishments" the Clinton administration has claimed thus far.

No wonder Lake exhorted us to "get involved in the world of foreign policy." Our democratic ideals and high standards for human rights are not the only things endangered in the modern global community. As Lake said, the "promises and dangers of this new era...are real." We have more to lose than an abstract concept — our prosperity and well-being are and will continue to be at stake.

As the Clinton administration works to make its processes into realized ends, let us work alongside them — not necessarily by going to work for the State Department, but by enlarging our concept of the United States, ourselves and the planet. We are no longer making a single, isolated effort to succeed as a nation; we are all making an attempt to snatch our world.

Found: Commencement Speaker
The College is to be commended for its early determination of a Commencement speaker, especially considering last year's April announcement. The choice of U.S. Representative Nita Lowey is certainly cause for celebration. She is a distinguished woman in her field, as well as a Mount Holyoke alumna. But while she cannot be forgettable with the process by which the College and other speakers are chosen, it is not an easy task. One successful year will not change that fact.

Letters to the Editor
Suffocating Speech
On December 9, 1993, The News published a letter from Susan Bushey '96 that criticized the hyper-sensitivities of the Mount Holyoke community to harmless, trivial remarks. Bushey claimed that this attitude has limited her freedom of speech and expression, and on occasion wrongly labelled her as homophobic — all of which is against the principles of the College. The following is a response to her letter.

By Sara Taylor
I grow weary of hearing straight people like Ms. Bushey whine about how "suffocated" and "frustrated" they feel. Ms. Bushey, try putting yourself in a lesbian's place for a moment. You have no idea what it is like to be "suffocated" or "frustrated." You have no idea what it is like to fear that your parents will not accept you because of who you love. You have no idea what it is like to fear losing your job because of your sexuality. No, in all arenas of life, including this campus, heterosexuals are given license to trump their sexuality and preferences. Lesbians, on the other hand, must remain silent most or all of the time to survive.

I think lesbians would ask you, Ms. Bushey, to realize that it is not our job to make you feel comfortable. If you feel uncomfortable with a lesbian's criticism of the institution and actions of heterosexuality, perhaps you should consider that for a moment. Consider that, when you comment on a guy's "butt," it is usually met with laughter or amusement. When a woman comments on another woman's butt, however, everyone within earshot slams.

I do not advocate objectifying anyone based on his or her body parts. I am simply stating that you need to consider these aspects of the construction of our society. A lesbian's sexuality is submerged into silence by our society; yours is not.

If you would like to help eliminate homophobic on this campus, I suggest you join Spectrum, a campus group which combats homophobia and is always looking for heterosexual allies to join the struggle. If you still think "heterosexism" exists on this campus, I think you missed the point.

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Clinton’s National Security Agenda

**Why It Matters**

By Anthony Lake

It is an extraordinary pleasure to be back at Mount Holyoke. You can go home again. In [the State of the Union address] yesterday, President Clinton spoke about national security in this new era and about our foreign policy progress over the last year. He made it clear that the link between domestic and foreign policy has disappeared, and that the economic interests of the American people are now at the heart of our engagement abroad.

Today, I would like to talk to you about what we have done this year in foreign affairs; why it should matter to you; and why I hope more than a few of you will get involved.

This was a time not too long ago when someone in my position could speak to an audience like this and say: "We are preventing nuclear war. We are deterring Soviet expansion. We are doing our job." Today, that is simply not the case. As the old threats have receded, cracks in the old rationales for global engagement have begun to appear. For these are times of astounding changes. The Cold War is not only over; its demise is already part of your history tests.

But at the same time, some of the world’s challenges hold great dangers for us, especially for your generation. In the face of all these changes — and in the absence of a single defining threat — some Americans have said we should step off the world stage, or at least step to the side. But the fact is that at no time since the end of World War II has it had the need for American leadership been more clear.

So we have three strategic goals: opening new markets for American goods and services as our economy becomes more competitive; adapting our security policies to meet new threats and enlarging the world’s community of democracies. By any measure, this has been a year of accomplishment.

First, we worked to create more American jobs through more open trade and exports. We rejected the piecemeal threats of protectionism by approving NAFTA. We led the world to a new GATT agreement.

Second, we conducted a sweeping Bottom-up of our defense needs. We worked with Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan to destroy their nuclear weapons. In a few months, Russian nuclear missiles will no longer be targeted at us, nor at them. And we worked this year to achieve nuclear-free Korean Peninsula. And we have promoted free societies around the world, from the former Soviet Union to South Africa, from China to Guatemala.

With our European Union partners, we defined new ways to coordinate all our economies, while also helping the new market economies of Europe’s east. With our NATO Allies, we established the Partnership for Peace, which will draw up our new, Soviet and Warsaw Pact adversary defense cooperation and lead to NATO’s enlargement without dividing Europe.

And in Moscow, we pressed Russia’s leaders to stay on course of reform. Reform will not be quick or smooth. Recent events have proven that. But our support for reform must be steady — it is in our own self-interest. But not the success was in our control. If we had not made the choices we did, this could have been a much different year. One way to appreciate that is to use what I will call the George Bailey Test. You remember George — he is the character played by Jimmy Stewart in the holiday classic It’s a Wonderful Life. In that film, the angel Clarence shows him how dreadful life would have been in Bedford Falls without him.

Let me act tonight as the angel Clarence. Let me illustrate in a hypothetical but quite serious way what might have happened in the world if from Japan and others. Imagine, then, what would have happened if President Clinton had sat on the sidelines and allowed NAFTA to go down in defeat. Our credibility would have suffered a major blow. Without our lead- ership, the Clinton administration talks would have collapsed. And hundreds of thousands of new American jobs would never have been created.

What kind of damage would have been done to our interests and standing if we had not withstood heavy pressure for a hasty pull-out from Somalia? What kinds of murderous actions would Iraq be planning today if we had not hit back hard when we discovered their plot to assassinate former President Bush? That is a clear difference, then between this year of accomplishment and the bad year we might otherwise have had. And I want to make just as clear why the outcome matters to you.

Whatever career you choose when you leave this campus, it is likely that the question of how the global economy will shape your options. You will also be able to reap the benefits of democracy’s global revival. And that reason alone is worth your time.

The Single (Payer) Cure

By Liz Kramer

President Clinton spoke about it as his number one goal for this year in his State of the Union address and on Larry King Live.

So why are we getting such a mediocre and complicated bill in place of real health care reform?

If the goals are universal coverage and decreased financial burden for the federal government, the single payer plan is the clear answer.

People try to tell us that the reason we cannot pass this form of health care is that it is "not politically feasible." In other words, that they fear they will be ousted from their positions by angry constituents if they pass a health care system like the one that exists in Canada.

This has been effectively refuted by the Citizens Jury, a 24 member group representing a cross-section of Americans. This group was assembled to get a true feeling of what Americans would prefer if they were fully educated on the choices that are available to the members of Congress.

These citizens, after one week of serious study and deliberating, decided that they strongly support the single payer health care plan put forward by Senator Paul Wellstone of Minnesota.

The benefits of this plan to our nation are multiple. First and foremost, it covers every American for basic health care needs. The federal government would cover all legal residents for a broad range of health services, from primary care to full mental health and substance abuse treatment.

Sounds too good to be true, doesn’t it? One begins to imagine people going to the doctor far more than is necessary, and health care costs skyrocketing.

A study by the Congressional Budget Office, however, has concluded that this is not the case. Visits to medical providers would increase by 12 percent, and many of these visits would be made by people who previously were not able to afford cost reducing preventative care.

Despite this increase in visits, the decrease in bureaucracy and the elimination of the insurance industry would cause overall spending on health care to decrease by up to $10 billion per year in 2003. Compare that to the meager estimate of $37 billion in savings over six years by President Clinton’s plan.

The painful part of the proposal is in the initial stage. The Wellstone plan will require an 8.4 percent payroll on health care and employers and a 2.1 percent income tax on most workers to pay for it. This block of new spending is not as harsh as it first seems, since it replaces the 12 percent of payroll many companies now pay, and 80 percent of the expenses for individuals. The bill would also raise the taxes on items hazardous to our health such as cigarettes, handguns and ammunition.

The positive effects of this plan are innumerable. Think of the 80 percent of homeless who live that way because they are mentally ill, or the babies born with lifelong problems because they did not receive adequate prenatal care.

We cannot let the interests of the insurance and pharmaceutical companies dictate the fate of our nation’s health. If we are going to reform the health care system without the bullet, do the necessary educating of the public, avoid the well-paid lobbyists and get the best possible bill out of the single payer bill.


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Why It Matters

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eonates not only with our ideals, but with our interests. For democracies tend not to
fight one another. They make better partners in trade and diplomacy.

By the same token, your generation will feel the impact of other nations rejecting our busi-
esses. Or if they cripple our cities with terrorism. Or if they recklessly degrade the
environment. Or if one nation, in particular — Russia — reverts to a Cold War posture.
Neither the promise nor the dangers of this new era are
abstract. They are real. They can and will touch our lives.

It matters just as much that you get involved in the world of foreign policy. Let me
back into this by telling you a little bit about my job.

Right now, I wouldn’t trade this job for anything. Because it’s fun. I have been given the
opportunity to have some small influence on American foreign policy at a time of
great change — and therefore great opportunity for creativi-
ty.

When World War II ended, a
debate as old as the republic
remerged over whether to
look outward or turn inward.
The internationalists won that
round.

In 1945, the case for engage-
ment was made by a few influ-
ential advisers called the
“Wise Men.” Today, I don’t
need to tell this audience that
we need more than just “wise
men.” We need the vision and
the vigor of all our young peo-
ple, women and men. For this
new world, like the one that
emerged in the post-war peri-
od, will be shaped by decisions
and actions that stretch across
a full decade.

We need the dedication and
idealism of people like Victoria
Dunham, a recent Mount
Holyoke graduate who now
serves in the Peace Corps in
Africa. Or like Brooke Darby,
class of ’92, who took on the
even heavier hardship of
working with me at the NSC.

Foreign policy work matters
because it can lift the lives of
people across our nation and
around the world. I urge you
to study for the sake of
learning. That is why you are
here. But work also to under-
stand the people whose hopes
and histories give meaning to
our studies. More than any-
thing else — even more than
international relations theory,
as only Vinnie Ferraro can
teach it — that will inspire you
to engage.

FDR once said that
“Governments can err,
Presidents do make mistakes.
But the immortal Dante tells us
that divine justice weighs the
sins of the cold-blooded and
the sins of the warm-blooded
on different scales. Better
the occasional faults of a govern-
ment that lives in a spirit of
charity than the consistent
omissions of a government
frozen in the ice of its own
indifference.”

As you begin this spring
semester, help our nation
break through that ice. Make
this a season of renewal. Make
a difference.

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awaiting his return home.

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Seniors Awarded Community Service Award

By Claire Haley

On Wednesday, January 26, during this year's second semester convocation two students were honored for their devoted involvement in the community. Francesca Shaw '94 and Maryann Villarreal '94 enjoy and are committed to their work in local organizations.

Shaw became involved with the Companion Program in Amberst this year. She describes it as a big sister/little sister organization on a local level. Each volunteer is assigned to a child who needs someone in their lives. The volunteer and the child then meet once a week and do a variety of activities together. "There are a lot of kids out there who have had a tough time yet are still normal kids," said Shaw. "It is important for them to have an adult not directly in their lives who they can talk to."

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A RISE stresses its goals are to "educate, organize and outreach." Rather than focus on providing services, the focus is on developing self-esteem and the ability to provide for oneself. Villarreal began with ARISE when she was a sophomore at Mount Holyoke. She began in the CAPA program. This committee focuses on the legal rights of low income parents and children. They help the families become aware of their rights. Maryann provided a great deal of support to these families.

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Pho to by Michelle Jack

Seniors Francesca Shaw and Maryann Villarreal received the College's Community Service Award at the second semester Convocation ceremony on Wednesday, January 25.

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Come hang out with the great ones.
By Maya Kakes

In just the first few minutes spent speaking with Laurie Priest, Mount Holyoke's athletic director, her passion for women's sports quickly became evident. Perhaps this is because when Priest was in high school there were no girls' sports programs to her.

She has been active in sports her whole life and despite limited opportunities before college, she played sports "whatsoever the season was." But it wasn't until she attended the College of Wooster in Ohio that she was given the opportunity to compete at a serious level. At Ohio she played field hockey, basketball and volleyball and describes herself as having been an "average athlete," successful only because of the fact that she was a hustler.

Priest credits much of her dedication to the furthering of opportunities for women in sports, especially at the college level to the fact that her own opportunities were so limited.

"Unlike men, women really only have four years to play," explained Priest. "Women don't go on to the major leagues or to sign contracts. In some ways I feel like I really missed out, and perhaps that's made me the advocate that I am today. It wasn't so long ago these programs we have now weren't afforded to girls." According to Priest, girls' and women's sports programs nationwide have made great strides, but there is still "a long way to go." "We need to understand the history so there are more opportunities for the future," she said. Priest. She cited many examples of the existing inequalities, including the surprising statistic that twenty years ago, 90% of women's sports were coached by women, while in 1992 that percent went down to a staggering 48 percent (National Collegiate Athletic Association and Women in Intercollegiate Sports 1992).

In addition to this, 28 percent of sports programs have no female administrators and only 17 percent of programs are headed by female administrators. Only 22 percent of new coaching jobs have been won by women in the last ten years.

Priest is in her fifth year as athletic director at Mount Holyoke. Previously she worked as athletic director, professor and swimming coach at Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia. In her last year at Marymount, the college went coed.

Priest recalled how after the admission of men to the university, the school's athletic program began to receive more money than it had previously. They were finally given an athletic trainer, a "luxury" not seen necessary when the program included only women athletes.

As frustrating as this may sound, Priest concedes that she had to look for the positive in this situation. Perhaps it took having men athletes to get a trainer, but the women, too, finally got a trainer.

Priest works all year to further the opportunities for women in sports at Mount Holyoke but this week, much more attention is given to the issue, both nationwide and on campus, with National Girls and Women in Sports Week. Priest laughed when asked about the week of celebration, because everywhere else in the country it's known more simply as a day of celebration. Mount Holyoke has done such an outstanding job of organizing events for the week that the college is known nationwide for its celebration. Priest recalled how just recently a high school principal from Boston called her, asking for materials on how her school could celebrate the event. Priest explained that perhaps she ought to contact the national organization.

She said she'd heard such good things about the Mount Holyoke celebration that she decided to call Mount Holyoke directly. Priest was flattered and proceeded to get her the materials she needed.

"What I love about the week is that it's all done by students. They do a wonderful job of planning and organizing."

When Priest first came to Mount Holyoke not much was done to celebrate the day, but at the time Priest also happened to be president of National Association for Girls and Women in Sport. The spring of Priest's first year, Lori Hendricks '92 came to Priest and asked her what she was planning on doing to recognize the day. Priest told her that she didn't know, and asked what did Hendricks want to do? Hendricks took on planning events, and what began as a day of celebration evolved into a week.

Along with her responsibilities at Mount Holyoke, Priest is also involved in work with the NCAA and Title IX enforcement. She also works with the Feminist Majority on the Task Force for Girls and Women in Sport. Along with activist Ellie Smeal (former president of N.O.W.) and Molly Yard, she is involved with those in and outside the field of sports.

Priest describes the task force as a "think tank for developing strategies and action to promote equality in sports for women."

When asked about the future of athletics at Mount Holyoke, Priest didn't feel that great changes needed to be made. The biggest change? She'd like to see more of a competitive spirit fostered in Mount Holyoke athletes.

"When the going gets tough I want our women to push themselves beyond what they think they can do," Priest is quick to say that she is pleased with the growth she finds in many of the athletes she has come in contact with at Mount Holyoke and doesn't want to sacrifice that "warmth" for a fiercer competitive spirit.

"If I liken myself to Mount Holyoke women," said Priest, "because I had to foster that competitive spirit in myself. It's really only been in my professional life that I've been able to jump those hurdles. I've come to learn that it's OK to do that as a female, and that it feels good to win."
Don't Forget About Calcium

By Arlene Thomee, RD

Everyone knows that calcium helps with bone and tooth formation, but did you know that it is critical for the conduction of nerve impulses, heart functions, muscle contraction, blood clotting and the activation of certain enzymes? Our bodies contain more calcium than any other mineral.

When blood calcium drops, one way the body compensates is by mobilizing calcium from the bones with the help of vitamin D and certain hormones. In mid and later life, calcium begins to be removed from bones faster than it can be replaced. The eventual result can be osteoporosis: a thinning of bones that results in increased fractures and compressions of the spine (often causing pain).

The best solution to the problem of osteoporosis lies in prevention. An adequate dietary intake of calcium will help assure that the most possible calcium into the bones before the age of 35–40; at which point, bones begin to lose more calcium than they retain.

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The other option is a dietary supplement. There are plenty of calcium supplements on the market. Avoid bone meal and dolomite because these may be contaminated with lead or other toxic metals.

Calcium in supplements is usually combined with carbonate, lactate, gluconate, and phosphate (Oyster shells are actually a source of calcium carbonate). The body absorbs each form of calcium equally well. The major difference is in the concentration of calcium per tablet, with calcium carbonate being the highest. Check the label for exactly how many tablets you will need to take to supplement your diet in order to reach the R.D.A.

For example, 600 mg of calcium carbonate will yield 240 mg of essential calcium. If you get about 600 mg of calcium through your diet, you would need to take only one of these calcium carbonate tablets to reach your 800 mg daily requirement for calcium.

If you have a lactose intolerance, you do not want to use a supplement containing calcium lactate. Advice on the best way to take calcium supplements is contradictory. Some believe spacing them well after meals will result in maximum absorption while others recommend taking the tablet with a meal in order to minimize stomach upset.

It may be best to take a calcium supplement at bedtime for highest absorption because there is no food to compete with the calcium, and rest is time of greatest bone loss. For some people, calcium carbonate supplements may cause constipation.

In this case, you could try another source of calcium or be sure to eat a high fiber diet, but remember to take your supplement at a different time of day from your high fiber meals.

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Photography Exhibition of Holyoke School Children Shines at Art Museum

By Jessica Van Brunt

“The voices and faces of the children of Holyoke remind us that, beyond the economic loss, the human cost of failing to provide quality education is unacceptable.”

This is one of the statements made by Dr. Madeleine Marquart, co-chair of the Massachusetts Commission on the Common Core for Learning and Special Assistant to President Kennan at Mount Holyoke College, in her introduction to the photography exhibition, “Facing Education, Portraits of Holyoke School Children/Entremiendo La Educación: Retratos de los Educandos de Holyoke,” now in progress at the Mount Holyoke College Art Museum. Marquart’s compelling words in the introduction open the door to the world of local Holyoke school children and to both the beautiful and unpleasant aspects of their daily lives and experiences. Viewers are invited to engage in deep thought about the future of education, the future of school, and the future of society. The exhibition, comprising over 500 photographs taken by Michael Jacobson-Hardy, is an important reminder of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for Holyoke’s children.

The lives of the children are everything but ignored in this exhibit, which consists of 30 black-and-white photographs taken by Michael Jacobson-Hardy. In fact, children are celebrated gloriously through the outstanding and moving photographs that depict moments in their everyday lives. The subject matter is quite diverse, ranging from scenes of children playing instruments, painting or hiking with friends to scenes of children standing alone against backgrounds formed by lockers, blackboards and school exteriors. Although the subject matter varies, all of the photographs in the exhibit have a common bond of power and drama, for they reveal hard-core reality, understood by the realm of ideals and untouched by glamorous photographic tendencies. Particularly captivating in its vivid realism and action is a series of six photographs labeled “The Walkout Series” that portray scenes captured on November 12, 1991 when approximately 300 students walked out of Holyoke High School in response to school budget cuts that they felt were hostile to their promising pursuit of an education. In these photographs, police officers, police vehicles and masses of students are presented, creating a heated atmosphere of noise and chaos that viewers can feel permeating from the photographs. Students are also seen holding signs that display powerful and thought-provoking statements which have the ability to grab viewers’ attention immediately and hold their interest. One student holds a sign that reads, “Students are the future, not trash.”

The entire exhibition itself is intent on trumpeting the very fact that students are not trash. They have hopes, dreams, aspirations and thoughts about the world and their social as well as physical environment. This exhibit demonstrates to its viewers that students know what they want out of life and what they need to reach their potential. Upon looking deeply into the eyes of the children in the photographs, a certain realization that children harbor emotions, opinions, strength and perseverance comes across brilliantly. However, the photographs are not the only aspects of the exhibition that bring forth this realization. There are also numerous written excerpts posted on the walls that tell of children’s ideas and opinions, thus reasserting the truth that children are intellectual, emotional beings. For example, a sixth-grader named Elija reveals her concerns about racism when, in response to a question about what she would like to change in her community, she states, “We need to think about who we’re hurting when we say things like ‘nigger’ or ‘pig’ to somebody. My parents raised me to be colorblind and I wish everybody else was raised the same way...” Other opinions of Holyoke school children focus on issues like being Puerto Rican, improving their schools and hoping for their future, all of which are enlightened.

Michael Jacobson-Hardy, photographer and project director, has some enlightening opinions of his own as well. He believes that our nation must listen to young people and realize their great capacity to learn. He dedicates the project to “all those who struggle on behalf of the children and to all of our children—to the fulfillment of their ‘hopes and dreams.’” This exhibition is one not to be missed, for its works raise important social issues and urge viewers to face questions about education.

Facing Education will be on display at the Mount Holyoke College Art Museum until March 1. The museum is open to the public and there is no entrance fee. Museum hours are Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. There will also be a series of gallery talks taking place in February, including one by Jacobson-Hardy. For further information, call (413) 53-2845.

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By Jill Kasiewicz

“Philadelphia” is Hollywood’s attempt to bring the reality of AIDS to the fantasy-world of the big screen. Andrew Beckett (played by Tom Hanks), an aspiring gay attorney in a WASP-dominated law firm, falls victim to the AIDS virus and is swiftly dismissed by his employers. Beckett enlist the aid of a well-known, television-advertised attorney, played by Denzel Washington, to take on his case. Initially, Washington’s character is both fearful of the disease as well as homophbic and prejudices. Yet, he soon realizes that justice must be served and agrees to act as Beckett’s attorney in the civil suit.

The movie continues with a somewhat unrealistic depiction of Beckett’s personal life, which includes a rather "easy" visit with his family who accept both him and his lover Miguel (played by Antonio Bandanas) with open arms. It is the interest of director Jonathan Demme to have the viewer fall in love with Tom Hanks character — not as a gay man, but as an AIDS victim. In fact, Andrew and Miguel are the only central gay characters with whom the audience is familiar. While the inaccurate gay representation in the film may not be "obvious mainstream" audience members, other viewers will quickly be aware of the differences between "big-screen AIDS" and that of the gay community. For example, there is a noticeable lack of physical contact amid Andrew and Miguel throughout the film, which does not adequately represent the amount of love that has supposedly been established between the two. It is instances such as this that leave the audience with a false picture of what gay love actually is.

As Beckett’s lawyer, Denzel Washington responds with the traditional attitude of hatred and fear of people with AIDS. In the beginning, he responds to Beckett as most Americans do: he avoids Andrew out of fear of possibly “catching” the disease. Eventually, his sense of protecting a man’s legal rights is what leads him to advocate the case. However, the viewer never feels as though Washington’s character really accepts Beckett’s homosexuality. Beckett never overcomes his fear that if he associates with gays, he will be categorized as one. Washington’s portrayal of that "shared" fear was so precise, that many audience members most likely saw a part of themselves within this character.

Although there are flaws, the film does demonstrate that much time and effort was put forth by the producer and director to accurately portray various aspects of both the life of the AIDS victim as well as the audience’s response to him. The symptoms experienced by Beckett were, for the most part, true. He was once again in love and sharing his life and living for the audience to witness. Perhaps one of the most memorable scenes took place in the courtroom when Beckett was asked to show his lesions to the jury. This type of humiliation was understood by nearly all who witnessed the act. Most importantly, the director successfully portrayed Beckett as focusing on his life while he was still alive, rather than dwelling on his death that was to eventually come. Clearly Beckett has taken his case to court in order to protect other people with AIDS within the workplace. He also comes to terms with his death during an especially poignant scene with music from “Maddie Butterfly.” In addition, the film demonstrates the pain of loss that is shared by both Beckett’s family as well as his lover. Despite its shortcomings, “Philadelphia” truly breaks ground that has long remained untouched in Hollywood. Both Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington should be praised for their magnificent talents in this film.
ART REVIEW

Color and Emotion on Green Street

By Claudia Palmiter Acunto

Jan Norman's paintings are as warm and engaging as the cozy fireplace in the Green Street Cafe, where her exhibit is on display until March 15. A cup of coffee, a slice of apricot walnut tart and the chance to take in the rich works of a local artist should entice anyone in from the cold.

Norman's exhibit contains two series of paintings from 1985 to 1987. "Working Women" hangs in the downstairs room of the cafe, which is arranged like a living room with large couches, armchairs and low tables. The five pictures in this series, named after the five workdays of the week, depict women in their homes performing the mundane tasks of keeping house. In a long vertical painting, "(Tuesday)" a woman vacuums her carpet. The vacuum protrudes from the center of the painting, but is not monstrous or phallic. The woman seems adept at moving the machine because her expression is passive and relaxed, though she maneuvers the machine between a table (on the right side of the painting) and a door (on the left).

Another from this series depicts a woman standing against her sink drying her dishes. Through the window behind her, a man wearing a suit and holding a briefcase walks up the stairs. The woman's face is listless. Her head is tilted slightly to the side. Both in this work, entitled "Wednesday," and in "Tuesday," the women are young. Norman uses bright colors and thick paint to make the paintings accessible and understandable. The black outline on the figures and their surroundings emphasizes and clarifies their shapes.

But the paintings are not simplistic. "It was an interesting idea for me to deal with something ordinary, making these women into icons," Norman said. She used a paint scratching technique as well as many layers of paint to produce a thick texture, which makes these images more powerful and unforgiving without being ominous. She explained that both "Working Women" and "Mating" were painted in New York with New York City in mind. "They encompass the lifestyle of New York, the sense of gait, layers, tension, pain and the real beauty of relationships."

The artist expresses her fascination with the dynamics of relationships in her "Mating" series, which reflects the same techniques as "Working Women." In these pictures, which are located up the stairs in the Green Street Cafe in the restaurant section, Norman describes several different interactions between men and women. In one, entitled "The Cafe," a good-looking young couple sits at a table. Behind them, a waitress pours coffee. The couple might be sitting at the table across the room. Their expressions are vivid and fluid, like the patterns on the couple's clothes. They both look slightly to the side, waiting for the waitress to finish pouring, yet oblivious to the waitress's presence. They seem shy and yet content. It is a beautiful expression of a precise moment in time, and I found myself glancing back at their "table" from my own, as if I were truly seated at the cafe.

The Nightclub captures another beautiful moment. In this, a couple kisses. The man caresses the woman's breast, but is not threatening or forceful. In this, the red colors surrounding the couple (the dress of a woman in the immediate foreground, the fabric of the chair the woman is seated on) create a non-violent, passionate energy that is at once sexual and romantic.

Colors tell the story in "The Embrace." This is the most abstract of the series, since the figures in it have blank faces. Yet, their expression is unnecessary. Norman chose a palette that could have been used to paint a sunset or dusk: deep reds, purples, and blues with hints of yellow. The painting conveys trust, love and comfort.

Norman's style is bold, a characteristic she attributes to her New York City inspiration. She eases the viewer into the intimate surroundings of the home and the private exchanges of couples through her fluid colors and her clear, defined lines. Her paintings suggest the struggle between order and disorder, untamed expression and channeled emotion. On the one hand, she articulates a tied floor or a dress pattern in a precise, objective manner. Inside these lines, however, are the energetic, raw, expressionist strokes of a passionate artist.

The mundane or familiar aspects of our daily lives are a livelier if you choose to spend a few hours drinking in the colors and stories of the Jan Norman exhibit.

Jan Norman will also be exhibiting at the Hart Gallery in Northampton after February 15.

"A Concert of Music and Dance": Monica Jakuc, piano, and Susan Weltner, dancer. With guest performers. February 4-5 at 8 p.m. Sweeney Center, Hart Hall, Sage Hall, Smith College. Free admission.

"The Trojan Women": Eric Hill's production explores Euripides' ancient tragedy in the light of post nuclear experience. There will be an informal talk-back with director Eric Hill, and the actors immediately following the Feb. 5 performance. February 4-6, 11-12 at 8 p.m., Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. Laboratory Theatre. $2.00 admission.

Pearl Street: The Pearl Street Night Club in Northampton is now offering free admission to students with college I.D.s every Friday night.

Geri Allen Jazz Quartet: Jazz pianist Allen is described as a key artist of our time. She will appear as part of the college's celebration of Black Women in the Arts. February 5 at 8 p.m. Pratt Auditorium. Special workshop and lecture at 3 p.m., Warbeke room, Pratt.

Asia in the House: Party sponsored by the Asian Student Association. February 5 at 8:30 p.m. Blanchard Campus Center. $2.00 admission.

"The Sting": Robert Redford and Paul Newman star as con men trying to pull the big con. Winner of seven academy awards, including best picture. February 5 at 7 and 9:15 p.m., Gamble Auditorium. $2.50 admission.

"The Conduct of Life": A woman tires to free herself from the grasp of an unbalanced man. February 6 at 7 p.m., February 7 at 4:30 p.m. Fayweather Backroom, Amherst College, Free.
Editor Speaks

By Michelle Luna ’95

Welcome back! I hope everyone’s break was relaxing and fulfilling. At the beginning of the spring semester I’m sure everyone was looking ahead with wonder as to what this semester will bring. For myself I see not much of a social life, but rather a life in the library. The semester, I hope, will bring more of a commitment to revocating elements of my life and improving upon them. That might mean taking risks.

“I think what I learned most this past break was that life is short and precious. People need to take advantage of every opportunity that comes their way. It also means appreciating the people in your life. On the first of this year my 89-year-old grandmother passed away. In her final days, she lay in a coma with the people who loved her around her. My break was a hard one to get through, since I miss my grandmother terribly. I do, however, know that she is in a better place. Her passing made me think about things in life here at Mount Holyoke, at home and for the future. I now know what I probably wouldn’t need and it had confidence in herself above all else. I would have described the kind of woman who was above showing her feelings. I was planning on getting my work done with efficiency and we all know that we won’t manage the 40 hours that every first year is striving for. I was ready to fly so efficiently put a major in “saving the world.” I can do a double major and be pre-med. Oh Yeah! How do I become Editor of Voices, Chair of APAU, on the Board of Passages, a director of Shades, and a DJ?”

Lost in a pool of death, pain, failures, rejection, alienation just to name a few... human, do any seem familiar to you?

If so my friend, I recommend that you lock up, but past the skies, its clouds, moon, and stars.

Yes, my friend try to look up and away but not with your eyes, but YOUR SOUL.

Lift it up to the heavens, Where you can find, peace, peace, and sweet relief. For your aching body, mind, and soul.

By Emelinda Tavares ’95

Realistic (?) Expectations

By Tonja Santos ’97

If anyone had asked me to define myself and what the future entailed before I started MHC, I would have described to them the typical “strong Black woman.” A woman who knew what human nature was all about and would probably wouldn’t need it and had confidence in herself above all else. I would have described the kind of woman who was above showing her feelings.

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On top of this, because this was certainly not enough for a woman such as myself, I was going to establish the numerous “friendships that last a lifetime” spoken of in all the college view books as I sat on my window seat with the knowledge-seeking women in my dorm on a cool Sunday fall afternoon, hot cider in hand, as I discussed the things that were going to enlighten the world and do away with racism, homophobia, sexism and any other prejudices that you can think of. All of this, you understand, was to be done with great leisure, thanks to the “efficiency and precise time” I had. I know that I’ll be back for you to imagine why, but my semester fell a little short of my expectations. Let’s put it this way, by the end of the semester I was glad to remember who I was, let alone the names of the numerous women in my dorm, none of whom has a window seat. The weather was cold not “cool,” I’ve had older once, and, after exams, I was surprised I could spell DJ, for let me assure you that I blanked on smaller words.

I did a lot of thinking over the break about what my first semester at Mount Holyoke has taught me. In a way I see my semester as a major step forward that I had to go through. These tests ranged from exams that I crammed for the night before to tests that I had to take at the drop of a hat. The academic part was manageable because it wasn’t really a matter of proving anything to myself. I knew I could do it.

Much of what I went through this semester was about the way in which I dealt with the world. There were times when I felt alone, and I found that these were the most difficult times to believe in myself. People told me that it was going to be OK, that I should believe in myself. It was easy to believe while they were there, but when they were gone, I had to do it for myself. At the beginning and end of each day I had to look in the mirror and tell myself that I could do it. I was on the brink of not believing, not believing in myself. If that had happened I know that all would have been lost. I’ve learned that people come and go in this world, we’re all placed into storms we can’t control, and it hurts when they’re gone, but that in the end I need to believe in myself and what I do.

This also means having realistic expectations of myself. I guess I’ll settle for a 3.85 GPA, I’ll do my major and a minor (though probably neither in science), I’ll only expect every-other-woman I meet to be a soul mate, and I’ll try to change the world only one plofis or sign at a time.

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For Your Future

*February 3, Thursday. Performing Stories: Irish and Native American Oral Culture. Lecture by Prof. Jo Rinaldi, English, American University, with critical response from Angela Burke, Trudy Lamb-Richmond, Joseph Bruchac and Maggi Petric. 4 pm. Native American storyteller Bruchac and Irish storyteller Petric. 8 pm. University of Massachusetts at Amherst.


*February 5, Saturday. Asian in the House. Sponsored by the Asian Student Association. 8 pm. Mount Holyoke College. Blanchard Campus Center. 8:30 pm.

*February 5, Saturday. Concert by the Gigi Allen Jazz Quartet. For Black History Month. Mount Holyoke College. Pratt Auditorium. 8 pm.

*February 6, Sunday. WFCR 88.5FM Broadcasts Maggie’s American Dream: The Life and Time of a Black Family. For Black History Month. A four-part series of a monthly tributing a son to a mother, who dared dream of a better life for her family. 4 pm.


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Swarming Defense and Effective Shooting Lead Lyons to Victory

By Aparna Mekala

Aggressiveness and Smith turnovers were the key factors to the Lyons victory over Smith College. Within the first six seconds of the game, Michelle Saffarelli '96 gained possession of the ball from tip-off and passed to Brenda Enderle '95 who set up and buried a three-pointer. Mount Holyoke controlled the ball the entire first half. Strong defense from the Lyons forced 18 turnovers from the Smith team.

"We came to play and we were psyched. We showed intensity and intensity on the court," exclaimed Saffarelli. The Pioneers, stymied by the Lyons' defensive pressure, forced desperate shots and passes only to come up empty.

Defensively, the Lyons controlled the boards with strong rebounding and shooting. Enderle, Schumann '96 shooting from the outside and Sara Schumann '96 posting under the basket in the paint, the team hit shot well from the floor. Schumann had an incredible game of versatility, entertaining the fans with fade away shots and turning around jumpers. She finished with 15 points.

Saffarelli and Emily McNutt '97 were aggressive inside, with solid passing and shooting. Scharelli contributed 11 points and four assists.

The basketball team prepares for its biggest home game of the season against Smith. The Lyons averaged an early season loss in overtime with a 53-32 victory.

Andi Overton '97 was tough on defense and fought for every ball. Heather Prince '97 rebounded and scored well from the baseline. With the Lyons ahead 17-5 and eight minutes left in the half, Smith called a time-out to rethink a plan to move their offense under the Lyons defensive pressure. Whatever their plan was, Mount Holyoke answered every move with steals, strong rebounds and blocked shots. Most of Smith's points came from the foul line. Although Enderle and Prince were in foul trouble, it did not affect the Lyons' performance. At halftime the score was 35-13, Mount Holyoke.

Smith showed stronger defense in the second half, but not nearly enough to come back and upset the Lyons. The final score of the game was 53-32, Mount Holyoke.

Coach Janice Savitz was very positive after the game and couldn't be any more happy with her team's performance. "There was definite contribution from the entire team." The Lyons 4-6 in the season and 2-2 in the New Eight will host Wellesley this Saturday. As part of the National Girls and Women in Sports Week celebration, the Lyons will play two home games this week, the one on Saturday and another on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. against Tufts.

National Girls and Women in Sports Week Celebration Begins

By Sara Taylor

They may not receive the money or the recognition, but women have been active in sports for years. This week, the College will acknowledge women's contributions to the world of sports with an official celebration of National Girls and Women in Sports Day. National Girls and Women in Sports Day aims to honor the achievements and involvement of women in sports.

This year the National Girls and Women in Sports Committee will alert girls and women to the importance of sports in their lives. However, many barriers still exist for women in sports — especially minority and differently-abled women. The committee cites the following statistics:

Minority women comprise less than 5 percent of all women coaches.

Virtually no varsity athletic opportunities are offered to the physically disabled, the fact that over 10 percent of the college student population has disabilities.

Of the 191 competitions at the World Championships for disabled skiers only 36 were women.

The goal of the week long celebration is to provide girls and women with strategies to eliminate the barriers that still prevent them from fully enjoying participation in sports.

On Thursday, February 3, National Girls and Women in Sports Day, the committee will present Mary Mazzio '83 as its keynote speaker at 7 p.m. in Hooker Auditorium. Mazzio was a member of the 1992 Olympic team and currently balances rowing at the national level with a law career.

On Friday, the committee will host the Holyoke Girls Club and operate a sports clinic for its members. The clinic will give girls an opportunity to participate in a variety of sports and to interact with Mount Holyoke athletes. Also, because it is the first Friday of the month, Klub Kendall will be open from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Kendall Hall.

The week of events continues with a weekend of Mount Holyoke sports. The basketball and swim teams will both compete at home on Saturday at 2 p.m. against Wellesley. Squash will compete in the Mount Holyoke-Smith Invitational on Saturday and Sunday. The Sunday portion of the event will be held at Mount Holyoke. At Blanchard on Saturday evening at 8 p.m. the National Girls and Women in Sports Committee will hold a reception for all coaches and athletes. Following the reception, Blanchard will open for a campus party from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The week-long extravaganza culminates with a Five College Career Panel on Monday evening. On Tuesday night, the committee will present ca-

Marianna Arab's '97 Track

Swimmer Marianna Arab's '97 was a major factor in Mount Holyoke's third place finish in the Seven Sisters swim meet held at Wellesley College. With a time of 2:23.99, she broke the school record in the 200 yard butterfly, which had been set in 1980-81. She placed third out of 16 in the 400 yard individual medley with a time of 4:58.69, just missing that school record.

Continuing her dominating performance, Marianna placed third out of 24 in the 500 yard freestyle event and fourth out of 24 in the 200 yard individual medley. She swam on two relay teams: the 400 yard medley relay, which placed fourth, and the 400 yard freestyle relay, which placed third.

Swimming coach Cathy Buchanan said, "Marianna has added strength to the team. I know in a race shell always rise to the occasion and give it her best. It's been great to have her."

Monday, February 7 4:00 p.m. Kendall Hall

Softball Tryouts

Questions? Call Rick Burns at x2469.