'has done a really great job of getting
2250 women have applied for a spot
year, the College had 2026 under-
Ciature director of admissions. Last
significant," said Diane And, asso-
dicate director of admissions. Last
year, the College had 2026 under-
graduate applicants. This year, 2520 women have applied for a spot in the class of 2001, an increase of 11 percent.

"In general it's a very good pic-
ture. Everyone in the admissions of-
cice is very excited," And said.

Our office of communications has
done a really great job of getting
the word out about Mount Holyoke.
We've got a great name-recognition increase," And said.

The viewbox and campus visits
are most often listed as influences in the
decision to apply to Mount Holyoke.

"There are a couple of things that
have worked in our favor. I just
did a study on the applicant pool, and
more students cite [the viewbox] as
one of the reasons they applied to the
College," said Arce.

The viewbox, which was first put
out two years ago, is a series
of informational booklets discussing
"life," "learning" and "leadership" at Mount Holyoke. Included in the
box is an application and financial aid information. And, who also
serves as the head resident of
MacGregor Hall, notes that current
students often comment on the
effectiveness of the viewbox.

"They look at the information and
say, 'This really is Mount Holyoke.' I
think it does a very good job of
effectively communicating what
this school is about," And said.

Other factors were cited in the
increase in applicants.

Students really got behind the
Mary Lyon Legacy Program. It was
a great way for current students
to show their enthusiasm with
prospective students," And said.

239 Legacy applications have been
received so far. The admissions
department has not yet decided if
the Legacy program will be imple-
mented next year.

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Student Government Association
Proposed rewrite eliminates
organizational senators

By Becky Mazur '00

Over January term, an unofficial
committee of six Student
Government Association senators
reviewed both the constitution and
by-laws of the SGA. The draft,
currently scheduled to be presented
at the SCA meeting on February 24, is
a consolidation of both documents
and includes several major struc-
tural changes, most notably the
elimination of organizational sen-
ators and the institution of a judicial
board.

In the place of the 126 organiza-
tional senators would be two sena-
tors from each dorm, one senator
from each of the four classes, two
senators to represent the Frances
Perkins Scholars and one senator
from the Day Student Organization,
for a new total of 41 voting senators.

According to Student Life Task
Force Senator Amy Bresslour '98,
who was involved in the revision,
this change came from the realiz-
tion that currently "one-tenth of the
[campus] is directly involved in the
SGA. It makes no sense."

According to Bresslour, under
the present system it is possible for
one Mount Holyoke student to be rep-
resented by a dorm senator, class
senator and any number of organi-
zational senators depending on how
many organizations a person belongs to.

The reduction in the size of the Senate would eliminate this
over-representation.

The judicial board called for by
draft is still in process of being
developed, said Bresslour. It is to
serve, according to Bresslour, par-
SCA REWRITE, see page 14

By Kelly E. Emminger '99

The Indigo Girls will perform in
concert March 15 in Chapin
Auditorium. The musical duo will
finish off a semester of spring con-
certs, which include performances
by Jewel and the Wallflowers on
February 20 and March 2 respective-
ly. The concerts are sponsored by
the Network.

1600 tickets will be sold for each
concert, with several hundred
reserved at a discount price for
Mount Holyoke students. The 300
student discount tickets for the
Jewel concert have already sold out,
as has the entire concert.

Wallflowers tickets are being sold
today from noon to 3 pm in
Blanchard. They are also being sold
tomorrow at Provots and
Strawberries.

Indigo Girls tickets will go on sale
March 1 in Chapin Auditorium, and
will be sold from 2 pm until they are
sold out. All three concerts will be
held in Chapin Auditorium.

Student discount tickets cost $15
for Jewel, $35.00 for the Wallflowers,
and $17 for the Indigo Girls.

Regular priced tickets cost $18.50,
$34.00, and $50, respectively. 400
tickets for the Wallflowers concert
and 500 for the Indigo Girls will be
reserved for Mount Holyoke stu-

dents, according to Network
Coordinator Kendra Huston '99.

The Network and John Peters of
More Concerts are co-sponsoring
the Jewel and Wallflowers concerts.
John Peters pays for the act.

We pay for a variety of other things-
catering, extra security, etc," said
Network chair Kirsten Bub '97.

The Network is the sole-sponsor of the Indigo Girls concert.

Bub- and Huston did not disclose
the exact amount of money the
Network is spending on the con-
certs. "The Indigo Girls generally
get $3000. Our bid was compara-
tive," said Bub.

"We're going to make back what
we put into it," Huston said.

According to Bub, leftover funds
from last semester, particularly prof-
its from A Night in New Orleans,
provided the Network with extra
money to spend on the upcoming
INDIGO GIRLS, see page 11

Susan Taylor, vigil kick off Black
History Month

By Sarah Ludwig '00

A lecture given by Essence maga-
zine editor Susan Taylor last
night marked the first major event
planned as part of this year's Black
History Month program. A candle-
light vigil held at the Betty Shabazz
house at 11:30 pm last Friday was
the first gathering on campus.

Taylor is one of the most popular
female black speakers in the United
States, second only to Oprah Winfrey.
Essence is the most widely-read
black magazine in the country.

Marcia Miner '99, chair of the
Black History Month Committee,
said Taylor is "an advocate for im-
portant women for black Amer-
icans. She's an inspirational woman
in the black community," Kelly Page
'00 said, citing Taylor's "single moth-
er status and her 'reflections on
spirituality.'"

The vigil held on the first of the
month was originally planned to
start at the College gates and end at
a reception at the Betty Shabazz
house, but was held entirely indoors
due to the snow. Candies were
lit in the living room and then
the group of about 25 students moved
into another part of the house,
singing the spiritual "This Little
Light of Mine." As they went, they
sang the verse "At Mount Holyoke,/I'm
gonna let it shine..." Led by Miner,
the attendants spoke about their
feelings on the month to come.

Several students stated their
thoughts, including Amy Auzeen
'97, who said she felt the presence
of BLACK HISTORY, see page 14

Susan Taylor, editor-in-chief of
Essence magazine, spoke last
night in Chapin Auditorium.
Honor Code draft faces tough questions on underaged drinking, candles

BY ROSEMARY LIBERA ‘98
A revised version of the social honor code, focusing on the issues of underage drinking and personal property, will be released to the College community by the end of February.

The social honor code is the docu-
ment that students who have committed offenses against the Honor Code Task Force refer when deciding what action to take when grievances are brought against students. "It is a statement that has to do with the social life of students and how we form a community; how we learn to live and work together," said Emily Graves ’99, co-chair of the Honor Code Task Force.

The code is being rewritten to
ensure the Council of Student Affiliates has a better instrument with which to work. "The language currently contained in the code is very vague," Graves said.

The new code will be more specific regarding violations of personal property and underage drinking, and will require significantly less paperwork. It will be a part of the Council of Student Affiliates.

Another reason the code is being rewritten is because of the minor role it currently plays in student lives. According to Brette Wayman ’98, co-chair of the Honor Code Task Force, "We want to make the social honor code a part of students' daily lives in the same way that the academic honor code is. We want it to be taken seriously."

Wayman said that the code is often frequently misinterpreted or ignored, resulting in a threat to students and their property. For instance, having candles in student rooms is a violation of the social honor code. Wayman said the phrasing of the new code will state that, because social honor code requires students to respect the property and safety of others, candles should not be lit in student rooms. "The code is not taken seriously," Wayman said, "because it is being thrown about so much.

The new code was written by the Honor Code Task Force, the Council on Student Affiliates, and Regina Mooney, dean of students.

The new code addresses issues such as: students will no longer have to come in the office to sign a receipt; students will be released from their work study in order to attend campus events; there will be a limit to the number of students who could be employed in the student store.

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No more raises for returning to jobs

BY CHRISTINA SCHON ‘00
A new student wage policy, effective since January 1, has increased overall wages for student workers while eliminating incentives for those who return to their jobs for another academic year. Level 1 workers (assistant services, bell desk workers) who formerly made $4.81/hour, are now paid $5.25. Level 2 workers (dining guards and and teaching assistants) are making $5.50, rather than $5.00, per hour. Level 3 workers (dining guards and and teaching assistants) formerly made $5.15 and now make $5.25, an increase.

Dining services managers now work make $6.25 an hour, up from $5.75. Patricia O'Brien, coordinator at the Student Office of Employment, cited several reasons for the adjustment. "Students will have a raise increase. It will be easier for them to reach their maximum earnings, and they will have to work fewer hours," she said.

The new wage rate system, which correlates with the national increase in the minimum wage, has eliminated the incentives offered to students who are returning to a position. All workers at the same level, in spite of their class year, will be earning the same wage.

The incentive was quite subjective. Managing the paper work was overwhelming because students couldn't get back to us. It just became too time-consuming," O'Brien said. According to O'Brien the incentives often didn't work out for students anyway. "Certain positions would work, and a student couldn't return to it in order to get that increase. Besides, students will return to a job because they like it. Incentives aren't necessary," O'Brien said.

Student reaction to the wage rate increase has been positive. "I think it's well-deserved. It was definitely hard for me to reach my work-study limit, with what we were getting paid," Samantha Cook '99 said. Others have found flaws with certain aspects of the new system. "I'm only making five cents more, but the rate definitely needed to go up. The only thing I don't really like is that everything is even. There needs to be some sort of seniority," Allison Repollo ’99 said.

Students in several dorms now have the option to enjoy internet and cable access in the comfort of their dorm rooms.

Cable now available in some dorm rooms

BY EMEEN ALI ‘00
Students in Brightman, Porter, North and South, Rocky, Ham, Safford and 1837 now have the option to subscribe to cable television. Students who have the service connected in their rooms will be charged $80 for the semester through the Telephone Business Office.

"I'm going to have a television soon, and the cable price can split with my roommate. I think it's worth it to have close reception, and all the channels you can't see otherwise," Fatima Bokhari '99 said. In Bokhari's opinion, the price is reasonable if it can be split with a roommate. "Compared to what I would normally pay at home, which is at least $300, I don't think it is too expensive," she said.

Not every student is interested in cable access. "I like the option of allowing the students to choose whether they get cable or not," Jaime Wells '99 said. Wells is a resident of 1837 Hall and does not plan to use the service. "I watch three shows, and they are all on Fox; besides, it's too expensive," she said.

"It's probably a good thing for people who want it and are willing to pay for it, but I probably won't, or wouldn't want to watch $50 worth of cable television in the semester," Stephanie Williams '98 said.

When asked whether lowering the connection fee would affect their decision regarding cable, both Wells and Williams were skeptical. "Personally, it's not worth the money for me, but I don't think it's that closely related," Wells said.

"I just don't think cable is all that worthwhile," Stephanie Williams '98 said.

Darcia Malone, of the Telephone Business Office, said response to the service has been positive. "We have little more than 10% of the students eligible to cable who have applications are coming in every day," she said. Malone believes that as students become more aware of the service being offered, they would be more willing to subscribe to it. "At approximately $12.50 a month, it's a very reasonable price considering the fact that students would be able to get an extended reception of over 50 channels."

Students living in the seven dorms can still subscribe to cable service, and there is no installation fee if the applications are received before February 14th. After that date, a $10 installation fee will be charged by the Telephone Business Office. Remaining dorms are expected to get cable over the summer, which would then be available to students in the fall.

World & Nation

Simpson found guilty in wrongful death suit
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Israel mourns loss of 73 soldiers in worst military air disaster
Nevatim, Israel - An Israeli defense official said that an Israeli military plane crashed in the desert on Wednesday, killing 73 soldiers. The crash is the worst air disaster in Israeli military history.

Chechnya's new president presents hopes for recognition of independence
Grozny, January 29 - Aslan Maskhadov, head of the Chechen army, won overwhelmingly in Chechnian elections. International observers said that the election was free and fair. and Democratic. The new president is popular and determined to seek secure world recognition of Chechnya's independence.

Sources: The New York Times, Chicago Tribune, CNN, cbsnews.com
Compiled by Andreea Arambasa '99
EDITORIAL

Change the universe

Miss Venezuela weighed 119 pounds when she was crowned Miss Universe. She was much too lightweight for the world at large. She was even too lightweight for Mount Holyoke College, which hosts the pageant. The women from the pageant have always been considered lightweight, but Mount Holyoke should extend an invitation to the women. Not only should Donald Trump’s businesses and pageants be boycotted but Mount Holyoke should extend an invitation to the women. Miss Universe should not submit to these ridiculous and oppressive requirements. As with all women, her body should be left to her at her discretion. MassSPRING is a student group founded at 23 universities and colleges in the United States. It works on a variety of projects and campaigns building student leadership and links the campus to the surrounding communities and other campuses. MassSPRING, Massachusetts Student Public Interest Research Group, is a state-wide, student directed organization that mainly focuses on environmental issues, but also works on consumer protection and political issues. The three of us are interested in bringing MassSPRING to Mount Holyoke. We are assessing the support on campus by planning an essay contest to promote new ideas. This is an important task because the fact that financial aid does not come out of the tuition revenue, but from alumni, endowment and investments. In addition, every student was receiving some support since tuition did not reflect the full financial position of students. This was unsatisfactory, but the knowledge that students were not differentiated by their financial background made it possible the diverse and supportive atmosphere so valuable to Mount Holyoke.

I know how important it is to spend wisely, living within one’s means is the only way to guarantee a stable future. However I ask the students to go back and try to find a way of preserving our future viability without implying upon such an issue critical to the reputation and climate of Mount Holyoke. It seems a simple thing to do, to read the fine print, to check the bottom of the application.

Well, it found all of my books. And I wasn’t supposed to give myself a pair of Hot Pink shorts! Yeah... Maybe you can save up, delve into the N.I. stockings sick like they made on the moose farm, and end up with something real. And think of all the people you can give your Hot Pink shorts to. Hmm... I guess it’s OK to put your name on next.

LETTRES A LA RÉDACTION

Beside this, the same is expressed by many of the students, expressing an honest frustration, would not be so expedient if they weren’t paying for both their education and the educational financial aid student. This would be qualified immediately by the fact that financial aid does not come out of the tuition revenue, but from alumni donations and investments. In addition, every student was receiving some support since tuition did not reflect the full financial position of students. This was unsatisfactory, but the knowledge that students were not differentiated by their financial background made it possible the diverse and supportive atmosphere so valuable to Mount Holyoke.

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Marijuana...shhhhh!

California doctors will sue federal government if discussing marijuana use is prohibited by sanctions.

By Leena Palmer '97

Doctors in California are prepared to file a lawsuit against the federal government if restrictions imposed sanctions for discussing marijuana as a possible treatment for terminals. Doctors are concerned that such restrictions would prevent them from providing patients with the same level of care that they would provide for patients with other illnesses.

One way to view the issue is to compare the situation to the current legal restrictions on the prescription of opium. Doctors are not allowed to discuss the use of this drug with their patients, even though it is known to be effective in the treatment of certain conditions.

By Bess Bailey '99

I watched 20/20 two weeks ago, and the first topic on the show was that of beauty pageants. Through endless media coverage we have generally established the fact that beauty pageants are problematic for the messages they send to the women of our society. We, as adult, educated women, know that happiness isn't found in a blend of 20,750 pound body with measurements of 36, 24, 36. But this program was... it's a lot on these kinds of pageants. For 20 minutes, as a sickening sort of dinner date Invitations to get some of these kids off. Some 20 minutes, as a sickening... I'm thinking about babies, 3 months old, toddlers, kids 4 or 5, you know. To be blunt, I was sickened. One beautiful little six years old was locked up in a low-cut, backless, blue-sequined dress that I would never would have caught dead in. She was in a long dress in a real adult situation.

Why wasn't anyone teaching this little girl she can one day be President or a surgeon?
Bombings strike Atlanta abortion clinic

BY SONYA MEYERSON-KNOX '99

Two explosions tore up the Northside Family Planning Services center located in Atlanta, Georgia on January 16. The second explosion injured several people, including the emergency officials at the building, resulting in six hospitalizations.

The first blast occurred at 9:30 am, and the second 45 minutes later. The bombs were set on opposite sides of the building, and the second set in a trash container outside the building. Officials are still not positive what items might be specifically targeting the abortion clinic, nor do they have definite suspects.

There were only four people in the building during the first blast, and no injuries resulted. During the second explosion, however, various law enforcement personnel were injured while at the building investigating the bomb.

Clinics were already on high alert as the end of January marked the 24th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court case, a time notorious for violence against abortion clinics.

This was the second bomb to erupt in Atlanta, following just six months after the July 27 Centennial Olympic Park bombing, which killed one person.

Information for this article was taken in part from CNN.

Glimpse of an inaugural gala

BY JULIE GINOCCHIO '99

On January 20, President William Jefferson Clinton gave the Inaugural Address that would set the tone for his second term in the White House. His address was filled with an idealistic charm that emphasized unity among Americans as they bridged the gap into the 21st century. Clinton challenged the American people to envision a bright future filled with the peace that is born when peoples of differing race, religion, and ethnicity form a strong bond of community. "Our rich diversity will be a godsend in the future of racial, religious and political differences," he said. "Great rewards will come to those who can live together, learn together, work together, forge new ties that bind together."

President Clinton's speech aimed to set a positive, unifying tone to guide the American people during the next four years of his administration. "If we succeed, we must succeed as one America," he said.

Montt Hofaker's Diane Bono '97 was present at the Inaugural Ceremony and the Inaugural Parade. She was enthralled by the unified feeling of being in Washington, D.C., surrounded by citizens from all corners of the nation who gathered to witness the swearing in of the President of the United States.

"Never before has an Inauguration been so highly anticipated," she said. "It was a moment to celebrate our democracy and the freedoms that we hold dear."

Information for this article was taken in part from the New York Times.

Recent accords grant Hebron to Palestine

BY SONYA MEYERSON-KNOX '99

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat signed an accord outlining the steps for Israeli troop redeployment from the largely Palestinian-populated city of Hebron and other parts of the West Bank on January 15.

The accord, one of the key elements of the Oslo Accords, was negotiated as part of the 1993 peace process. It called for Israeli troops to withdraw from Hebron, leaving about 80% of the city to Palestinian control. The remaining Israeli forces were to be withdrawn from the city by August 1996.

Hebron is highly valued by both the Palestinians and the Israelis for its historical and religious significance. It is the site of the Tomb of the Patriarchs, one of the holiest sites in Islam.

Netanyahu and Palestinian President Yasser Arafat signed the accord on January 13, 1995. The accord was seen as a major step towards completing the peace process and establishing a Palestinian state.

By June 1996, Israel had fulfilled its obligations under the accord, and Israeli forces had pulled out of Hebron, allowing and they are only approved to run of the road, Palestinian ambulances, taxis, and municipal vehicles.

The accord had been signed by both sides in September 1993, during Israel's cabinet meeting in Washington, D.C. It was one of the key agreements that led to the Oslo Accords, a series of agreements between Israel and the Palestinian Liberation Organization that paved the way for peace negotiations.

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Fugigori was not present in the compound when the rebels entered their entrance with gun-fire and explosives. United States Ambassador Dennis Jett was also outside of the residence during the attack.

The guerrillas demanded the release of all of their estimated 2,000 imprisoned comrades. Peruvian leaders have refused to free the prisoners, which they say would undermine the authority of the Peruvian government and possibly endanger the lives of citizens. The Tupac Amaru, which modeled itself after Cuban revolutionaries, has been a violent presence in Peru since 1984.

Fugigori and Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto discussed the present situation earlier this week, reaffirming their insistence on a peaceful resolution to the crisis. Fugigori has agreed to resume formal talks with the rebels.

Information for this article was taken in part from the New York Times.

HOSTAGE CRISIS IN PERU

Formal talks with the Tupac Amaru rebels holding 72 hostages will resume soon

BY JULIE GINOCCHIO '99

Members of the leftist Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement stormed the residence of Japanese Ambassador Morihisa Aoki in the San Isidro district of Lima, Peru on December 17, 1996.

As the crisis reaches its seventh week mark, 72 hostages currently remain in the ambassador's residence, surrounded by the armed rebels and the Peruvian police forces. Red Cross workers have an active role in supplying personal health needs, such as daily meals and medicine, for the captives.

None of the hostages have been harmed, and an estimated 500 diplomats, government officials and business people, in attendance at the birthday reception for the Emperor Hirohito, Akhiko, were taken hostage by the rebels. Hostages were released periodically and are living the best of conditions in the residence.

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New cereals bring Mount Holyoke students happy mornings.

BY SARAH BUCKLEY '97

company because everything that they're doing, all of the scholarship that's coming out, the programs, the ideas -- there's just so much room for growth.

Auzenne also pointed out the benefits of working for a smaller organization. "Because we're such a small staff, we're very close and so there's a lot of kidding around and joking," she said. "I really adore the two women that I'm working with."

Auzenne will be responsible for much of the organization's public relations work in addition to developing new programs and revising and updating current programs when she joins the National Conference full time in June. In the meantime, the fax machine has allowed her to stay on the payroll and work from her dorm room several hours a day, something Auzenne says is a nice break from her other responsibilities.

Auzenne, an American Studies major and English minor, is also currently in the process of writing an honors thesis which will examine the works of two black authors writing at the beginning of the Harlem Renaissance.

Auzenne describes the National Conference as a watchdog organization responsible for "a lot of dialogue, a lot of conversation, a lot of moderation between groups." The organization works with youths in the United States and abroad and serves as a forum promoting understanding on a global scale. "Because we're such a small staff, we're very close and so there's a lot of insight because of who we are when I came to college...I don't know if I'd be an attorney today or a law professor, but I don't know, I'm a born again Catholic," she said. "I was raised Catholic and it was just something I did, but when I came to college, suddenly my faith just became a very important part of my daily life, and I've really made the effort to help the Catholic community on campus grow." Auzenne's own faith was boosted by a trip she made to Europe last summer. As the winner of the Karen Snyder Sullivan Award, Auzenne traveled throughout Spain and Portugal. While in Portugal, she visited Fatima, the site of one of the world's recent major miracles. "It was wild because you'd step outside the church and there'd be souvenir shops...you'd never seen so many plastic Jesus's in your life. It was the most tacky, awful thing, little light up Virgin Marys and Sacred Hearts. I was just horrified," she said.

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PHONATHON

Phonathon yields alumnae donations, opinions

By Farzoe Naziri '99

What better way to spend an evening volunteering than participating in the Mount Holyoke phonathon? The phonathon forms a part of the College's annual fund raising efforts. It was initiated by the Development Office over three years ago, with the aim of encouraging alumnae, parents, corporations and foundations to contribute toward the funds of the College. According to Kevin McCaffey, media relations director of the Office of Communications, "the driving principle [of the phonathon] is to increase the amount of participation by alumnae in the Annual Fund." The Annual Fund is comprised of the Alumnae Fund and the Parents and Friends Fund. It is used for a wide variety of purposes by the College, including supporting the annual budget.

The phonathon is organized twice a year, and consists of approximately 20 nights of calling (6:30 pm to 10 pm) in the fall and spring semesters, respectively. Students interested in becoming callers and are selected via an interview process. Student callers are then intensively trained for an hour prior to the commencement of the phonathon.

The primary objective of the callers, according to Erin Hale '98, a caller last semester, is to "obtain a donation." However, this is not the sole objective. Callers are encouraged to answer any questions alumnae may have about the College or "any changes on campus." Furthermore, the callers try to "leave them [alumnae and others] with a good impression of the College." Whether they are able to obtain a contribution or not, along with the student callers, about four students are chosen as managers. The student managers are also selected via an interview process and are trained intensively. Managers are required to process information received from alumnae callers and are also responsible for sending mailings and receipts for the gifts received.

Vasudha Paramasivan '99, a caller last semester, said that younger alumnae were less likely to contribute than older ones. "In general older alumnae give more than younger alumnae because they have been in the workforce longer and can afford to make larger contributions," said Mary Jo Harika, Annual Giving Officer.

Paramasivan added a number of alumnae refused to contribute because they "no longer believe in the concept of single sex colleges." Sharon Alaim '97, a student caller, said alumnae also refused to contribute because they had "a big problem with guys and kegs on campus." However, there has been a steady increase over the years, in the funds raised by the College through the phonathon. According to Erin Hale, "the phonathon raised $16,009 in 1993-94, $16,734 in 1994-95 and $24,585 in 1995-96. Overall, approximately $16,099 was raised in the fall semester of 1996-97 alone."
**Cruelty-free products in the bookstore**

**BY INGRID DENNERT ’99**

Have you seen the new “Cruelty-Free” label on health and beauty care products in the Mount Holyoke Bookstore? They are part of Student Action for Animals’ efforts to increase awareness of and support for companies which do not test their products on animals.

Student Action for Animals and the Mount Holyoke Bookstore staff have been working together to make more cruelty-free products available at the bookstore, and to make them visible through “Cruelty-Free” labels. Currently, only cruelty-free health and beauty care products — which include shampoo and conditioner, hair spray, gel, mousse, soap, lotion, antiperspirant/deodorant, lip balm, and toothpaste — have been labeled as such. However, Student Action for Animals and the Bookstore staff are working to label and expand the selection of cruelty-free office supplies and detergents at the bookstore as well.

So what does animal testing entail? When a health or beauty care product is not cruelty-free, one or more of the following three standard animal tests have been performed:

1) The Draize Eye Irritancy Test — six to nine rabbits are held in stocks to prevent them from clawing at their eyes to dislodge the substances being tested. The lower lid of each rabbit’s eyes is pulled away from the eyeball to form a small cup. The technician drops several milligrams of a potentially caustic substance into the eyeball cup and holds the animal’s eye closed for several seconds. The rabbits’ eyes are then observed at intervals of 24, 48, and 72 hours, although the test may continue for up to 21 days. Technicians note the severity of the irritation. Is the lid swollen? Is the iris inflamed? Is the cornea ulcerated? Is the rabbit blinded? After the test, the animals are either destroyed or recycled for a new test.

2) Dermal Toxicity Tests — conducted on rabbits, guinea pigs, and other animals. Potentially caustic chemicals are applied to the animals’ raw, shaved skin, and covered with adhesive plaster. The animals are immobilized in restraining devices to prevent them from struggling. Is the cornea ulcerated? Is the rabbit blinded? After the test, the animals are either destroyed or recycled for a new test.

3) LD50 Test (Lethal Dose 50) — Animals are force-fed, injected with, or forced to inhale a substance until 50% of the animals in the test group die. Animals’ reactions to such toxicity tests include convulsions, vomiting, diarrhea, paralysis, and bleeding from the eyes, nose, mouth, or rectum.

Sub-acute tests can last 90 days or longer. In chronic tests, caged unanesthetized animals are dosed daily for up to 26 months. (Data compiled from literature printed by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals)

The information gathered from such animal testing is often not directly applicable to humans. A rabbit’s response to a chemical will not necessarily accurately predict a human’s reaction. In addition, plenty of companies manufacture safe products using natural and time-tested ingredients that are not tested on animals.

Student Action for Animals urges Mount Holyoke Students to support these companies. Please buy cruelty-free!

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**Site Bytes**

Well, it seems that we all have a new cause for celebration, my friends! It must be common knowledge by now that February 1997 has been declared Mary Lyon Month by the boys in Massachusetts and since Mary Lyon may only have a mouth of her own once this is definitely cause for a little cheer. But like any honorable and respected academic institution, we do have to take this cause seriously. And what could be more serious than a little research project?

Hold up just a sec! We all love Mary Lyon and she is obviously one of the coolest women around — but who has time to do more research? Like you aren’t already two weeks behind in a class that’s only a week old. Enter an awesome website created by your future alma mater featuring Mary Lyon herself. Located at http://www.mtholyoke.edu/marylyon/this site will fill you in on all those little tidbits that you should know about Mary Lyon and let you in on some tidbits that you may have been able to live without. This really is an interesting site (and I do admit that I was worried that this site would have the potential to be boring). And if that’s not enough, I’ll give you some ideas for party favors for your big Mary Lyon Month bash — not a soul will be able to get into mine without explaining the significance of a bible, an atlas, a dictionary and two spoons (check out the site — you’ll figure it out).

Compiled by Sarah Ingram ’98

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**February Calendar of Events at The Thirsty Mind**

**Thursday, February 13**

- Poetry reading with the critically acclaimed Banafshe Larijani.

**Friday, February 14**, **8pm**

- Gallery opening for Mount Holyoke artists Samantha Williams ’97 and Nicole Mathews ’97.

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**Places to go, people to see**

**Thursday 2/6**

- *Japanese Tea Ceremony* featuring sweets and Japanese green tea with Tiu Liu-In, Nobie Yamashita. 7:30-8:30pm in Elliot House.

- *Textiles & Techniques: African and Indonesian Cloth.* This show will display unique textiles, along with artifacts and photographs. 5:00-7:00pm in the Hampden Gallery at UMass.

**Friday 2/7**

- *Korean New Year Party.* Only $1 w/ MIC ID, $2 w/out. Sponsored by the Korean-American Student Association. 10:30-2:00am, in Blanchard.

- *Austin Roller,* violin & Janice Bunce Shaffer, piano. This duo is having a guest recital featuring Sonatas by Brahms, Nos. 1-3. The cost is $2.50 and will be held in the Dickenson House Living Room.

- *The Blues Brothers.* Ambient flicks will show this great movie for only $2. 10:00pm in the Campus Center Theater.

**Saturday 2/8**

- *The Blank Page.* A one act comedy about the people responsible for publishing a young, alternative, independent magazine. Produced by Tabitha Rasa, the cost is $5.00, shows at 2:00 pm, and again at 8:00 pm in the Hampden Theater at UMass.

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**Sunday 2/9**

- *Dana Miller* from Amherst, and Gary Steigerwalt from MHC are giving a presentation: "Lasting friends and Bleeding from the Eyes, Nose, Mouth: a day in the life of the freshly blinded? After the test, the animals are either destroyed or recycled for a new test.

**Monday 2/10**

- *A proto-feminist critique of the 1789 “Declaration of the Rights of Man”. This lecture will be given by Smith College professor Janie Vanpee, and will address how women were able to validate their radical roles during the French Revolution.* 4:30 pm in the Dickenson House Living Room.

**Tuesday 2/11**

- *The Doctor who has recorded Hollywood-famous Hippo* is coming to speak at the UMass Arch. The talk will cover memory biology, and evolutionary links of Hippopotamuses. 4:30 pm in Hooker.

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**web site of the week**

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**Friday, February 14, 8pm**

- Gallery opening for Mount Holyoke artists Samantha Williams ’97 and Nicole Mathews ’97.
Dear Prospective Member:

Liberia should have a special place in the conscience of the United States of America. Its imputas to become a nation came from the United States. For 146 years, it was a stalwart ally of the United States. Yet for the past years, as a civil war has taken almost 200,000 lives, displaced more than two-thirds of the population and destroyed its infrastructure, the United States has treated this great tragedy as a regional problem.

Liberia has a unique historical and cultural link to the United States. Settled by African Americans, many of them former slaves, in the early decades of the 19th century, Liberia became a republic in 1847. The United States influence on Liberia is reflected in the African nation's constitution, the star and stripes of its red, white and blue flag, the structure of its government, the names of its cities, its schools curriculum, its official language and the remarkable degree of good will its citizens feel toward America. Through all the major conflicts of the 20th century, the United States has been a consistent ally of the United States. Liberia declared war on the enemy during World Wars I and II, and the United States declared war on Liberia during the Cold War. Liberia voted with the United States on every significant resolution at the United Nations. It hosted facilities for electronic monitoring and became the largest base for United States intelligence-gathering in Africa.

Yet why was Liberia's treatment so inequitable, given the civil conflict the United States government deferred to ECOWAS, an under-funded regional organization composed of some of the world's poorest nations. Half of the $10 million earmarked by the United States to support a peacekeeping force had not been committed by April 1996. Meanwhile, the cost to the United States of responding to the humanitarian crisis since 1995 has been emergency relief assistance valued at over $445 million, over $66 million provided in the past year alone, more than eight times the amount committed to peacekeeping.

In the absence of a viable security plan, the torrent of refugees continues to undermine Liberia's relations with its immediate neighbors. Though the United States has explored other nations to admit Liberian refugees, its own record of Liberian admissions decries the long relationship with that nation.

The approach to achieving peace in Liberia has revolved around the ECOWAS process for six years. This process has, in turn, been dependent on a core group of ECOWAS nations with the will and very limited resources to engage in diplomacy or to commit forces for peacekeeping. Fourteen peace agreements have been largely breached without the United States and other international parties, such as the United Nations or OAU, present with ECOWAS as working partners at the negotiating table. The result of this agreements and the resources, leverage, necessary for successful implementation, this failure to produce a concerted approach to all aspects of the peace process, from mediation and negotiation and implementation, produced the tragic results that we have witnessed in Liberia.

On August 17 the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) concluded meetings that provide a new timetable for the peace process. Starting August 20, the warning factors are to observe a cease-fire, dismantle checkpoints and withdraw from zones of combat. The peacekeeping force, expanding from 1500 to 1800 troops, is to deploy throughout Liberia in November. Demobilization is to be completed by January 31. Elections are to be held on May 31 to an elected government on June 15. The revised plan calls for sanctions again members of the warning factors that obstruct the peace process. Sanctions include restrictions on travel, freeze on economic activities, exclusion from electoral process, and war crime charges.

Now the United States has another opportunity to assert its international leadership at a critical juncture to ensure that the success of the new peace process. This leadership will not lead to an involvement of United States troops. It does mean that the United States must heighten its diplomatic efforts to help coordinate the peace process of peace and gather the funding that is necessary for effective peacekeeping and demobilization in Liberia.

The United States should take the necessary steps to ensure that its commitment of $30 million to support the ECOWAS peacekeeping force is obligated before the end of the fiscal year 1996. While the United States pledge of $30 million is a step in the right direction it will not alone enable a doubling of ECOWAS to 18,000 troops necessary for deployment by November. It is vital that the United States provide additional funds to make up this shortfall or take the lead to obtain significant pledges from other donor countries.

A top priority of the United States should be the implementation of a serious program for demobilizing Liberian combatants. Regrettably, no additional funding has been pledged by the United States to improve what was an inadequately funded and designed demobilization plan. In fact, some of the funds allocated in early 1996 for relocation of Liberia's 66,000 combatants have been diverted elsewhere. The United States should take the lead in designing a comprehensive demobilization program. This program will not involve United States troops, but should include the resources necessary for every stage of demobilization from encampment to training and counseling of combatants. A contribution of $20 million (non-food related) from the United States would provide the resources necessary to initiate a well-conceived demobilization program and encourage future contributions from other international donors.

The United States should provide Liberians a voice in the final post-war implications agenda in Africa. To date, decisions about the future of Liberia have been made by a core of ECOWAS leaders. Since we are the only African nation under the control of a UN force, it is in the United States interests to ensure that any future agreements and the corresponding leadership that may be achieved on schedule under the new peace plan. This leadership will not lead to an involvement of United States troops. It does mean that the United States through its Special Envoy, may heighten its diplomatic efforts to coordinate the implementation of the peace process and gather the additional resources necessary for effective peacekeeping and demobilization in Liberia.

The United States should understand the need for the international community to be the needs of the peace process. The foundation for a new international approach to the peace process already exists with the International Contact Group for Liberia, the group of donor countries that have pledged support to the peace process. The concept behind the ICG should be expanded to a highly-coordinated partnership that includes the United States, ECOWAS, and the United Nations. This high level of cooperation will ensure that scarce resources are effectively utilized.

The outbreak of fighting in Monrovia in April-May of 1996 was the latest in a series of clashes in Liberia's intractable war. During the past nearly seven years, the war has produced shocking evidence of the consequences of civil conflict for Liberian civilians. The most recent fighting has exacerbated even further these conditions. Humanitarian assistance organizations have been unable to deliver food and other emergency services because of the fighting in Monrovia. Their resources, teams of gangs of combatants and the safety of their relief workers threatened, these organizations have reduced their operations in Liberia.

As a result of the civil war, an estimated 800,000 Liberians are internally displaced; another 800,000 are refugees in neighboring countries that are among the poorest in the world. Approximately 50% of the population in Monrovia, upwards of 350,000 persons, were forced to flee their homes due to the April-May fighting and another 3,000 died. During June-July some 3,300 new cases of cholera were reported in Monrovia and a July survey found malnutrition rates for children in displaced shelters have increased up to 25%.

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That such leadership will be genuine and committed is a matter that you as Liberians and friends of Liberia can decide, or at least influence. But choosing national leadership is a serious and difficult business. In Liberia, bombarded homes and shops are painful reminders of what happens when leaders are chosen unwisely. We cannot allow this to happen again. This is why the Liberian Social Justice Foundation is calling for PEACE, SECURITY, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL AND POLITICAL JUSTICE in LIBERIA.

The Liberian Social Justice Foundation has carefully examined the administrative and operational policies of both the past and present administration in Liberia, and in our candid opinion, much more needs to be done to help Liberia go in the direction she needs to go. We as Liberians must try to have a positive influence on the selection of the national programs and the corresponding leadership which will inevitably affect our lives and the lives of our people for many years to come.

My fellow Liberians and Friends of Liberia, the Liberian Social Justice Foundation has embarked on a mission to ensure that PEACE, UNITY, SECURITY, FREEDOM AND SOCIAL JUSTICE prevail in Liberia. This is an awesome responsibility that can only occur if we cooperate as a team. History will judge us not by what we say, but by what we do. With God and the determined mind, there is nothing we cannot achieve for our Liberian Society. It is in this light that I urge you to support and contribute to the Liberian Social Justice Foundation.

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Star Wars is back from a time far, far away

George Lucas celebrates the twentieth anniversary of one of his biggest creations, with new scenes and computerized special effects

By Mia Howard '99

This summer, thanks to the wonders of cable television, my younger brother was able to see the Star Wars triology for the first time. Unfortunately for him, the epic story was in its twilight just as he grew old enough to appreciate it. I, however, remember the first time I saw the rebels battle the Dark Side on the big screen. Granted, I was Princess Leia when I was six, and you better believe I pictured myself sparkling galaxies and being rescued by daring fighter pilots. Now any brother will be able to better comprehend what the fuss was all about, and older generations can relive the fantasy, for it is true that history repeats itself. That, and Hollywood knows how to market a good thing.

What does the resurrection of this legendary creation represent anyway? Did George Lucas, one of the industry's biggest figures, totally ignore the cost and return of not reviving some of the old glory of the ten top-grossing films in movie history? Ent by Lucas's new project symptomatic of the 90's trend to make things bigger and better. Regardless, he obviously knew what he was doing, since opening night on January 31 was sold out in most theaters. The re-released productions feature "better" special effects, such as more realistic shots of space fights, and fewer tell-tale blue screen outlines. A few new scenes are sprinkled throughout the film as well. Considering the productions were technological milestones twenty years ago, the new versions promise to be more impressive. These revived masterpieces are just the overture to a grand display of new Star Wars productions, the first of which will be released in two years.

The tale of this notorious far-far-away galaxy can certainly be a long and luscious one. Apparently the original screenplay looked very different from the final product. As of May 1974, Luke Skywalker was a 60 year old former Jedi General who fought with 18 year old boy and his father. Together they fought Prince Valorum and his henchmen, Darth Vader. Princess Leia was 14, and Han Solo was not of human form. The final, and fourth draft, presented January 1975, looked more like what we have come to see. However, according to Entertainment Weekly, Lucas sees this year's revised version as "closer to [his] original vision." The next few weeks will tell whether his vision, plus $10 million for retouching and months of work will have paid off. Will the World become entranced with the futuristic forces for a second time? Perhaps only Obi One Kenobi can answer that.

Information from Entertainment Weekly and The Boston Sunday Globe.

An Unquiet Mind

Johns Hopkins professor Kay Redfield Jamison dispels myths about depression with her own experience

By Maryse Jayasurya '97

Manic depression is one of the most pervasive of illnesses. One in ten American families has a member who suffers from major depression or manic-depressive disorder. Yet many sufferers keep their condition hidden for fear of being stigmatized. One of the foremost authorities on manic depression, Dr. Kay Redfield Jamison, will lecture on the topic at Smith College on February 10 at 7:30 pm. Jamison hopes to dispel fears and present a more clear picture of depression in her lecture, held in conjunction with the National Depressive and Manic Depressive Association.

Jamison, a professor of psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, is the co-author of the definitive work on manic-depressive illness, also known as bipolar disorder. She has also written a book about the interrelationship between creativity and this illness, entitled Touched with Fire: Manic-Depressive Illness and the文艺 Temperament, in which she discusses the mood disorders of such celebrated artists as Lord Byron, Robert Schumann and Vincent van Gogh. The author of numerous scientific publications on mood disorders, suicide, psychotherapy and lithium, Jamison is also the executive producer and writer of a series of award-winning public television specials about manic-depressive illness and the arts.

Jamison's position of authority on manic depression is not based merely on her academic qualifications. In her latest book, An Unquiet Mind, she has taken a step which many sufferers of manic depression, experts and laymen fear to do — she admits how she herself has suffered from manic depression since the age of 18, and traces how this condition has affected her life. With rare candor, she describes how she found herself succumbing to the same euphoric highs and devastating lows that afflicted many of her patients.

Her disorder resulted in incredible spending sprees which left her in dire financial straits. She also experienced episodes of violence, bouts with madness and even attempted suicide. Jamison describes how she denied her own illness and resisted using lithium, the drug which she now admits has, along with psychotherapy, saved her life. Even though going public with her illness has been hard for Jamison, she believes she has done the right thing. In an interview published in Time magazine, she says, "My professional life is devoted to helping people understand and accept this disease. And if a professor at Hopkins can't be open about having it, who can?"

The reading and lecture tour that Jamison has embarked on is part of her ongoing mission to make a difference in how manic depression is seen and treated.

Lecture

Dr. Kay Redfield Jamison

on her bout with depression and her recent book, An Unquiet Mind

7:30 pm, February 10

Smith College
By Dilruckhi Fonseka '00

Evita's stunning performances dispel doubts

Fine talent and great voices revive popular musical about legendary leader

Director Alan Parker opens the film, as the musical does, with the announcement of Eva's death. The storyline then jumps back-wards and picks up with her poor and insignificant beginnings. It fol-lows how Eva became the most powerful woman in her country's history, before dying of cancer at 33. In the role of Eva Peron, Madonna perfectly captures the blatant sexu-ality and cold calculated ambition-ism of the real Eva, yet she fails to capture to that same degree the emotions and tragic elements of the character. As a singer she fares bet-ter in this respect, and her rendi-tions of hit songs like, "Don't Cry For Me Argentina," "Another Suitcase In Another Hall," and "You Must Love Me" are touching. She possesses neither the range nor quality of voice with which great stage-Evitas like Patti LuPone and Elaine Paige managed to cap-ture the attention of their audiences. Nevertheless, the very fact that Madonna gives the character and voice of Eva Peron a stamp of individu-ality makes it a sincere portray-al, and one well worth a Golden Globe Best Actress award.

Both Antonio Banderas and Jonathan Pryce give very convinc-ing performances as Che and Juan Peron respectively. Banderas in particular, much to everyone's delight, has a remarkably good singing voice, and his highly pol-ished portrayal of the narrator is an entertaining mixture of humor and cynicism.

All reviewers are fully aware that Evita is a musical, the initial reaction to Antonio Banderas as he bursts into song, is one of surprise and amusement. The whole con-cpt of a sung-through movie is, in itself, a difficult one to adjust to, and director Alan Parker deserves commendation for this daring ven-ture.

Parker directed the movie with much sensitivity, and this is espe-cially reflected in the funeral scene, where he succeeds in portraying fully the overwhelming sorrow of the Argentine people and the crowd scenes, which are by far the best of the movie. Evita will attract the attention of the movie-going populace for diverse reasons. For music-lovers, the genius of Lloyd-Webber will be obvious enough to snatch the first-ever screen version of his musical. For history buffs, the fact that the movie is based on the legend of Eva Peron would be suf-fice. For Hollywood fans, the history that went into making the movie — one legend's triumphant depiction of another, not forgetting the telltale signs of Madonna's pregnancy in the movie — are reasons enough. For the rest of us, Evita is an enter-taining and moving film, and one that is certainly worth seeing.

* New playing at Mountain Farms Theaters

By Damayanthi Fernando '00

The Motion Picture Soundtrack for Evita, available in music stores now, is well worth the money. With the hit song "You Must Love Me" which won a Golden Globe award and other wonderful num-bers such as "Don't Cry For Me Argentina" and "Another Suitcase In Another Hall," the listeners now have the opportunity to hear Madonna at her best.

The voice of Antonio Banderas, who continues to surprise us all with his hidden talents, is commendable. Numbers such as "High Flying Adored" and "Oh what a Circus" among many others are done with great feeling in his own style which suits his range. Unlike the original music for the Andrew Lloyd Webber/Tim Rice production of the play, the music for the movie has been "spruced up" a great deal, and as none of the main characters have so called trained operatic voices, it succeeds in making its mark on the soundtrack of the movie.

The Evita soundtrack contains two CD's and the price ranges around $20. Anyone who has seen and liked the movie, and even those who haven't, will find this a welcome addition to their CD col-lection.

Indigo Girls, Jewel in spring concerts

*INDIGO GIRLS, from 1

In a poll given to Mount Holyoke students last semester, the Indigo Girls were one of the top bands requested to play on campus. The Network contacted the group and found that the Indigo Girls would perform at Mount Holyoke.

"This year we've worked really hard to get many acts," Bub said. The Network began advertising the concerts on-campus last week-end. John Peters has been advertis-ing off-campus for the last week. Meghan Faherty '00 first heard of the Indigo Girls when she saw them perform at a restaurant in Connecticut. She said, "I love them. I am so excited about seeing them." A few days after jewel performs at Mount Holyoke, she will play at the 97th Annual Grammy Awards. She has been nominated for two Grammy Awards for "Best New Artist" and "Best Female Pop Vocal Performance." All discount tickets will be sold in Blanchard Student Center. Regular priced tickets will be sold to the public at various ticket outlets.

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PEACE IN GUATEMALA: THE SIGNING OF THE ACCORD FOR A FIRM AND LASTING PEACE

By Miriam Y. Cabrera-Lopez ’99

I woke up Sunday morning, the 29th of December, filled with excitement, exuberance and confusion when I remembered that Guatemala was going to sign a peace accord. Excitement rushing through my body because the war was ending. My mind flooded with the many Guatemalans that are possible with the peace signing but confusion intruded in my delight. I began to doubt that peace could be achieved in our lifetime, a piece of paper. They had not seen long, painful, and devastating to those who lived in Guatemala; even to those who had the opportunity to escape.

During the thirty-six year war, more than 100,000 people were killed and approximately 3,800 “disappeared” and 400 Mayan villages were eliminated under the Guatemalan army’s scorched-earth counterinsurgency. The United States aided the Guatemalan army during this savage massacre of its people. The US lent military power and trained soldiers in the United States Army School of the Americas at Fort Benning Georgia (Lezlie Wroon: NCR). Many people fled Guatemala’s war torn lands, like my family, and immigrated to the United States, Canada and Europe as political refugees. In my mind, the Guatemalan government signs a peace accord for a Firm and Lasting Peace would put an end to a painful stage in the history of my country.

The Peace Accords were signed on December 29.

It covered various issues, but the most important issues were: a Comprehensive Agreement on the Human Rights, Agreement on the Identity and Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Agreement on Socioeconomic Aspects and Agrotarian Situation, Agreement on Forfiting Civil Power and the Army’s Function in a Democratic Society and Agreement on the Eighty-Eight Casualties. These important aspects of the agreement had to be signed by the Guatemalan army and the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity. To the country’s relief, both parties sealed the Peace Accord with their signatures.

As the days progressed, my excitement seemed to wane away and confusion swept over me like a dense fog. It wasn’t make it on the plane to school, I knew that everything was either going to get better or worse. It got worse. I landed in Buffalo.
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In the beginning was the Word. And she was the spiritual warning. "Wade in the water." In the beginning was the Word. And she was the words urging The Lady to sing her song. In the beginning was the Word. And she was the spirit...

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S Constitution and by-laws rewrite

The SGA rewrite, from 1 initially as an "ethics committee" to the Senate, which would review complaints lodged against the SGA. The purpose of the judicial board, according to Jess Rouse '99, is to increase accountability and to "create channels between the SGA and the campuses." Currently, no SGA official serves in this capacity. As the revision stands now, the board would be comprised of five members of the Association who are not serving in any other elected position in the University or SGA, but that stipulation, says Bresslour, is still subject to much amendment. Another change proposed in the document is the elimination of the position of chair of the senate. Instead, there would be instituted the position of moderator, who, unlike the current chair of the senate, would not sit on the executive board.

According to Bresslour the position was so altered because its main capacity is to moderate the SGA meetings, and for the moderators to sit on the executive board represents a conflict of interest. "It needs to be at a position of impartiality," she said. Also added in the revised document is Article IV, section B, subsection 8, which cites that Senate may take a "Policy of No Confidence" which will dissolve the existing Executive Board and restart the election process. This, according to Bresslour, would be a way for the Senate to "send a strong message" to the leaders of the SGA about their performance.

The group of students who made these revisions were self-designated and call themselves the Urothical Constitution and By-laws Rewrite Committee. Bresslour, Class of 1998 Senate Ara Nazikyan 99, Torrey Hall Senator Kate Gordon 99, Educational Priorities Committee co-chair Jess Rouse '99, Senator Meg Baker '99 and 1997 Senate Senator Izann Al 100 are the committee.

According to Gordon, the committee formed on the premise that the Senate "did not feel that the Senate was a more reasonable level for the size of the College." The group continued their work until December 31, the end of the academic year.

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EARLY DECISION APPLICATIONS

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Smith receives donations

Several large donations have been made to Mount Holyoke in the past month. The money, totaling several million dollars, will be used towards financing student's educations, and improving the quality of the faculty. The first two awards received were from Philadelphia-area alumni, Ann Montgomery, and Katherine Zieber. Zieber, who died in 1993 was a graduate of the class of 1918, while Montgomery, who passed away in 1995, graduated ten years later in 1928. Zieber's last letter to the magazine - came as a surprise to Smith officials because she had little connection with the college. Montgomery left one-half of her estate, 18.2 million, to the school. This money will be added to the Ann Pavan Montgomery Scholarship fund, which was established in 1988.

Honor code

▼CODE, from 2 examination and compiling ideas as a group and analyzing them." Mooney said she is committed to accepting the final version of the students' proposal. "The students will be the determining voice about the honor code — we won't include another committee of five people on a whole doesn't approve of," Margaret Clayton '97, chair of the Council on Student Affairs, said. The committees have an e-mail address dedicated to student input and concerns. All ideas should be sent to hosts3@umich.edu.

Student wages

▼STUDENT WAGES, from 2 Some students, though the lack of a stipulation may seem a "good for me personally, but it might reduce the chances of people wanting to come to Dining Services for four years to get the money," Anci said.

Student workers have also expressed concerns about reaching working-age status. "The biggest problem is people maxing out," Shan's Devy '99 said.

Other might be difficult to do. "I've done some study at Mount Holyoke for three and a half years and I've never even half of my full aid allocation," said Charlene Mulcahy '99.

"There will be students who are reaching their maximum earnings limits. With students between 20 to 30 students working in Dining Services each year who go over anyway. It's not a new problem. As a known, it won't affect student jobs," Richard Sanders, section manager in Dining Services, said.

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Mary Lyon Month

February 28th will mark the 200th birthday of the birth of Mary Lyon, founder of Mount Holyoke Seminary and the first permanent institution of this event, Massachusetts Governor Bill Weld has proclaimed this February Mary Lyon Month.

At a spring semester's anniversary in Abbey Chapel last Wednesday, Lyon was honored for her contribution to the rights for women's educational rights. A letter from President Clinton was read at the service. Convocation marks the beginning of a year-long series of workshops and events comprising the Mary Lyon Lecture Series. The goal of this series is to honor individuals exemplifying the spirit of Mary Lyon.

Black History Month

▼BLACK HISTORY, from 1 God. "I believe that good will always conquer evil, and that freedom and

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CHECK OUT these opportunities for us to have a Black History Month." She asked for a moment of silence in which to reflect on what had been said. The group sang the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," and then Minner announced that it was past mid-night and the first minutes of Black History Month had passed. Also scheduled for the month is a comedy night, gospel jam, a campus-wide "black facts challenge," a games night, a jazz musician, and an Afrocentric workshop "to give people to casually refer to our posters," Page said. The posters have been put up in buildings around campus describing upcoming workshops and events which will continue throughout the length of February.

There was a nice turn-out, larger than last year [but] we can always have more...It doesn't take that much to come, it's an opportunity to learn," Page said of the vigil. She added that when students attend these events, such as this, they realize "how little they know."
Tearing up the lanes
Swimmer Amy Cortright '99 takes her laps in practice, swimming hard in preparation for the upcoming New England Championships.

**Swimming prepares for New England's**

**BY LAUREN RAZZORE '96**

All the drama that could be wrapped up in the NCAA finals was repeated Tuesday night as one of the oldest rivalries in women's basketball heated up. Mount Holyoke faced off with Babson. The Lyons took the lead in the first half and went on to win 54-36. The Lyons are the Green Bay Packers. They are an AU-American team.

 Lyons lose to Smith in overtime

**BY LAUREN RAZZORE '96**

During the meet against Wellesley on February 1, Herrold broke another school record in the 500 yard freestyle finishing in 5:23.03. Also, Emily Vincent '00 had a personal best swim in the 200 yard breaststroke. With 1:30 left, Smith's 500 yard freestyle in a career best time of 5:25.49. It looked as though Holyoke took the leading over Smith 43-38. It had a personal best swim in the 200 yard breaststroke with a time of 1:11.07.60. Herrold's 200 yard breaststroke this season had a personal best swim in the 200 yard breaststroke. Herrold was also swim with the 500 yard freestyle in a career best time of 5:24.99.
Swimming into the record books

First-year Katie Herrold breaks 10-year-old school record at Seven Sisters Tournament

BY GENESSA WAGNER ’99

The Mount Holyoke swimming team departed for St. Croix in the US Virgin Islands on January 2. The nine-day trip provided tough training and relaxation prior to the upcoming Seven Sisters Tournament. The Lyons used the 50 meter outdoor pool, which belonged to the St. Croix Dolphins swimming team, to practice twice a day.

During the trip the Lyons competed in a mock meet with the St. Croix Dolphins and the New York University men’s team. While the trip concentrated on intensive swimming, the team had an afternoon off to travel to Buck Island, an underwater national park, where the swimmers participated in a snorkeling adventure.

The team and Coach Cathy Buchanan agreed the time spent in St. Croix allowed them to get to know each other better. “It was an awesome trip. We definitely bonded as a team,” said sophomore swimmer, Megan Young.

According to Katie Herrold ’00, the experience helped give the team a charge of atmosphere. “The sunshine lifted our spirits. It was nice to have a break and to still be swimming,” she said.

The team’s performance this season continued to exhibit the Lyons’ talent. Mount Holyoke placed third with 647 points at the 16th Annual Seven Sisters Tournament on January 24-26 at Bryn Mawr. Smith finished first and Wellesley in second place. Vassar and Bryn Mawr finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

Even though the Lyons did not win, the team’s performance “was an awesome trip. We definitely bonded as a team,” said sophomore swimmer, Megan Young.

The Mount Holyoke basketball team is coming off a productive January term with an 8-8 record and high hopes for the playoffs.

This Saturday the hoopers were dealt a tough loss against NEW-8 rival Wellesley in a well-fought game that went down to the wire.

The teams were evenly matched and at half-time Mount Holyoke was up by two with the moment swinging their way. Wellesley came out strong in the second half, shooting 41 percent from the field, but the Lyons stayed right there in front and fought hard keeping the game close.

In the final minutes of play, the drama increased and the game intensified. With 2:17 to go and the score in favor of Wellesley 61-46, the Lyons made a run for it. Team captain Emily McNutt ’97 drove through the lane for the lay-up, but in a freak accident that rarely occurs, the ball got jammed between the backboard and the rim causing an automatic change of possession. In a play that couldn’t have come at a better time, the Lyons overcame their loss to Bates, and a 4-5 one to Colgate with wins from Algozo, Morris, McGowan, Prince, Kalamars, and Lacey. Algozo, Morris, McGowan, Prince, and Lacey contributed to the win. Mount Holyoke faces Wellesley for one more shot at the championship. Getting this set to sizzle as NEW-8 championships approach

BY LAUREN RAZZORE ’98

Despite the Mount Holyoke squash team’s hard work and training over January, the team came out disappointed at the Mount Holyoke/Smith Invitational January 31-February 2, going one for three in their matches.

The Lyons lost 2-7 to Connecticut College during the tournament. However, the loss did come without a fight. The players succeeded in holding on long enough to extend five of the seven matches into five games. Senior co-captain Chris Algozo ’97 and Sarah Morris ’97 produced two wins.

The strong team of Franklin and Marshall defeated Mount Holyoke 0-9 during the invitational as well. Nevertheless, the Lyons overcame Havernford with an impressive score of 8-1. The wins were accredited to Algozo, Morris, Stephanie Mackler ’98, Sophia Kalamaras ’98, Lauren Edwards ’97, Becca McGowan ’96, Heather Prince ’97, and Megan Lacey ’99.

Co-captain Algozo said, “We worked hard during J-Term to prepare for the upcoming-bulk of challenging matches... Over J-Term, we continued to maintain our conditioning, and incorporated new skills and strategies into our individual games.”

The Williams Tournament was held January 17-18 and included contests against Williams, Bates, and Colgate. They suffered a 9-0 loss to Bates, and a 4-5 one to Colgate with wins from Algozo, Morris, Kalamaras, and McGowan.

The Lyons rallied and won against Vassar 8-1. Algozo, Mackler, Morris, Kalamaras, Edwards, McGowan, Prince, and Lacey each contributed to the win.

The last tournament of the season is the Howe Cup at Yale University on February 14-16.