Crisis on Wall Street deters finance majors

BY LIRA SAMANTA '10
STAFF WRITER

It happened quickly: on Sept. 7, the federal government seized mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and placed them into a government conservatorship under the newly created Federal Housing Finance Agency.

On Sept. 15, Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., a global financial-services firm, filed for bankruptcy, which marks the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history.

On Sept. 14, insurance giant American International Group (AIG) underwent a liquidity crisis after its credit rating dropped, at which point the Federal Reserve created $85 billion worth of credit to bail the company out of trouble, in exchange for a nearly 80 percent equity stake.

On Sept. 21, the Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. announced that it would transform from investment banking to become the fourth largest Bank Holding Company to be regulated by the Federal Reserve. The same fate lies in store for Morgan Stanley, global financial service provider.

On Sept. 23, Wall Street rallied on the heels of a $5 billion investment from Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. There is further hope for investors as Buffett also secured warrants to buy $85 billion of Gold Sachs common stock.

The economics community at Mount Holyoke, many of whom foresee the imminence of unsavory effects of deregulatory government fiscal policy, offered their analysis.

Lucas Wilson, professor of economics, said, "Clearly, the lawful political move to deregulate -- that irresponsibility will result in the gain is privatized (accruing to a few) and the pain is nationalized (paid for by the many). The deregulatory thrust of economic policy since the Reagan era, hopefully, will be reversed by more and better enforceable oversight."

Economics professor Satya Gabriel added, "If not for the growing gap that separated income from the requirements to service mortgages, the key trigger for the crisis would not have occurred. Income growth would then make it easier for house-

Overcapacity at last year's Undressage lead to policy revision

Entrance to campus events, parties tightened in response to disorganization

BY CLAIRE GREGG '11
STAFF WRITER

The Dressage Team's exceedingly popular annual fundraising party, Undressage, has been put on hold this year due to the party exceeding the 400-person capacity of the Blanchard Great Room. As a result, the Dressage team has been put on a three-semester probation.

John Laprade, director of Student Programs, said that the team is not at fault for creating a popular event and staffing it well. However, the event made clear to Student Programs that "Mount Holyoke parties had reached a new level of success that requires a new level of stewardship by the party sponsors," said Laprade.

Avery Fischer '11 said, "There were so many people. People couldn't get bracelets, people were trying to sneak in, people from other colleges were point ing in, people tried to buy bracelets off people who were leaving."

To address the problem and prevent future incidents, the "Mount Holyoke College Party and Large Events Policy" was created. It lays out procedures for parties, such as placing a cap on the number of wristbands sold and taking action to prevent guests without wristbands from entering.

The policy aims to show organizations that they have a responsibility for their events and that irresponsibility will result in disciplinary action.

Cancelation of the party has greatly affected the team, as the event was their biggest fundraiser. Though they receive funding from the Student Government Association, they are required to raise a portion of their budget themselves.

Dressage Team Captain Laura Himmelberger '09 said they are "looking into alternative ideas to try and raise the funds [they] need."

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West Nile sweeps Western Mass.

BY JESSICA FAJARDO '12
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Aug. 5, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) released information about the emergence of West Nile Virus (WNV) in many Western Massachusetts communities, including Springfield and Chicopee.

Early in September, the Mass. DPH announced that WNV was found in mosquitoes collected in the center of Amherst. It is a likely possibility that this summer's wet weather has caused the sudden surfacing of these infected mosquitoes. According to the Mass. DPH, there have been 57 birds and 116 mosquito pools that have tested positive for the WNV between Jan. 1 and Sept. 19 of this year.

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COLLEGE EVENTS

09.26.08

Domenick Carino
The singer/songwriter from New Jersey will be playing his guitar and singing at Smith College. Sponsored by the Smith College Campus Center Activities Board.
9 P.M., LEG ROOM PUB, Smith College, FREE

09.27.08

Out! For Reel Film Series presents: The World Unseen
Come see the Western Massachusetts premiere of The World Unseen. The film follows Miriam and Amina, two women who engage in an unexpected, dangerous and touching romance. Set during the 1990’s apartheid South Africa, The World Unseen is a mesmerizing movie about hope and love.
7:30 P.M., ACADEMY OF MUSIC, Northampton
For more information, visit www.OutForReel.org.

Flywheel Arts Collective Record Fair
The Easthampton based art space is hosting their 3rd Semi-Annual record fair to raise funds in order to complete the reconstruction of their art space (see last week’s article in A&E for more information on the organization). The fair will have vinyl from lots of different distributors as well as other music-related items for purchase.
10 A.M.- 4 P.M., EASTWORKS, Easthampton

10.01.08

The Dodos, Au, The Dig
The Dodos have a minimalist set-up, with only guitar and drums, but the result isn't lacking anything. The psychedelic folk songs they create are enticing and artsy. Au is the project of Luke Wyland, who has drawn musicians from his home of Portland, OR, to take his music to the stage and on the road.
7 P.M., SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT ROOM 137, UMass, FREE

New Asia Cinema presents Hometown Baghdad
Hometown Baghdad is part of an Israeli web series that promotes a war dialogue among youths worldwide. The lives of three young Iraqis during wartime are depicted through blogs, videos, and news forums.
7 P.M., PEARL STREET, Northampton

10.03.08

Boys like Girls, Cute Is What We Aim For, Lights
Cute Is What We Aim For and Lights, also in the pop-punk genre.
7 P.M., JOHN M. GREENE HALL, Smith College

10.11.08

Man Man, Tim File
One may listen to the albums released by the Philadelphia five-piece Man Man and think they have them all figured out. Not so! Their live performance is at least half of the reason to be aware of this band. The show involves all while matching tennis outfits and crazy percussion.
7 P.M., PEARL STREET, Northampton

SPOILIGHT EVENT

Saturday, Sept. 27
Eric Heavat, Thrust Lab presented by Alternative Music Collective
Eric Heavat has become a staple of the local music scene. If you regularly attend concerts in the area, chances are you’ve already heard his pop-y electronic beats and seen his wild dance moves. He works hard as a performer and it really pays off for the audience. Thrust Lab, hailing from the abundant pool of creativity known as Baltimore, is the other act on the bill.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Florence

Sunday, Sept. 28
A Stone for Adam Nodelman
Featuring: No Neck Blues Band, Surburned Ward of the Mac, Dredd Fook & the Din (featuring J Mascis, John Moloney & Justin Pizzoferrato), Fat Womn of Error, Northampton Woos (Bill Nace & Thurston Moore), Tarq, Noise Namedly, Boney Brains, Matt Kreffing Band, Franklin’s Mint and Jaw Jaw. Adam Nodelman, a huge contributor to music who performed in many important bands, most notably Surburned Ward of the Mac, passed away in late August. The concert is a benefit for his family. The lineup features a cast of notable bands and musicians, from the area and on the national level, including J Mascis of Dinosaur Jr. and Thurston Moore. The benefit just continues to reaffirm the value of the music scene.
6:30 P.M., FLORENCE VPW, 87, 18 Meadow Street, Florence, MA

Annandale-on-Hudson

Saturday, Oct. 4
The Vivian Girls
Hailing from Brooklyn, The Vivian Girls are a low-fi all girl group with shoegaze, pop influence. A little bit like The Cranberries, if they were edgy. The instrumentals are just noisy enough and the vocal harmonies just sweet enough to create a perfect sound. The songs are rarely much longer than two minutes, but that’s plenty of time to get stuck in your head.
9 P.M., SMOG, Bard College

ON THE HORIZON

Shakespeare & Co. presents Hamlet
The locally based, but nationally renowned, Shakespeare & Company theater group presents the tragedy Hamlet. If the prestige of the Theater Company and the magnificence of the play are not enough persuasion to hop on the PVTA, just look at the ticket prices: Mount Holyoke students only $15.
Wednesday, Oct. 8
7:30 P.M., FINE ARTS CENTER: CONCERT HALL, UMass

CMJ Music Marathon & Film Festival, Hosted by The College Media Journal
Originally created to bring record executive attention to small indie bands, CMJ’s 6-day takeover of New York City has certainly earned the title of marathon. Unlike most conventional music festivals, CMJ books a seemingly endless list of bands at an equally long list of venues throughout NYC. The list of bands for the 2008 series is over 400 and rapidly growing. To be eligible to partake in every film screening, after party or panel discussion, a CMJ pass is needed. If you don’t want to shell out the $275, don’t fret, most of the shows, (and probably everything you’d want to see) are accessible by buying a ticket through the venues. There are also lots of free shows and shows not organized by CMJ with many of the bands. If you can get to NYC, it’s an event no music fan should miss.
Oct. 23-25, All day and night long, NYC (Headquarters: NYU)
Visit www.cmj.com/marathon/ for more info.

If your org., band, dance troupe, cast or class has an event you’d like to include in Where It’s At, submit it to mhnews@mtholyoke.edu.
Politics professor Pyle speaks at war crimes conference

BY AMANDA AULTMAN '10

NEWS EDITOR

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Local towns fight WNV

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for Disease Control, it became recognized as a cause of severe human meningitis and encephalitis, which is the inflammation of the spinal cord and brain. The United States is the most recent location to which WNV has spread, and has had activity in all states except for Hawaii, Alaska and Oregon. The state with the highest activity in 2008 was California, which leads with 108 human disease cases, followed by Mississippi and Texas. Thankfully, there have been no cases of disease found in humans yet this year in Massachusetts, but to insure your own safety you should take the following precautions:

Wear long sleeves and long pants and socks when outdoors. Covering your arms and legs will make it difficult for mosquitoes to bite you and potentially pass the virus. Apply insect repellent while outside. The mass. DPH suggests using a product with DEET that effectively drives mosquitoes away. If mosquitoes fly to your arm, you will know you are in trouble.

And Perpetrators and Punish-Vertors" in the Bush administration, described as caus- ing a “criminal constitutional crisis in our nation’s history—the claim that the president and his secret agents can get away with torture, kid- napping and even manslaughter.”

Pyle suggested that the crisis will not be solved upon the elec- tion of a new president. “It is about reversing a fifty-year trend toward unaccountable, secret government, which now commits crimes with impunity.”

Neither are truth commissions the solution, as Pyle explained that American commissions rarely have the time or money to uncover a scandal, and most often “the chief function of a com- mission is to run out the clock while fostering an illusion that re- form is on the way.”

At the conclusion of his speech, Pyle addressed the unjust prosecution pattern which presi- dents may use to escape prosecution. “It is something else for a president to pre-pardon himself and his subordinates in order to prevent prosecutions for crimes they committed while in office. Pre-pardons are not par- dons; they are obstructions of jus- tice.” He called for legislation restricting the president’s pre- 

donating power to only those who have been convicted of crimes, and to forbid a president to par- don himself.

“Otherwise,” concluded Pyle, “election to the presidency will become a license to torture, wire- tap and kill with impunity, and the United States will become an elected monarchy.”

Jobs dwindle for post-graduates in financial labor force

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holds, firms and governments to service debt.” The lack of growth in the U.S. economy, thus, has re- sulted in a financial contagion that is currently playing out on Wall Street.

Fed Minutes, professor of eco- nomics, predicted, “The current crisis is far from over...the poten- tial is there for the current crisis to become much worse and for unemployment to reach 10 per- cent,” which was the unemploy- ment rate during the “Great Recession” of 1981-82.

What will this economic crisis mean for the students of Mount Holyoke? Financial aid will remain largely unaffected.

Kathy Blaisdell, director of stu- dent financial services, offered her perspective.

“For us, the news was earlier this summer. There was a great deal of concern that banks would simply be unable to raise the cap- ital to lend out, which has largely been avoided because of steps taken by the federal government.

The federal government has stepped in to guarantee funding around student lending.”

This is good news for Mount Holyoke, who lends directly from the federal government, qualify- ing for the federal relief.

And for our endowed, As- sociate Treasurer Janice Albanz said, “Impact of this on our endow- ment is likely to be relatively modest.” As payout from endow- ment to scholarships and pro- grams are done on a twelve-quar- ter period, “short term disloca- tions don’t have much of an impact.”

Mount Holyoke is a very long- term investor, and market cycles, characteristic of the economy of the United States, are likely to be moderated by the endowment that has been built with the structure to survive crises like the upheaval on Wall Street. Despite financial aid and en- dowment remaining unharmed by the Wall Street meltdown, all is not well on the horizon for Mount Holyoke students.

Those studying finance, and hoping to find employment in the financial sector post-graduation, will be met with disappointment this year, and possibly many more to come.

Gabriel said, “This crisis has al- ready had a significant impact on jobs available in the financial sec- tor. One of my immediate con- cerns is that there will be fewer jobs available for my finance stu- dents. Indeed, I’m more con- cerned about this than at any time in almost twenty years of sending students to Wall Street.”

Unfortunately, job prospects in the financial sectors for the next few years do not look good. It is unlikely that mortgage-based securities will ever recover to anything like the scale it was before the crisis.

He added, “It would probably be wise to explore other career op- portunities.”

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Pete Creighton joins study inreviving the campus-wide dialogue on diversity

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The former Multicultural Student Forum returned last week to the campus to discuss the student forum's structure, its future, and what it can do to involve itself in the campus community.

"I think it is in hopes of involving more students in intergroup dialogue. A facilitated discussion will be held every third week of each month to bring together students in discussion for a conversation about community, diversity, and social justice."

On Friday nine students and four administrators met in Blanchard 204 a.p.m. for the first forum. Tanya Williams, the coordinator of Multicultural Affairs, facilitated the discussion with Kris Bergstrom, the assistant director of Student Programs. Although President Joanne Creighton attended most of the session, she was regarded as an equal contributor rather than a special guest. Reverend Gladys Moore, dean of Religious and Spiritual Life and director of Diversity and Inclusion, arrived towards the latter half of the meeting.

When Williams asked what "ignited" people over the course of the week, thoughts ranged from formative first-year experiences to Facebook to Palin herself. One student wondered aloud why cultural organizations were being targeted on the Holyoke Confessional, and, specifically, why those orcs are repeatedly forced off campus.

"Though no one could provide a final answer, her remark illuminated a major problem of intergroup dialogues: attendees tend to be preconceived, and often self-selected. Discussion was therefore concerned with how to broaden the outreach of frank, face-to-face communication on campus."

One student suggested that while the act of debating issues did not provoke controversy, controversy with people who are not here would not help but be reminded of more threatening voices in society. This student was affirmed by the rest of the group.

"I thought that the dialogue on Friday was an open, honest space where students and staff felt comfortable sharing their opinions," responded Arletta Lovett '11. "I think that these dialogues accomplish is to help make conversations about race, class, etc., a less scary undertaking and to inspire people to dialogue more regularly with people with whom they might not necessarily agree."

Impressed by the facilitators, Isaiah Bartlett '09 commended Williams for taking on the project, though he added that he would have liked to ask Creighton more questions.

"One of the things that I love about Mount Holyoke is that I can walk around and know almost everyone, and that our professors are so accessible. As much as it saddens me to say this, I don't think this happens with the administration," Bartlett said.

Even after Creighton left for another appointment, students and administrators continued the discussion. By 4 p.m. several students began suggesting new names and topics for original interdisciplinary dialogues. If that is any mark of success, students can expect a good turnout on Oct. 17 when Dean of Students Liz Braun will be the invited member of administration.

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International news

Australia

A 17-pound pig named Bruce trapped a 61-year-old woman inside her farmhouse for 10 days after wandering onto her property demanding to be fed. The woman said she tried to ward it off with a broomstick, which she was able to half, and endured aggressive headbutts on her bedroom door at night. The pig was removed Wednesday to a pig farm.

China

Twelve countries have banned China's nuclear weapons production after a Soviet weapons transparency group released video footage in Russia of a nuclear weapons producer. China revealed that its recent YouTube postings showing a nuclear weapons plant in Russia were intended to "defend themselves." China has been accused of nuclear weapons proliferation.

Pakistan

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North Korea

A nuclear weapons production plant was discovered in North Korea. The plant is located in the North near some of the major urban centers, it is not clear how much the plant can produce.

Washington, D.C.

Chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve, Ben Bernanke, called upon politi-cians to support a $700 billion bail-out of the financial markets, fearing its delay will worsen financial threats to the U.S. economy. The money would allow banks and mortgage-related debts in the future when their value might rise, says the Treasury.

New York

An Afghan tribal leader named Haji Bashir Noorzai was found guilty of participating in international narcotics trafficking con-spiracy, which delivered millions of dollars worth of heroin to the U.S. and countries all over the world. Noorzai has close ties to a fugitive Taliban leader, Haji Mohammad Omar, one of the most wanted men in the world.

Louisiana

A 44-year-old man pleaded guilty to eight slayings and received a sentence of eight consecutive life terms in prison. Ronald Dominique had raped and killed eight young men in Terrebonne Parish over a decade. He was arrested in 2006 for confessing to raping two dozen men in four different parishes, then killing them. In order to avoid the death penalty he pleaded guilty to first-degree murder.

Warren Buffett, a renowned investor and one of the richest men in the world, announced he would invest $3 billion in Goldman Sachs, a gigantic global bank- ing company. The analysts hope that his commitment will boost the company's exposure to electromagnetic fields or toxic agents used in the Gulf War.

National news

Public Safety Log

September 20

1:40 a.m. Officers received a report of an assault and bat-tery that took place at Blanchard Hall between visitors to campus. The description was given to officers and he was located on campus in another incident (September 21, 2010-012-OF) (Incident #08-011-OF).

2:50 a.m. Officers received a report of an assault and bat-tery that took place at Porter Lot between two compounds. The description was given to the officers as a group of African American males and one white male (Incident #08-012-OF).

2:50 a.m. Officers responded to Porter Lot for a report of a fight where a knife was dis-played. A subject was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon (knife). At the same time, the North started ac-chaining communities around the world to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.

September 21

11:59 p.m. A student reported she felt harassed because her newspaper article was posted in Prospект, all with rude re-maraks on it (Incident #08-315-OF).

September 22

12:00 a.m. Officers received a report that a college vehicle struck equipment, in the Equestrian Center Lot (Incident #08-9-AC).

September 23

12:00 a.m. Officers responded to Prospect Hall for a larceny out of the dining hall (Incident #08-011-OF).

Information compiled from the Public Safety Log by the Public Safety Department. To view the Public Safety Log online, go to http://www.mhweb.org/PublicSafety. Contact the Public Safety Dept. at 310-2924.

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Lyons Network to hold New England Women's Leadership Conference

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From the job-searching seniors to networking newbies, the one question on their minds is: what am I going to do after college? To answer this question and to give a glimpse of the real world with employers and apartment rents, the Lyons Network organized the New England Women's Global Leadership Conference to be held all day Saturday, Sept. 27.

The conference will feature tracks and panels ranging from finance to journalism to biotechnology. It will introduce the students to the real world corporations and companies in their fields of interest and help build one-on-one connections.

The main goal of the conference is to establish relationships. Some previous conference attendees secured internships in short, minute-long encounters with the speakers.

Heba Al-adawy '09 was offered a student was hit and killed by a PVTA bus last year. No Mount Holyoke students were

The Lyons Network's 'Leadership' soon replaced 'Finance' in the title of the conference. Directly involved students moderate the panels and correspond with the success exemplars in the world out there. Previous students who participated in the conference looked back to it in interactions with their future employers. The words of the speakers inspired them to clarify their goals and reach high.

"[Last year] was the first time I went, and I could explore the different fields and different jobs that interested me. I was impressed by what the Lyons Network had provided, and my goals have changed drastically since last year," said Daenun Park '11. She added, "I have an idea of what I might go into after graduation, and it is reassuring." The Lyons Network members have worked all year to prepare the eagerly anticipated event.

The panel managers, responsible for the speakers for their panels, have successfully recruited analysts from JP Morgan, journalism professors from Columbia, and the mayor of Chicopee. The keynote speaker this year is Ana Aleyvang, the executive director at JP Morgan, one of the largest leading investment banking firms in the nation.

The process of recruiting and asking for sponsorship did not run as smoothly as wanted. Since the conference is supported by the large financial corporations, the conference could not escape the dreary consequences of the recent Wall Street meltdown.

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SGA releases 2008 org funding list

BY NICOLE MORTIMER '09
EDITOR IN-CHIEF

Every spring, the Student Government Association (SGA) released the funding list for all the campus orgs receiving funding that year. The latest budget available is for the 2007-2008 school year.

The SGA has $89,000 in funds to disperse among over 25 orgs on campus. Orgs that do not apply for funding on time, like the College Dems did, receive contingency funding, or the money left over from regular funding. If an org has been active for fewer than four semesters, they will also operate off contingency funding.

Llamara, the yearbook, received the most funding for the 2007-2008 academic year with $35,109, while several groups received funding despite requesting hundreds or thousands more. Among those orgs were KASA (the Korean American Sisters Association) and Rene- gades. The Russian Club received the second lowest budget with ten dollars requested and nine given.

Orgs can request special funding if they have a need or unexpected event that can't be covered by the regular budget, such as attending a conference or buying new equipment. The Ways and Means Committee decides who receives special funding and how much. In the 2006-2007 academic year, Ways and Means had $40,009 in special funding and distributed $43,185. The left over money went to the contingency funding account.

Numbers for more current years are not available.

orgs and companies in other areas as well.

Mount Holyoke is known for the sciences, and there are many students interested in law, PR, and media. We wanted to get students from other areas to be involved in the network as well," said Arri Dhar '08, the co-chair of the Lyons Network.

Leadership: soon replaced 'Finance' in the title of the conference. Directly involved students moderate the panels and correspond with the success exemplars in the world out there. Previous students who participated in the conference looked back to it in interactions with their future employers. The words of the speakers inspired them to clarify their goals and reach high.

"[Last year] was the first time I went, and I could explore the different fields and different jobs that interested me. I was impressed by what the Lyons Network had provided, and my goals have changed drastically since last year," said Daenun Park '11. She added, "I have an idea of what I might go into after graduation, and it is reassuring." The Lyons Network members have worked all year to prepare the eagerly anticipated event.

The panel managers, responsible for the speakers for their panels, have successfully recruited analysts from JP Morgan, journalism professors from Columbia, and the mayor of Chicopee. The keynote speaker this year is Ana Aleyvang, the executive director at JP Morgan, one of the largest leading investment banking firms in the nation.

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The first week back at classes is usually slow for most students, but one group was already advertising events with fliers. The Film and Video Collective is a group ready to make their presence known on campus. During a discussion of film, what comes to your mind? Many think of a plethora of blockbuster movies, glamorous female protagonists and an action-packed sequence of events. But surely there is more to film than that, and that is precisely what the Film and Video Collective is for.

About a decade ago, the Film and Video Collective was founded by students who were bound together by a love for cult films. To expose students to the complex world of film, the Film and Video Collective also organizes movie screenings and workshops for students in addition to organizing and funding on-campus film production.

According to co-director Hahn, “Though there has only been on campus in the past, the Film and Video Collective hopes to plan larger features, film lectures and workshops for the students.” As Hahn explained, “there are many great resources in the valley that we want all students to be aware of and take advantage of.” Ideally, the Film and Video Collective would provide film students with the necessary resources for film productions.

In addition, the Film and Video Collective intends to hold fundraising activities this semester, such as t-shirt making and a cookie bake sale. Hahn is also enthusiastic for the organization to be filled with students eager to watch and collaborate on films together and who are able to find community based on this common interest.

Co-director Caylee Mitchell ’10 said the org is an exceptional one. “It is rare to have education discussions about film in an academic environment with a group of friends on campus, and this organization takes what film majors are doing inside the classroom and brings it to everyone who enjoys cinema.”

Previous achievements of the students in the Film and Video Collective have included winning a prize at the Five College Student Film Festival. In the past, Mount Holyoke students have also collaborated with students of Smith College and Hampshire College in work on films together, according to Robin Blaize, advisor to the Film and Video Collective.

Members of the Film and Video Collective meet once a month to discuss cult movies and from there, pick the favorites for screening and also plans for production activities. No film knowledge is required of students who would like to be included in these meetings. Those interested in joining Mount Holyoke’s Film and Video Collective can contact Ariel Hahn at huhahn20c@mtholyoke.edu or Caylee Mitchell at michette20c@mtholyoke.edu.

Attention: Hollywood killed women’s films

BY JOANNA ARCIERI ’10

In her acceptance speech at the 2006 Emmy Awards, Glenn Close made a profound statement about the place of female actors and characters on television. She said, “I think we’re proving that complicated, powerful, mature women are sexy in high entertainment and can carry a show.” While Close’s observation is true for television shows, it couldn’t be further from the reality in mainstream Hollywood films. In fact, the woman’s film, a subset of the melodrama, is dead and Hollywood is to blame.

Considering the fact that women’s films, films with female protagonists, has been a marketable subgenre since the 1920s, it is rather jarring to conceptualize a world where women who were bound together by a love for cult films. To expose students to the complex world of film, the Film and Video Collective also organizes movie screenings and workshops for students in addition to organizing and funding on-campus film production.

Ariel Hahn ’10 revived the dormant organization last spring by holding monthly meetings and screenings of movies such as Attack Of The 50 Foot Woman, An Affair To Remember and Wet Hot American Summer. This semester, Spike Lee’s Do The Right Thing will be released.

However, the focus of this semester’s Film and Video Collective is a remake of the 1939 George Cukor film of the same name, The Women, which touches on the lives of the best women’s films such as Sex and the City is updated to have more appeal to contemporary audiences. This movie, based on the immensely popular novel, has been a huge box office success. In many ways, the movie has been beneficial for the future of women’s films. Kisw bought Hollywood executives that the female audience exists and that they want to see successful, complicated and powerful female characters on screen. But the Sex and the City movie has also pushed women’s films in a new direction.
Should animals be used in research?

Learning from animals

BY REBECCA DEMOUCOUR '09 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Animals have been used in scientific research for millennia. Ancient Greek philosophers, such as the founder of philosophy, believed that animals had souls and could feel pain. In contrast, Renaissance scientists, such as the biologist Aristotle, believed that animals were merely the tools of their experiments, often mistreating them for the sake of scientific advancement.

The use of animals in research is a controversial issue. Some argue that it is necessary for scientific progress, while others believe that it is immoral and unethical.

The practice of using animals in research is regulated by the Animal Welfare Act (1966), which covers a wide range of animal use in research, including the proper care and use of animals. The act requires that animals be used in accordance with the principles of humane care and use of research animals.

Researcher: Marla Gilbert

BY PETRA ELIAS '09 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The 17th century French philosopher Rene Descartes argued that animals could feel no pain because they lacked human "consciousness." This notion is still prevalent among scientists who are inclined to believe that animals are merely tools. However, a growing number of scientists are beginning to view animals as being among the most profoundly stupid and senseless arguments I've ever heard (and my beloved black cocker spaniel, Max).

Researchers have strong incentives

A “Three-Principle” study of USA

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Animal use in research

Animal use in the name of science has been present from the beginning of modern science. Certainly the ways of the past are no longer relevant to today's practices, but until scientific research replicates the complex (and incompletely understood) dynamics of a fully integrated organism in its native environment, the use of animals in scientific research will remain relevant.

New number used in research

Animals
dogs 66,610
primates 57,531
pigs 48,598
rabbits 24,786
cats 22,921
hamsters 17,988
sheep 32,560
guinea pigs 21,286
other farm animals 21,440

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Animal testing may also define some concepts of "animal research." There is, however, a growing demand for companies to provide animal-friendly products, and classroom settings may also define some concepts of "animal research." In this context, animal testing is not considered "animal research." Instead, it is considered a necessary evil in the name of science.

The science professions seek to minimize animal use in research. A "Three-Principle" study of USA

To minimize use of animal subjects and to follow proper care and handling practices, researchers must use more similar animal subjects, and as a result, these procedures and protocols will be abolished. If you must do this, do it this way, and if you still can't see why, I recommend a little experiment of your own. Walk to your nearest convenience store and down the candy aisle. Notice how many of the most prominent (and coincidentally most popular) makeups brands proudly proclaim that they have "not been tested on animals." Try to find a product that does not have this disclaimer. Then, next time you're in the biology laboratory dissecting an animal, think about whether you have learned enough from the dissection to have warranted the animal's life. Was it worth it? Max and I certainly don't think so.

First-year forty? No thank you, Mount Holyoke

BY SUMMER STONE '09

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Food as medicine

Cut out all of your liquid calories. These can pack a punch of up to 700 extra calories, already half your diet allowance depending on what you're drinking. Coke and fruit juice are the worst villains. Swap these for water or a zero-calorie drink.

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Testing for which animals are primary subjects is varied and horrendous. They range from toxicology testing, which is mainly conducted by pharmaceutical companies, to animal testing drugs for levels of toxicity, to more straightforward drug testing in the form of efficacy studies, which artificially induce a strain of illness in animals before attempting various doses. These tests can last for years, and countless animals perish as a result. One of the acute toxicity tests, the LD 50 (Lethal Dose 50) test, works by terminating the dosage of the drug that will kill 50 percent of the animal population. In 2005, Nature magazine wrote that the LD 50 was "counted for one-third of all animal toxicity tests worldwide."

Another notorious test is the Draize, which measures the level of irritation to the human body that a drug can cause. The test substance is applied in large amounts to an animal's (usually a white rabbit's) eyes. If the animal shows signs of "severe" distress, the test is halted and the animal is killed, which is in most cases a humane recommendation. Even scientists—the card-carrying members of the animal-testing organization—have criticized this test for being inhumane, cruel and unnecessary.

Better let PETA into the lab, then.

You will always have its pluses and minuses. People will tell you that it is indispensable for the cause and mainstay of medical research, but that countless cures have been invented through the use of animals as test subjects. Even people in the research field are against this practice.

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After a long week of classes and meetings, there is nothing better than a nice Saturday morning brunch. I tend to be greedy and want two brunches per weekend: Saturday out at one of my favorite breakfast establishments and Sunday at a Mount Holyoke dining hall.

To get to the actual toilet, one must walk through a micro room. It is the same size and shape as the toilet room, however this is where the Great Basin is installed. If you need more toilet paper, this is the place to go. However, it is stacked with towering paper, this is the place to go. However, it is stacked with towering

The bathroom on the fifth floor stacks is a horror movie in the making. Not only does this double decker bathroom contain two doors, two sinks and too many visible pipes, it curiously has only one mirror. With this one mirror, trapped in the dark musty bathroom, images of Bloody Mary appear ever so vividly. Your only hope for escape: the toilet.

Don’t get me wrong. When nature calls the fifth floor stacks bathroom does its function, but it’s the fact that you have to wash your hands afterward with shampoo that is of concern. On occasion, the soap dispenser is empty, and the only alternative is a bottle of blue industrial strength shampoo. While it’s good to promote personal hygiene, I’m not sure how effective shampoo is at killing germs that have been procreating on your hands. Germs in your hair? Maybe. Could this explain why there are two sinks? One for hands and one just in case you haven’t showered in days.

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The hair dresser’s sink is abnormally large. If you can’t swim, don’t use this bathroom. What if you fall into the Great Basin and drown? No one would find you, except maybe Bloody Mary.

Speaking of all things mysterious, a fire alarm, a term I will use loosely, is situated on the ceiling of the bathroom. Not such a surprise until one actually looks at it. The alarm is a fake! Why put a fake fire alarm in a bathroom?

Good luck navigating this bathroom straight from the set of a B horror film.

WHAT I LEARNED THIS WEEK

Lesson 26: Never Let Bryan Osmond Know Your Number To Telemarketers

BY SAW SIVER '10

EDIT WRITER

If your name is Bryan Osmond or you know a guy with that name, let him know I’m waiting for you. I’m not happy. I would tell him myself, but I’ve never actually met Bryan Osmond. I don’t know if he’s “Bryan” or “Brian” or where he lives or what his phone number is. I imagine him to be about 25, have grey/green eyes and brown hair. I imagine he’s a college drop-out and works for a contracting company with a very bleak future. I’m not a nice or pleasant person—actually, quite the contrary. But I know for a fact that I don’t like this guy, even if he has excellent taste in movies and plays the bass guitar. I know this because this is the third consecutive week that my cell phone has been ringing off the proverbial hook with telemarketers asking for him. I’ve had the same cell phone number since my freshman year of high school, so there’s no way this number was ever his. I imagine he was calling one day, probably on a porn site or some other relatively sketchy website, and gave out a number he thought he might use. The last I heard that number belonged to me.

I would pick up the phone, call after call, and realized that if an actual person wanted to talk to me, they would leave a voice mail. But if I didn’t pick up, these unwanted callers would just try again. I get five or six calls a day. At first I thought it was a friend of Bryan who was making these calls. They usually sounded like young girls, and I would cut them off before they asked if Bryan would just maybe, “Bryan’s not here. You’ve got the wrong number.” “Ok, okay, thank you,” they’d reply and I’d clap my phone shut. At one point I actually stopped the girl on the other end of the line, this time I sounded to be about my age, chewing gum on the other end. “Do you know Bryan? I asked. “Tell him he’s giving out the wrong number. His MY number. All of his other friends have been calling me too and they all seem to think that this is his number.” I’m sorry ma’am,” she said. “I could just take you off the list if that’s what you want.” “OH! I said, startled. “Well, yeah. That would be great. Thanks.”

I called home, worried that I would have to change my cell number. My dad told me about the National Do Not Call Registry, but I’m paranoid that if I do register everyone and their mother will be able to find me. For now, I just tell every single telemarketer who calls to take me off the list.

Sometimes they want to sell him a warranty on an appliance, other times it’s car insurance or a vacation to the Bahamas. I feel like a secretary or a bad ex-girlfriend. It has made the convenience of owning a cell phone the biggest pain. I used to be glad to have it because unlike a land line I could always have it with me to get in touch with people, but now I just want to leave it in my dresser or the calls can’t follow me everywhere I go.

My e-mail boxes get spammed. Facebook with its new layout is useless and I’m always running all over campus. So for now, if you want to get in touch with me, write a letter.
FEATURES CO-EDITOR
BY ANN MCDOWELL ’09
Most people would not turn down the chance to see the world on someone else’s dime. Erna Wilson ’70 was no exception. She was last year’s winner of the Karen Snyder Sullivan Memorial Travel Award.

Karen Snyder Sullivan ’58 loved to travel more than anything, especially after her study abroad experience changed her life. After her graduation, she married Craig Sullivan. In the course of their marriage, they would travel together often until, as Wilson put it, “Out of the blue, her heart exploded.” Sympathizers began to send Sullivan money to help with her loss, but he would rather have had his wife than the money. So, he decided to use the money for a tribute to his wife’s memory, to set up a fund for Mount Holyoke students to use for travel abroad.

The first of the two steps to winning this award, as described by Wilson, is the application. “You don’t have to have a 4.0 to win it,” Wilson stressed. The application does not measure academic success, but describes where and why you want to travel, and what it will mean to you. “Mr. Sullivan wants to give the award to a student and have it change their life the way that travel did for Karen,” Wilson explained. She also added the importance of honesty: “Design the trip that you want to go on, not the trip that you think we want you to go on.”

About half a dozen of the applicants are then selected for the next round. This round consists of closed presentations for the board. The board consists of Sullivan, Dean Liz Braun, prior recipients and Senior Administrative Assistant Angela Sonson.

Originally, Wilson’s premise was volunteer work in four different European countries. But after she won, Sullivan took her aside and suggested a change to her plans. He suggested she go as many places as she could and stay as long as possible in order to fully take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity. Wilson took a new look at the train schedules in Europe and charted a new course, one that would take her to 15 countries in Western Europe.

Wilson’s new plan was to “couch surf” her way across Europe using the couchsurfing.com Web site to find hosts. This enabled her to see Europe the way the locals do rather than only hitting the tourist hotspots. Veering off the course of popular guidebooks, Wilson found parks only locals knew, a salas club in Brussels and the best cupcakes in Sweden. Of Madrid, Wilson said, “I got to bust out some ten-year-old high school Spanish.”

In La Spezia, she made a new friend who brought her home where his mother, after apologizing for having no food in the house, created a feast of local dishes. Wilson recollected, “Those types of local experiences I’m going to remember much more so than a display in a museum.”

On Aug. 24, Wilson ended her three months of European travel. She now sits on the fence that will decide which Mount Holyoke student will be the next recipient of the life-changing grant. So, if you are a US citizen who has not left the United States or Canada since age 12, the next winner could be you. The application deadline is Oct. 7. Wilson said that she can be contacted with any questions, as can previous winner Cheyenne Gleason ’09 and Senior Administrative Assistant Andrea Emmers.

“That’s pretty much the message,” Wilson said. “Do it... or else.”

The application and official information regarding the Karen Snyder Sullivan Memorial Travel Grant can be found at: www.mtholyoke.edu/offices/dos/12634.shtml

FEATURES CO-EDITOR
BY ALLY HICKSON ’09

In your closet were a pleated skirt, Khaki corduroy pants, hip hugger flare jeans and a funnel shirt. Make-up was strictly deep reds and browns with a touch of glitter. And when you weren’t watching the Jerry Springer Show or Buffy the Vampire Slayer with your hair in butterfly clips you were listening to a mix tape. This was the year 1998. Sometimes we wish we could go back for the briefest of moments, not just for the super cool Gap commercials, but to relive the magic of the moment, without having to relive the horrors of fashion. Just use this mix tape to go back ten years and stay totally dope.

1. Still Not a Player – Big Punisher featuring Joe:
This song is one of those 90’s masterpieces that you still hear at a party.

2. Everybody (Backstreet’s Back) – The Backstreet Boys:
Even though the song is pretty awful, the beat is awesome. Plus, it brought Backstreet back, alright.

3. Ray of Light – Madonna:
Better known as Madrid today, back then was this was the musical girl’s first studio album in four years. With this song was able to make electronica all the rage.

4. You Make Me Wanna – Usher:
It was the beginning of the hotness that is to this day Usher.

5. Getting Jiggy Wit It – Will Smith:
Even though Will Smith is unstoppable at the box office now, once upon a time he was catching heat for this ’98 classic. But why? We all know we were getting jiggy with it, and when this song plays we still do.

6. Hard Knock Life – Jay-Z:
Jay-Z pushed boundaries and tried out some mixing and sampling in this Amiee meets the ghetto mash up.

7. Bittersweet Symphony – The Verve:
This song is stunning. Do you really need an excuse to listen?

8. Spice Up Your Life – Spice Girls:
Who wasn’t part of this phenomenon? After this song came out everyone in the world caught Spice fever. Which Spice were you?

9. How Do I Live – LeAnn Rimes:
Young and talented, LeAnn blow America away with her powerful pipes and heart-felt lyrics.

10. Because of You – 98 Degrees:

11. Ghetto Supastar (That Is What You Are) – Pras featuring O’1’ Dirty Bastard & Mya:
Even though you probably only knew the chorus and every other word was bleeped, you and all your friends were singing it in the car.

12. Truly, Madly, Deeply – Savage Garden:
This song was one of those make-out songs of ’98. So touching, so sweet... so what happened to Savage Garden?

13. The Boy is Mine – Monica & Brandy:
The song that spawned a thousand girl fights.

14. My Heart Will Go On – Celine Dion:
Even if you weren’t a huge Celine fan, even if it was played all the time, you know once she sang “Near, far, wherever you are,” you were weeping.

15. Crush – Jennifer Paige:
The theme song for every flirt of ’98.

16. I Don’t Want to Miss a Thing – Aerosmith:
This beautiful love song made the movie Armageddon a must see.

17. When the Lights Go Out – Five:
This is a horrible song. You should be ashamed to ever have listened to it. But you did and the dirty lyrics and bad rapping will make it memorable, even if Five wasn’t.

18. All My Life – KC & Jojo:
This song had every couple feeling lucky to be in love.

19. Show Me Love – Robyn:
One of the catchiest choruses ever. You were humming this while playing with your “Rachel” hairnet.

20. Because of You – 98 Degrees:
Even though Nick Lachey is now better known as the former Mr. Jessica Simpson; he once had a band that made hits.

Some famous songs of the late nineties and early two thousands that were a true part of being a teenager at the time. Some things never change. Have fun reliving your 98 experience with these tracks!
Gender equality seems to be a topic that has been debated and advocated to exhaustion, so what do I possibly have to say about it that has not already been said? It is always closely linked to words such as “freedom” and “choice” and sometimes “female empowerment.” However, what do these mean in a world of culture where there is only one sense of freedom? Today I write about the choice to be equal. I define gender equality as women’s freedom to choose their own destinies, lives, and views of equality.

As a woman from an African country, I am well aware of the cultural differences between the Western African view of a woman’s place and the Western concept of a woman’s role. I am more than familiar with the Western view of gender equality as the only way for women to be free of male dominance and oppression.

The propagation of Western gender equality has led to a suffocation of cultural values and beliefs in non-Western societies. In a place where much value is placed in a woman who prides herself in taking care of her home and family, there is no shame in a woman who is independent or an income-generating job, but rather works to keep her family healthy and happy.

Influences actively eradicating certain cultural practices in developing countries have led to an indoctrination of Western ideas and practices into those societies. There is some value in the world becoming a melting pot of cultures.

Another thing we may fail to recognize is that we ourselves are guilty of judging people different from ourselves. Listening to conversations around campus, I have noticed that some women see others as unequal to them based on a spectrum of differences ranging from fashion sense and beauty to career choices.

I used to think that gender equality already existed because so many opportunities are open to us. I haven’t learned that much about gender inequality in classes at Mount Holyoke (more so at Hampshire College, which is kind of strange), but just being in an mostly female environment really changes your perspective on things outside of the classroom.” - Mariko Koyama ’10

The Asian experience and viewpoint on gender equality

BY MAEWIN WOO ’11

Asia is a very diverse continent with many unique cultures and communities that have equally distinct views on the issue of gender equality. Attempting to come up with a continental opinion on the topic at hand would be like looking for a single answer to a question that affects and shapes Asian countries. In order to get a better understanding of how gender equality, or rather, inequality, affects women in Asian countries, I set off on the seemingly daunting task of interviewing a number of Mount Holyoke’s Asian students.

Although I wasn’t able to come up with a view on gender equality that is representative of the entire Asian continent, I did succeed in gaining deeper insight into the nuances of culture and opinion with regard to gender equality. Each voice was unique, yet at the same time, the commun-ion of voices seemed to echo a larger picture.

As a South Korean, I myself have witnessed annoying labeling and stereotyping from each other every day. It is important to note that there are different things that shape a person’s lifestyle, which include culture, religion, environment, and most importantly, personal preference. The choice to be equal means being free to decide what influences your lifestyle the most and being allowed the freedom to live by your decision. The choice to be equal means when you walk down the road with your boyfriend, donning your less than feminine, boyish clothing, you are no longer treated differently because you are not the expected representation of a woman.

As a woman, I have a choice to live my life, and it is my right to choose. I may choose to be equal to my husband who leaves home every day to work the breadwinner by staying at home to take care of the children. In a similar fashion my roommate may choose to climb the corporate ladder before she settles down to raise a family.

Likewise, my biology lab partner may choose to develop a strong relationship with another woman and move in with her without any intention of getting married. Each and every woman has the right to choose her own path to equality and happiness regardless of what others think.

I believe that it can exist but at the same moment we are just making our way to it. It will take a while though, I know for sure I won’t be able to see it.” - Janice Ndegwa ’11

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Influences actively eradicating certain cultural practices in developing countries have led to an indoctrination of Western ideas and practices into those societies. There is some value in the world becoming a melting pot of cultures.

Another thing we may fail to recognize is that we ourselves are guilty of judging people different from ourselves. Listening to conversations around campus, I have noticed that some women see others as unequal to them based on a spectrum of differences ranging from fashion sense and beauty to career choices.

I used to think that gender equality already existed because so many opportunities are open to us. I haven’t learned that much about gender inequality in classes at Mount Holyoke (more so at Hampshire College, which is kind of strange), but just being in an mostly female environment really changes your perspective on things outside of the classroom.” - Mariko Koyama ’10

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Horoscopes

Virgo (August 22 - September 23): You will soon have two lovers. Both will be Latin or in love with Latin culture. You won't have them both at the same time, but still. Well played, my friend, well played.

Libra (September 24 - October 23): Next Thursday you will sleep in. Then you will talk about gender binaries in class and reject post-modernism. Then you'll get blackout drunk. How is that for accurate, lady?

Scorpio (October 24 - November 22): People will post cruel and untrue things about you on the Confessional. Big surprise. Hold back, you're the bigger person. Besides, blogging is for babies.

Sagittarius (November 23 - December 22): The smelly girl sleeping on the couch in LITS has a whopper of a crush on you. Good news: she showers once in a while. Don't judge a book by its odor. Give her the "wassup" head nod. She'll be receptive.

Capricorn (December 23 - January 20): You won't have a romance in your future. But you will bestow someone with a magical baseball cap and they'll reject your gesture of affection.

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19): You will have a romance in your future. He will be wearing plaid, flannel-patterned flannel, and cargo pants. But he'll have great biceps. You'll meet at the Moan and Dove. He'll have a fine beer sensibility and fetch you a bowl of peanuts.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20): The stars have aligned. Someone will bestow a magical item on you within the next seven days. It will most likely be a baseball cap. A baseball cap filled with magic. And Manny Ramirez's dreadlocks. Ew.

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Soon you will receive a friendly reminder from your favorite local anonymous source. It will be typed. It won't be signed. Be filled with fear.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21): Beware of the free apple cider left over from an org meeting. It has fermented. But do indulge in the crusty donuts. You'll need free food once the card swiper in Prospect finds out you're not actually on the meal plan.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21): Take a break from your studies and go for a walk around Lower Lake. Your chakra needs some centering.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): I've got your OneCard. Cash or check please. Or carrot cake. Look up my P.O. Box in the blue book.

Leo (July 23 - August 21): Beware of the cranberry flavored mayo in Blanchard. And don't hit on the help.

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Information Session
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Stop by and ask the recruiter how you can gain experience now to become a more competitive applicant. Life is calling. How far will you go?
Going Green? Consider your diet

BY CAITLIN SULLIVAN-GREGORY '11
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I have been a vegetarian seven years ago. While I believe it was one of the best choices I have made for my body, I do not feel the need to pressure people into converting. However, I do find it necessary to simply state the facts about meat and its environmental impact. With the growing environmental and health issues revolving around meat and beef, it is important to be informed about the implications of eating meat.

The environmental impact of meat production is staggering. A recent study showed that livestock farming is responsible for more greenhouse gas emissions than all forms of transportation combined. Additionally, the production of meat requires a significant amount of water and land, which can lead to environmental degradation.

Personally, I have noticed a substantial improvement in my health since converting to a vegetarian diet. I have found that I am less prone to illness and have more energy. I also believe that being a vegetarian is something that you can share with others. Even if you do not wish to convert to a vegetarian diet, you can still support those who do by supporting local farmers and eating seasonally.

In conclusion, I encourage everyone to consider the environmental impact of their food choices. By making small changes in our diets, we can contribute to a healthier planet.

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Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor appear exactly as they were sent to us. No changes were made to the text, except for the name of the paper.

To the Editor:

Everyone wants to win. There is no doubt that last year was a very successful year for Mount Holyoke athletes. For the first time, we have seen our intercollegiate varsity and intramural teams win championships. However, there are some people who seem to think that winning is the only thing that matters. They claim that if we do not win every game, we are failures.

I do not agree with this mindset. Winning is important, but it is not the only thing that matters. There are many other factors that contribute to a successful season. These include teamwork, personal growth, and the enjoyment of the sport itself. While winning is certainly a goal, it is not the most important one.

In conclusion, I encourage everyone to focus on the positive aspects of our athletic programs. We have many talented athletes who work hard every day to improve their skills. Let's celebrate their accomplishments and support them in their endeavors.

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I understand that it is necessary to place people into racial categories in order to connect and relate to others from similar races, or cultures, but it is an issue when it controlled by the many prejudices and stereotypes stigmatized by our cultures. I am always asked about how I identify myself: more so, if I consider myself black, African-American, or mixed. I usually have a tactical approach to answering this question. First, I do not consider myself to be African-American because I was born in neither America nor Africa, and I am not a citizen of the United States, as of yet. Secondly, I might agree that I am black because of my heritage. Many times when filling out forms I tend to check the African-American/Black box because out of the many options given that is the one that makes the most sense to me. Lastly, I agree that I am "mixed" because my family is of multicultural heritage. Both my parents were born in Jamaica and had parents and great-grandparents, but my ancestors are of Scottish and Indian descent. I will never ignore the very pertinent yet ancient cultures within my ever-growing family. Nevertheless, to keep my answer straightforward, my response to anyone is "I am simply Jamaican."
Mount Holyoke’s undefeated football team

LIZ BERNAL, ’11
SPORTS EDITOR

The new “it” item from the college campus store seems to be the “Mount Holyoke Football Team” t-shirts. Dozens of students can be seen sporting the item which displays “Still Undefeated” on the back. If you hadn’t picked up on the irony here, Mount Holyoke does not have a football team, so it has never had a chance to be beat.

We are not the first school to sell such items on campus. Many co-ed institutions that have cut their football teams have sold similar shirts. But this is an all women’s campus, so there never was a chance of having a football team.

Being a former football player myself (it’s hard to believe, but it’s true), I have always been curious as to why no colleges have real women’s football teams. Granted, Mount Holyoke, among others, does have a rugby team, which has been accepted as a women’s sport. Football, however, hasn’t gotten the same recognition in the women’s athletic world.

Okay, so there is powder-puff football at many high schools and colleges. I myself even resorted to a powder-puff team once my membership on the high school boy’s football squad caused more issues than I cared to deal with. But even the name “powder-puff” made me cringe a little. Unlike typical American football, this form is more “girly.” The uniforms are more flattering, there are no tackles (well, sometimes the girls turn rowdy, but it’s technically not in the rules), and usually members of the men’s football team act as the cheerleaders. But the games would end in girl fights with sprained ankles, broken nails and ripped jerseys. And we did it without cups or pads.

Still for some reason, guys are scared to share their beloved sport. It’s like some sacred realm, when the men of the household (and myself usually) huddle around the TV on Monday nights to watch some “pigskin.” And although my male friends say they find it attractive when women know about the NFL, they are not too fond of the idea of us joining it.

Some women, however, couldn’t care less about what guys thought. In 2000, Catherine Masters formed the National Women’s Football Association, known as NWFA, which consisted of two teams, the Nashville Dream and the Alabama Renegades. Though Masters was told it would fail, their 2000 season, which ran from October to early December, attracted thousands of fans to every game. In recent years, the association has accumulated over 40 teams all over the country. And just to stick it to the men, the NWFA now participates in a Gender Bowl, where women and men’s teams compete. Many of the women’s teams even beat their male opponents. Maybe that’s why guys are so hesitant when it comes to women’s football.

So even though women’s football is far from joining the NCAA, maybe the “Still Undefeated” shirts are onto something.
Connecticut College squeaks by soccer

DANA DRUMMAND '12 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Mount Holyoke soccer team played their first home game of the season last Wednesday night on the Turf Field but did not come away with the victory despite an evenly matched contest. The Lyons (1-5-0) fell to the Connecticut College Camels (3-1-0) in a game where one goal proved to be the difference.

That goal came in the 38th minute when Connecticut was awarded a free kick. Junior Jessica Roeder took the kick, and as the ball sailed behind the Lyon defense, junior Sharon Kitz tracked it down and launched a shot that found the back of the net.

"I'm really confident we played this kind of game with this intensity. In the second half we dominated the game, so I'm really happy with what I saw," Hanseth said.

Defender Colleen Regal '11 agreed that the team put all they had into playing an aggressive game. "It was probably the most intense game we've played. We left everything out on the field, which was one of our goals. Everyone gave 110 percent." —Colleen Regal '11

Let's support the Lyons

Heading out to this Saturday's field hockey game? Here is a cheering checklist you can follow to show school spirit for your classmates at this week's games:

• Bundle up in Mount Holyoke attire and bring some cider or hot chocolate.
• Paint your face (or entire body if you're up for it).
• Hold up signs to support the players.
• Get together with friends and wear shirts that spell out "Lyons" or player's names.
• Start the wave.
• Body surf the crowd.
• CHEER LOUD.

So get out there, support your school and yell until your voice is hoarse.

Golf places high at invitational

LIZ BERNAL '11 SPORTS EDITOR

On Saturday, Sept. 20, the Mount Holyoke golf team held their third annual invitational at the Orchards Golf Club. The Lyons hosted 12 teams at the two-day event, including schools from all three NCAA divisions. Amherst’s Lord Jeffs stole the title, recording a total score of 607. Only a few strokes behind, Mount Holyoke locked a second place finish with an 18 and University of Hartford rounded off the top three. St. Lawrence University and Mount Holyoke finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

The top individual honor was awarded to Middlebury’s Courtney Mazzei, who totaled 136 over the two rounds. Kimberly Eaton of Wellesley College placed second, only three strokes behind Mazzei. Mount Holyoke first-year Alexandra Irish tied for third place, posting the same score of 159 as Williams’ Melissa Barton, Amherst’s Hayley Milbour and Central Connecticut’s Lucie Sarochova.

Irish placed the highest for the Lyons, contributing to Mount Holyoke’s second place finish. "She is a very strong player because she is so consistent with her game," noted teammate and captain Martha Elson ’09. "We couldn’t have done so well without her.

Elson also had a strong game, finishing in a tie for ninth place with a score of 160. "I am proud of myself because I didn’t give up," said Elson. "I shot okay scores, but the best part is that I can easily pinpoint two or three shots, putts, or holes from both Saturday and Sunday that just kept me from shooting in the seventies.”

Mount Holyoke’s Zahra Hanzfl ‘11 placed 10th with a score of 168, backed by Sarah Keating’s 11th place finish, posting a 172.

Lyon of the Week

Alexandra Irish ’12

First-year golfer Alexandra Irish (Tampa, Fla./Academy at the Lakes) has been named Lyon of the Week for the week of September 20-26.

In her second collegiate tournament, Irish led the Lyons to a second place finish at the 33rd annual Mount Holyoke Invitational, which was hosted by the Orchards Golf Club last weekend. Her two-round score of 159 was good for third place in the individual competition. In the first round on Saturday, she recorded a score of 80 on the par-72 course.

She followed that by firing a 79 in the event’s second and final round on Sunday.

Runners post personal records

LIZ BERNAL '11 SPORTS EDITOR

The Lyons earned a 17th place finish at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Shriners Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 20th. The event, which was held in North Dartmouth, Mass., hosted a total of 22 teams and 367 individuals. Three Lyons posted personal best times on the 5,000 meter course.

Top honors were given to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a final score of 67. Amherst College and Brandeis University rounded out the top three, earning scores of 88 and 130 respectively. Mount Holyoke totaled at 363 points.

Melissa Donais, who was not affiliated with a college or university, placed first in the individual championship, posting a time of 18:03. Amherst’s Eline Tropiano earned second with a time of 18:11 and third was snatched by Amanda Dipalo of Springfield College.

Rebecca Engell ’11 lead the Lyons for the third week in a row. She earned a 78th placing, setting her best time at 18:48. Jessamyn Rising ’09 and Amy Williams ’09 also crossed the line with personal records. Rising crossed in 19:07, earning a 87th place finish, followed by Williams with a 21:43 time.

The Mount Holyoke cross country team will compete this Saturday at the Williams College Invitational at 1 p.m. They hope to continue their progress and go after more best times for the individual team members.

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