Tenure raises questions

By VANESSA KEHDE

It's tenure time again. The Board of Trustees granted tenure to selected faculty members in the final stage of a long process that takes place every year. A list of all the faculty who received tenure this year will be published in the last issue of the MHN.

Associate Professor of Asian Studies Indira Peterson, who received tenure on this year, said, "The most beneficial consequence of tenure is the sense that I can stay at this one institution and consistently and continuously contribute to it."

To Associate Professor of History Michael Burns, who also received tenure, the impact of tenure is, "the ongoing assurance of the free and open exchange of ideas of no matter how unpopular those ideas might be in the eyes of colleagues, students, or the administration." Peterson explained what tenure means to her: "In its supportive and congenial place, tenure is the gift of time."

A common complaint about tenure criteria at Mount Holyoke and other academic communities is that scholarship measured by publication work is valued over extramural activities. Burns explained, "This places a heavy burden on those who take a value away from college is the volume of inspiring teachers who have been a great influence on students next fall, Sleptsov explained, "We are especially pleased to have this opportunity to get a flavor of computing facilities," Sleptsov pointed out that Soviet students are living in all parts of the Mount Holyoke community. The former program is an integral part of the Mount Holyoke program and the universities in the Balkan republics. Students in appropriate American universities and colleges. "There is a great deal of promotion to associate professor of Art," Sleptsov explained. The Handbook of Faculty Legislation and Related Information quotes the American Association of University professors of Spanish, Joan Clun, a member of the Advisors Committee for Appropriation, explained, "We lack the strength in teaching and in scholarship. It is very difficult to teach when a teacher is overwhelmed by the college." College officials in the tenure decision is also a source of discussion and a concern of many students and faculty. "It is important for all parts of the Mount Holyoke community in the tenure program is to seek and that even more thorough and thoughtful use of student evaluations could be a means of increasing," Burns said. Associate Professor of French Margaret Switten. Burns affirmed that "student evaluation is the best way to obtain tenure time and it is not always helpful which is a requirement for tenured faculty."

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Abortion is no longer unspoken

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New Reagan administration regulations cutting off federal funds to family planning clinics which perform abortions or offer abortion counseling are unconstitutional, a federal judge ruled last week.

U.S. District Court Judge Walter J. Skinner ruled that the Department of Health and Human Services would cause irreparable harm to women who receive services from the program and violate a woman's right to privacy to choose to have an abortion.

The judge characterized the regulations as a politically motivated attempt by the Reagan administration to police women and family planning counselors who support a woman's right to have an abortion.

A permanent injunction issued by Skinner prohibited the department from enforcing the regulations, which were to take effect last Thursday.

Abortion referral and counseling are constitutionally protected speech under the First Amendment.
One of these notices was for faculty and staff members: "This uniform exchange should be taken very seriously in light of the recent events in Central America and the U.S." saidスペトフ. "At least two-thirds of the students received notices, and even more were not notified. There is a large gap between American and Soviet students. We are not aware of any similar exchange program in the U.S."

In response to the jury duty summons, Sleptsov added that both American and Soviet students regard jury duty as a serious matter. "We have been many informative, frank discussions among us on cent developments in higher education. Everyone is excited about this program. What happens next year will determine what happens in the future."

While both U.S. and Soviet students are diligently preparing for the fall initiation of the exchange, Sleptsov stressed that the eventual success of the program depends on the students' reactions to it. "A creation of a good atmosphere and spirit is up to them," he said. He is confident it will be a success.

Sleptsov and the rest of the Soviet delegation will be regrouping in Washington, D.C. where they will further discuss the exchange and necessary negotiations. They will then travel to New York, where, March 11 and 12, they will return to Moscow in two groups.

**Central America focus of film series**

BY JESSICA MATTHEWS

"I want to make other people realize what is really going on in Central America," said Christian Smith, the first film, Americas in Transition, which will allow the people to choose their own government." According to Ann Wilcox, '81, co-chair of the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA), the film is one of the groups sponsoring the event, Central America film and discussion series. It includes the PSA, the faculty and staff, and co-sponsors; the Latin American Film Program, the Spanish Department, La Unidad, and the Peace Project have planned the event, which will take place on March 15 in Room 302 of the North End building. The film is entitled From the Ashes: Nicaragua in Transition.

Some of the main reasons for this film series, according to Smith, are that the films can create new awareness of the issues. She suggested that if students haven't received a call to jury duty and are very concerned about missing classes, they should prepare with the court for a date after finals before they left for home.

The turnout at the films was not as high as expected. It was a very difficult film to watch because it reminded me of my commitment to talking and to educating people about Central America. "Besides the films, the professors have helped. They carry the ideas of the films to the classroom which is important because they have a greater weight on students than the organizations do," said Smith.

The turnout at the films was not as high as expected. The film was open to the Five College Community, but only five of the ten students who came were from other campuses.

SGA results: 1,170 votes were cast on Wednesday, March 9th.

President: Leslie Lippi
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MassPfG referendum: 68% voted yes. The remaining 32% were no's and abstentions.

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"Of course, the students will be sent to America on the condition that they keep up with their work, pass their final exams, and bring home satisfactory grades," Sleptsov said. "We hope that they will appreciate the new and interesting educational environment they will experience while in America, and we want the same for the American students when they come over in two years."

Sleptsov and his colleagues, like their American counterparts, are equally excited about the non-academic ramifications of this unique exchange program. "This program affords young people of both nations the valuable opportunity for close contact and friendship with each other — a chance to learn about and better understand each other's culture. It can add to their cultural and moral development, and it can contribute to the improvement of relations between our countries," he stated.

The exchange is a result of improved political relations between the Soviet Union and the U.S.; its future is dependent upon the continuance of these relations. "Since 1965 there has been a marked improvement in U.S.-Soviet relations," Sleptsov explained. "This unique exchange should be taken very seriously in light of the recent events in Central America and the U.S." said スペトフ. "At least two-thirds of the students received notices, and even more were not notified. There is a large gap between American and Soviet students. We are not aware of any similar exchange program in the U.S."

Jury duty calls again

BY POSIE NUTTER

Sheila Murphy, dean of students, suspects that the Northampton court has a list of Mount Holyoke students, faculty and staff from the 1987 school year because the names from the class of 1981 has been sent several times.

Any person who is over the age of 18 years and lives in the 50% of the time is eligible for jury duty, and no son has to be a registered voter who is over the age of 18.

Mount Holyoke College students, faculty and staff have been receiving jury duty summons from the Northampton court since November, 1987.

This year, however, several students have asked the school to help them get discharged from jury duty. The secretary in the dean of students' office said that this did not come up last year.

Several alumnae from the class of 1981 have received notices. One of these notices was then forwarded to the alumnae's present address. The notice included the following:

"Students, Should negotiate their needs with individual faculty members."

In response to the jury duty summons, the college plans to add a section to the student handbook on how to deal with a jury duty notice. Murphy suggested that students should do it. It is a valid educational experience. They should negotiate their need with individual faculty members.

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Mind: your own business

BY ALEX OMMAYA

A few days ago I realized that although it is not possible; this has arrived. Orwell's view of a futuristic society orchestrated by computers is upon us. From medication to Cook, a computer program can diagnose over 790 diseases, to the robots which have transformed industry, came the searching of the computer age. Yet, is the integration of computers into our everyday lives complete? Will computer replace us day replace us? To answer questions such as these, we have to go to the root of the problem. We have to define what is human and what are the capabilities of computers.

The mind is a difficult thing to define. I hold that the mind is an emergent property of the brain. There are two levels of explanation and an appropriate language for each level. We can describe how sensory information excites certain pathways in the brain or we can talk about consciousness and there are appropriate languages for each discussion. Now, the problem is to define consciousness philosophically. Without delving into consciousness concepts, let us consider the problem of the brain. I would like to say that any discussion of the brain must be bounded by the notion that the mind is composed of thoughts, feelings, and understanding, whether conscious or not. What is primarily in the discussion of mental life is that there are unconscious mental functions. Emotions and feelings are the result of unconscious experiences and are a factor in every thing we do. We are in this continuous world when we talk about computers in relation to human learning.

What can a computer do? Quite simply, it can operate formal systems. A formal system is by definition self-contained. It is composed of a set of rules and a set of transformation rules for manipulating them. Formal systems are created by joining rules from a basic store of rules, according to specific rules. An example is arithmetic, where the tokens are numbers 0 through 9 and the operators +, - ,/ , and the transformation rules are addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In a formal system the tokens do not "mean" anything; they are only symbols. For example the formal system "4 + 5 = 9" only holds in its relation with other tokens, not in the abstract sense of number. Tokens means refer to items in the world or are affected by the world outside the formal system. There is a loss of "meaning" in that the tokens do "not" intend towards anything that is, they do not refer to objects outside themselves, objects in the world.

So the question is: can the brain and electronic circuits be media for equivalent formal systems? Are there basic tokens and rules for manipulation of these tokens which can explain our mental life? There are programs which play chess and there are programs which can solve complex problems called expert systems — seemingly much more than mere rules. An expert system is one which has competence within a limited domain. It can add, structure or solve a defined problem. The ideal expert system should incorporate the knowledge of an expert in that field. An expert system is currently implemented in two parts: the inference processor, which is a sequence of logical operations which combine rules manipulating the system's database to form a solution, and the generation component which is a set of rules formed by creating a formal system of a specific field, to solve the problem. The fields which are produced are the result of the generation component which can manage information or to illuminate inconsistencies between man's expressions and the knowledge base.

These systems cannot replace the expert in that they do not have a level of depth or sophistication that the expert has. It is this depth of understanding of the reasons for action and the expertise that is not defined in a formal system. To answer this question it requires that we develop an expert system because it is currently the most advanced technique in artificial intelligence. An expert system is one which can do something similar to our understanding of the world. Artificial intelligence has been the result of the expert system. The expert system is not a substitute for the expert, but is a tool to work alongside the human. As stated, expert systems work with a specific domain of knowledge and can only deal with that area. The following problems are, in general, in conflict with the expert system in a computer program: how does one determine the relevant aspects of a situation? What aspects does one commit to memory? What are the problems presented in a situation? What past experience will aid me? And so on. Also in designing the data structure, how does one represent this knowledge? By its very nature our knowledge is tacit, that is, difficult to contain or express. Even if this were possible, how does one access this vast data base within a limited amount of time? If all this were accomplished by a computer, how could it handle a new framework, having already organized a number of preconceived systems of knowledge? I believe that the computer will never be able to handle experimental data in a specific domain ade-quate simulation of how we handle this data for it is fundamentally impossible to simulate an expert system.

So the point then is that we cannot be defined by a formal system. Why not? What makes us so fuzzy and unfalsifiable? The reason is, they are not. The reason that we are not humanistic is that the fact that our mental states are unique to a particular thinking subject is forever a universal pattern of all thinking subjects.

The mechanism which drives the selection of semantic cues is the mental state and initiates all our behavior. Emotions and Feelings are automatic primitive responses which should be suppressed by the reasonable side of us, we should think of emotion as what we do to do anything including the employment of our reason. Reason can only be useful in that it is an objective manifestation of our mental function, we can display our reasoning to others. Emotions, however, being fundamentally subjective states cannot be fully shared with others. Emotion and reason -- functions are not dichotomous, however, they operate in tandem where rational constructs support emotional drive. It is this fundamental dynamic which is developed cognitive and emotional network and can only be understood through subjective states.

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Protect Israel, make peace

The ensuing crisis in the West Bank and Gaza Strip has left many concerned about the future of Israel, and the obvious need to cast aside historical differences in order to stop the escalating violence that is costing lives of innocent civilians daily.

Israel is my homeland, and while I may choose not to reside there, I cherish the idea that Israel represents a haven and welcomes all Jews. Amidst the conflict in the Middle East, Israel symbolizes freedom and safety for many Jewish people.

This haven is constantly threatened. Israel has been embroiled in a continuous battle with its Arab neighbors since it was established as the Jewish homeland in 1948. In forty years there have been three declared wars and years of ever-prevailing hostility. Many of the Arab states do not recognize the legitimacy of Israel. Most notably, the Palestine Liberation Organization has steadfastly stated that its mission is to destroy Jewish hegemony and Israel.

These statements and political ideals do not represent the entire Arab world, and it is wrong to categorize all Arabs as radical and fanatical PLO supporters. That is unfair and unwarranted. But there is no denying that the Arab states are deeply involved and that is undeniably a large part of the problem.

The Camp David accords and understandings amount to more than an unstoppable agreement and how difficult it is for the nations involved to abandon historical ideas. However, there does need to be an agreement now before the crisis escalates uncontrollably. The nations need to sit down and begin talking.

I do worry about the safety of Israel. Truthfully, and it may appear contradictory, if the security of Israel was ever indeed severely jeopardized, I would go to Israel and fight. But I would hate it. The Arab - Israeli conflict is not solely based on ideological and territorial differences. Land is involved and that is undeniably a large problem. I can't help but think that the problem is that nations aren't accepting the rights of other people and their right to exist in peace. It is time for the Middle East nations to recognize the integrity of others. Arabs and Jews alike, and begin to work on the stalemated situation.

Falling head over heels again

BY ANNE WHITE
News/Notes Editor

When a friend of mine broke up with her long-term boyfriend a couple of months ago, everyone was concerned. Ending a long-end, if not obviously dreadful, relationship took guts. We reassured her. Learning to be alone again after prolonged couplings could be worse than a long-play version of that first high school date, but she was almost eager to be "free." It will be great, she said, to be single again. Before I could restrain myself to say her name without his (as in "I say Terri- and Dan"), there was a new significant other. This new man was wonderful. They were together constantly. He was, she insisted, the real thing. Her eagerly awaited freedom has lasted all of two weeks.

My slightly incredulous but icy polite attitude toward all this bliss can be forgiven by the fact that I was the one entering my second year of unwinding singlehood. Based on historical precedent, I was certain to remain in solitary for the remainder of the decade. Fall in love over the weekend? She had continuously been reading too many Harlequin romances during her time alone. I was furious one moment, amused the next. I was also just the teeniest bit jealous. How could she? It just wasn't that easy. What was her magic secret? Why was she so lucky?

I finally managed to figure out that she isn't luckier than I am, she's just different. There are two varieties of female. But the lousy Saturday nights fall in and out of love as often as it rains in spring, and others who retreat to an emotional ice age between relationships. Everybody's looking for love, but we don't all find it in the same place on a synchronized schedule.

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today; for we do not think so far away As the uncertain harvest; keep us here All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white, Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night; And make us happy in the happy bees, The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

A Prayer in Spring

And make us happy in the darting bird That suddenly above the bees is heard.

And make us happy in the lightning bill, Off and blossom in mid-air stands still.

For this love and nothing else is love, The which it is reserved for God above To sanctify to what far ends He will, But which it only needs that we fulfill.

—Robert Frost
To the Editor:

Jennifer Walpin's recent column "A Lesson in Judging" was a splendid example of a columnist's missed power to disillusion. She is billing herself in saying the media, especially television, has too much influence. However, this is nothing new. The countless "debates" (better still chorus line "cattle calls") which purportedly give us the truth does not begin to see what the candidates really have to say. My own experiences and statements. The "debates" are glorified press statements played out to some sort of live drama.

About the only thing the "debates" have convinced me of is that the Mid-west is still the home of the blander political rhetoric. I've seen it before in Ohio and Harry Truman - whom none of our current crop of "democrats" much less "liberals" - could come close to resembling. The GOP could never really be called "steady" and still had the pants or bow ties off the likes of a Paul Simon. It is this banality and superficiality that Walpin should really answer for, too.) The Western media is a splendid example of a conflict.
On Sunday, March 13, at 6 p.m., Amherst College and the Area Amateur Astronomers Association will present a program entitled "Late Winter Stars and Introduction to Astronomy" in Bassett Planetarium, which is located on the second floor of Morgan Hall. At 7:30 p.m., following the Planetarium presentation, the public may observe through the 18" Clarke telescope at the nearby Amherst College Observatory if the sky is clear. Both the Planetarium and the Observatory programs are free and open to the general public over six years old.

The Bassett Planetarium is located on Route 116 (South Pleasant Street), just south of Route 9. The Amherst College Observatory is located on Snell Street, west of Route 116. For further information, contact Jill Coplin at 542-2138.

Finale still a possibility

BY MYRIAM CHIRICO

Most of the students who appli-
cated to business schools in 1988-89 will not have attended a Skills and Services Auction to raise funds for MassPIRG because it is needed to keep an agreement with the Co-op, said a MassPIRG official. The Co-op will hold its annual luncheon centers. Shinjinee Sen '91 will perform.

SGA notes: Post office, and MassPIRG

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According to the statements made at the SGA meeting, Don's absence, employees were retained. Although some student postal workers claimed these changes as "unnecessary and ineffective," others criticized them. According to them, the reason the effort failed is that "no one wanted to change." Antonio was then promoted to a position above the other two supervisors in the post office. Many students are leaving the post office, reporting Antonio to be "not doing his job." Shea commented that the staff personnel were not satisfied with their treatment and would like to put their fees on a voluntary basis on the tuition. The SGAs endorsement would not guarantee this agreement with the Co-op, and a MassPIRG official said it is needed for MassPIRG because it is needed to keep an agreement with the Co-op, said a MassPIRG official.

The Co-op will hold its annual luncheon centers. Shinjinee Sen '91 will perform.
Becky Gilbert travels to Nepal as medical assistant

By Kristen Schiass

Think back to the middle of December last semester during finals time. It may seem like an awkward time to see the family during Christmas vacation, but that is precisely what Dr. Gilbert did. The Gilberts were anxiously awaiting what would be for many a month-long vacation. But vacation isn’t quite the word that Becky Gilbert ’89 would use to describe the events of her January term. Rather, hard work and a large amount of learning built Gilbert’s description of winter in Nepal.

Gilbert was asked by her sister, Dr. Mary Gilbert ’86, to accompany her to Nepal, a small country just north of India and south of Tibet. Dr. Gilbert, an ophthalmologist, was volunteering her services to aid some of the many people of Nepal who suffer from blindness. She found out about the plight of the many Nepalis afflicted with blindness through a non-governmental blindness prevention program called SEVA (which, according to Gilbert, is sanskrit for service). Sponsored by both the U.S. and Canada, SEVA sends as many as 12 volunteer doctors a year to Nepal with donated equipment, medical supplies, and pharmaceuticals to help cure blindness. Dr. Gilbert decided to go to Nepal, and, realizing that she needed an operating assistant, asked her sister to accompany her.

“At first I was kind of scared because I had no more than a basic and already back-ground in college and that’s it,” Gilbert said. “But the day I got to Nepal, with stopovers in West Germany and Delhi, Dr. Gilbert taught her sister what she needed to know to be an effective assistant. "I handed my sister instruments... I helped her cut sutures, and in the States I wouldn’t even be allowed in the operating room. It was a once in a lifetime experience.

But Gilbert’s experience lay not only in witnessing and participating in operations that would have made those with weak stomachs more than squeamish, but in seeing first hand the culture of a country completely different from her own. At one point she became so dehydrated when Gilbert and her sister arrived in Kathmandu totaling $97,000 worth of denoted medical supplies and pharmaceuticals from Boston.

After resting in the capital of Nepal for a few days, the Gilberts were on their way to the location of the first eye camp in the city of Bhairawaha. Although only 100 miles away from Kathmandu, the ride to Bhairawaha was a treacherous eight hours. “The roads were so bad that we thought we were going to die. I don’t know how they survived... we kind of got sick because the roads were so bumpy,” Gilbert said, but added that it was rather fun. The fun ended when they finally made it to Bhairawaha. Describing Bhairawaha as "the city without any charm," Bhairawaha’s streets were filled with human and animal waste. With no effective method of sanitation, dead mice and rats littered the streets and the canal along the street was filled with sewage in which the children played.

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“It was really bad because there were [very few] beds and the only reason anyone could have a bed were the people that could pay a lot,” said Gilbert. “The rest of the people slept on a cement floor. They were drug users, too, so there were a lot of skin infections. At least they were indoors, but it could be much better if they just swept the floor, off the garbage and the dirt.

The lack of any sanitation, Gilbert said, is the root of the Nepal’s health problems. Even after cataract surgery and being able to see again, the villagers return to their less than healthy way of living. Gilbert and her sister experience the primitive way of living first hand.

“Is there a doctor in the house?” Becky Gilbert found that in Nepal there often isn’t a doctor in the house for visually impaired villagers. Without any modern conveniences, the Gilberts had a huddle for a shower and a bucket for a toilet. But the Nepalis know nothing else, and it is because of sanitary conditions that they continue to be an unhealthy people, explained Gilbert.

Cataracts (which is the opacity of the lens or capsule of the eye, causing partial or total blindness) is an especially prevalent disease in the Terrai (the "plains") where Bhairawaha is located. Those who are afflicted with the disease are deemed useless by their families and other villagers and are forced to aid some of the many people of Nepal who suffer from blindness. She found out about the plight of the many Nepalis afflicted with blindness through a non-governmental blindness prevention program called SEVA (which, according to Gilbert, is sanskrit for service). Sponsored by both the U.S. and Canada, SEVA sends as many as 12 volunteer doctors a year to Nepal with donated equipment, medical supplies, and pharmaceuticals to help cure blindness. Dr. Gilbert decided to go to Nepal, and, realizing that she needed an operating assistant, asked her sister to accompany her.

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"Blindness prevention is really good because it helps bring the person who is visually impaired or blinded by cataract surgery back to the community, so they can help," Gilbert said.

During her stay, she had a chance to talk to some of the villagers through a translator. One woman who had had successful cataract surgery exclaimed joy and happiness when she explained that she did not need help anymore, and she could go out in the fields and help with the regular chores.

After working in Bhairawaha for two weeks, the Gilberts were flown back to Kathmandu, where Dr. Gilbert was needed to perform more operations, including cataracts and night blindness, from which as many as 21,000 children of Nepal suffer.

SEVA is a program which will continue to grow in the future. The establishment of new eye centers and the intensification of the eye camp programs are only a few of the expansions planned by SEVA.

After leaving Nepal at the end of January, Gilbert experienced immense gratitude for her life in the States.

"I came back with a lot of appreciation for my country and for everything I’ve been given. Things like education... I’ve always taken it for granted that I’ve been able to go to such good schools as Sarah Lawrence and Mount Holyoke, and when you go to a country like Nepal (where so few people are literate), you realize that education is something so wonderful. I could never again think of it as something I have to do, it is something I want to do."
BY STACE KILROY

International Women's Day is a holiday commemorating and celebrating all aspects of women. The holiday originated in the Soviet Union in 1922, when Clara Zetkin, a socialist, and Vladimir Lenin worked to obtain March 8th as an official center for women's rights. The Women's Center is the Mount Holyoke volunteers plan to bring the Nueva Esperanza girls on campus for the Women of Color dance and for the Festival of Diversity in April. The volunteers also plan to take the girls to a nursing home to give plants from the Talbot Arborarium to the elderly. Lira stated that if a Mount Holyoke student has any ideas, language skills (the girls' first language is Spanish), talents or energy to offer the girls at the Holyoke Girl's Club she should come along on a Friday afternoon. Lira said the shortage of volunteers limits the activities they are able to do with the girls. "People don't need to travel overseas to help people, they can help people right next door -- the Puerto Rican girls in Holyoke. If you are interested in giving 'A Gift of Friendship' and have even just one Friday afternoon free, please sign up with the secretary in Elot House or contact any of the core members.

Women's Center announces open house

'Are you trying to find something interesting and off the beaten path to do this week? Well, the Women's Center Library is available other hours. For those unable to make the Tuesday open house, the Women's Center Library is available other hours. Open hours are Fridays, 3:30-6:00, Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00. Students are encouraged to come and browse through the library, chat with friends, or just hang out. Books can be checked out from the library on the honor system. The Women's Center hopes to see you there.'
In honor of Mount Holyoke College's Sesquicentennial celebration, the Mount Holyoke College Art Museum, in association with the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., has organized a major retrospective of the works of French Impressionist Berthe Morisot (1841-1895), which will be on display at the Mount Holyoke College Art Museum from Monday, March 14 through Monday, May 9. The exhibition debuted last September at the National Gallery before traveling to the Kimbell Art Museum in Fort Worth, Texas. In this, the ultimate showing, the exhibition will include an additional work, Portrait of Julie Monet, modeled 1866, bronze, the only sculpture exhibited in any of the venues.

Berthe Morisot — Impressionist consists of almost 106 works, including 60 oil paintings, selected pastels, watercolors, and colored pencil drawings. Lenders to the exhibition include the National Gallery, London, England; the National Gallery of Ireland; the National Museum, Stockholm, Sweden; the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, N.Y.; The Cleveland Museum of Art, The Institute of Chicago, and many other distinguished lenders.

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The selection of works in the exhibition was based primarily on quality, to give the most vivid account of Morisot's virtuoso brushwork and her extraordinary palette. This exhibition's priority is to honor Morisot's unique expressive powers. Of course, the selection has also taken other factors into account, in order to stress the painter's originality in historical perspective. Consequently, the exhibition includes works that she herself selected to exhibit during her lifetime and works that anticipated developments in the careers of her colleagues, most notably Monet and Degas.

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26 March Fresh Paintings Terri J. Edelson, Director, Mount Holyoke College Art Museum

29 March Le Dernier Mode: Berthe Morisot's Costume Anne Getfand, Professor of French, Mount Holyoke College

4 April Mount Holyoke's Plain Paintings Michael Burns, Assistant Professor of History, Mount Holyoke College

11 April Technical Transformations: Morisot and the Modern Movement Julie C. Harbin, Assistant Conservator, Mount Holyoke College Art Museum

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9 May 1926 Women in Modern Art Classes, Gallery, Department of French, Mount Holyoke College

**SPRING FLOWER SHOW Botanical Impressions Talcott Arboretum, Mount Holyoke College...**

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1 P.M. Fine Arts, Gamble Auditorium, Mount Holyoke College. $2, Hampshire students/staff free.

**CONCERTS**

"Tessa Lark and Helen Sung with the National Symphony Orchestra, Dennis Burkh, conductor. Friday, March 18, 8 P.M. Concert Hall, UMass. Sunday, March 20, 8 P.M. Berkshire Hall, Amherst College.

Faculty Recital. Piano concert by Emily Gleske. Sunday, March 21, 8 P.M. Benenson Recital Hall, UMass.

Seventh Annual Jazz Showcase.
BY KIRSTEN SCHWASS
This year has been a very special year for the Mount Holyoke College. The theater department has put on several highly successful productions this season, including "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "The Crucible," and "The Caucasian Chalk Circle." The department has been planning these shows for months, and the results have been nothing short of remarkable.

By Lisa DeFranco
There are more than a few real rockers in this world. One of the most active in the music industry today is T-Bone Burnett. His music is a perfect blend of rock, blues, and country. T-Bone is talented and has a true gift for creating a sound that is uniquely his own. His latest album, "Never Die Again," was released last month and has already topped the charts.

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Puccini's Tosca to play

BY CASSANDRA HSU
Puccini's "Tosca" has been a favorite of opera lovers since its premiere in 1900. This year, the production is being held at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City, and it is already drawing sold-out crowds.

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Before going to Spain, I was constantly reminded of how much more racism exists in Spain, as opposed to the United States. I began escaping for at least four months of the year, the one thing that had attracted me to Spain was that I had the freedom to do whatever I wanted. I had the freedom to be myself, and it was a great feeling. However, when I arrived in Madrid, I was immediately greeted (but only on a smaller scale) by the same busy highways, bustling offices, busy streets, and speeding cars. As I continued my journey throughout the many diverse towns and provinces of Spain, I realized that Spain was not a country of great wealth. People had to work hard to make ends meet. In the United States, it is easy to forget the struggles that people have to go through to make ends meet. In Spain, however, the struggle is real, and it affects the entire population.

As I continued my journey throughout Spain, I realized that the people of Spain were very friendly and hospitable. They were always willing to help me with anything I needed. I learned a lot about the culture and history of Spain from the people I met on my journey. I also realized that the people of Spain were very passionate about their country and their culture. They were always eager to share their knowledge and experiences with me. I was very impressed by their dedication to preserving their culture and history for future generations.

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ATTENTION ALL PARTY ANIMALS — THE PLACE TO BE ON SATURDAY NIGHT WILL BE CHAPIN WITH THE VESTRYMEN AND PICTURE THIS!!!!

NO POPCORN, NO NEWSPAPER!!!

DEE, tell ya what, we’ll pick the Rubes.

NERD TWINS! Great Job in Junior Show! You guys are SO AWESOME!!!!

The man has the brain the size of a pea!!!!


Karl — How many has it been this semester? Have you really beat Bridge?

GET PSYCHED FOR SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER IN THE BAT-NEWS STAFF!!!!

Jill — where’s the blackmail?

Laura and Carol — So what happens when Time and Newsweek go to bed together?

Lisa and Laura — It was great to spend the time together. Let’s keep it up, Love, Stacy.

Yeah, Stacey — but who cares about the size of his brain? Eileen.

Baby face, oh what a beautiful baby face . . .

I can’t believe we all cried — even you Carolinn!

Eileen — Do you remember losing something?

Suman — Great — Good job in Junior Show.

Hey Melanie, Great job in Junior Show.

This is the last time . . .

E. keep your drinks to yourself!!!


Kid: Thanks for the favor when I needed it! — S.

Julie B. — It just doesn’t matter!!!

It’s cute to look young Colin, just face it!!!

To be Queen for just one night!!!

AND WE NEVER KNEW!!!

REMEMBER: SATURDAY NIGHT ROCKS AT CHAPIN!!!!!!!!!

Jennifer Anke would like to inform the M.H.C. community — THE POTHOLES ARE BEING FILLED TOO EARLY!!! She should know . . . she comes from the pothole capital of the WORLD!!!

Wildie wants me to thank Mitti.

Merritt E — My econ savior! Who that epileptic chicken doing the Jane Fonda without Saturday night and yet somehow attractive! Also, I couldn’t even settle for a dead milkman.

Love, your Russian Savior.

Willful abuse of a stove light should be a capital offense.

Muffler — I’ll take leather and control top pantyhose anyday over your face and chest hair. Love, Mrs. Vox.

Sunday, March 13 — 3:00 p.m. — Drop your books and “recreate” with the Requiem!!

BRAHMS REQUIEM: Come see Glee Club members strut their stuff — MHC students, $2.50, students, $3.00, general, $4.00.

Hey Michel, feel left out of the personnel this week? — E.

The Student Sesqui Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make Charter Day a success!!!

BRAHMS REQUIEM: “Keine Qual” 3/13/88, 3:00.

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Land crystal wine glasses etched with the sesquicentennial logo, $25.00 for a box of six. For sale at the Alumni Office, Dwight Hall.

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Charles Robert Stephens, Baritone

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Georgia on their minds

BY JULIE ROBBINS

The Mount Holyoke crew has recently emerged from the Kendall "dungeon" and have headed for the river. After four months of indoor workouts, they are strong and psyched for an exciting and competitive racing season. There are some additions to their racing schedule, the most significant of these is the Augusta Invitational Regatta which will be held in Augusta, Georgia, the first weekend of April.

Not only was MHC invited to compete in this regatta, but they were told that if they did agree to race, they would be provided with round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations, as well as a shell to race in. The offer was too good to pass up, so on April 2, eight rowers, one coxswain, eight oars (in order for them to be able to row in their own colors) and coach Fred Cressman will head south to Georgia.

It may seem curious that anyone would be willing to fund such a venture, but in Augusta there is a regatta committee that is interested in promoting and encouraging rowing. They have invited several competitive crews from the north including Cornell, Syracuse, and Wisconsin. Last year, the committee invited and funded a crew from Oxford. The regatta will be very competitive. In addition to the teams from approximately 20 colleges represented.

Why Mount Holyoke? There is a variety of answers. First, their record. The crews have had some very successful races in the past, and the Mount Holyoke women's team has added to their record by winning the Dad Vail Regatta last April and at the Head of the Charles past year. In addition, the junior varsity boat from the Princeton race and the Princeton University to race. Both the Princeton race and the Princeton boat are looking for new members to join the fun. They will be taking a trip to Woodbridge, Virginia enough to have an after that a day on the Occoquan reservoir. On the return trip, the team will stop at the Connecticut River. They will also be able to practice on the river.

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Mount Holyoke will be the first team from Mount Holyoke that has made such a long trip as part of their regular season competition. The athletic department guarantees that every team be able to make one long trip as a part of their seasonal competition. In the past, the crew's long trip has been to the Dad Vail Regatta in Philadelphia. The crew is fortunate enough to have an after that covers their costs, allowing them to participate in more than one trip that the department budgets for them. Les Poolman, the athletic department as a major step for the crew program. "It would be nice if every single team were offered an opportunity like this."

Coach Fred Cressman sees both the invitation as well as the encouragement from the athletic department as a major step for the rowing program. He says that this is "an tremendous opportunity for exciting competition and travel for the crew... it will also provide exposure for MHC and our rowing program." The crew hopes to perform competitively enough to get invited back to Augusta next year and to perhaps be put on the guest list for other invitational regattas such as the San Diego crew classic.

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BY VICKY PARRA

Perhaps you've tried to use the diving tank on Tuesday nights or noticed a gray truck with "Cape Cod Divers" stenciled on it parked on the sidewalk outside Kendall. If so, you have seen the Mount Holyoke scuba diving program in action.

The program was begun a few years ago when Lisa Karle '87 was a student at Mount Holyoke. Her boyfriend, the manager of Cape Cod Divers, helped her start a project to bring the underwater world to campus. Their idea has proved to be enormously successful.

Offered every fall and spring for two and a half hour sessions, the classes meet at three different times on Tuesdays for two and a half hour sessions.

In six weeks, the students learn to dive safely in the ideal conditions of a low-odor pool environment. For $165, one is provided with all the necessary underwater equipment and a text. Each session consists of classroom time for watching and discussing movies, and the last hour is spent in the pool. On the last day of the course, a written final exam is given. The students are also required to pass a standard swim test in two and half hour swim and ten minutes of treading water in order to become certified.

The hands-on lessons prepare even the most timid explorer for the Professional Association of Diving Instructors' Open-water diving certification program. Those who successfully complete the course are issued a certification card and a U.S. Coast Guard licence upon completion of the course. More advanced certification is available at a later time for those interested in exploring the open-water degree. Everyone who dives and lives with the open-water degree.

This year, students are working to provide diving instructors and trainees with a new open-water diving team. This year's team is working very well together through some rough times. They are all very strong players who will also be missed next year.

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Although it was not a winning season for the MHC basketball team, it was one for rebuilding and high expectations for future seasons. On February 27, the seniors played their last game on their home court with a game against Western Connecticut, a notoriously powerful team. By halftime, Holyoke was behind by 11 points, yet felt that it was a good game due to a hard fought record which made it the highest point of the game. For the seniors, Kara McCartney '87 and Sherri Stone '88 were the only seniors on the team. This season has been marked by the hard fought second half. Their consistency and ability to hold the team together through some rough times. They are all very strong players who will also be missed next year.

New Coach Janice Savitz also deserves credit for her spirit, enthusiasm and strong knowledge of the game. Many believe that the basketball program will flourish in the future.

Overall, the team has had a strong season. A losing season can be explained by early defections and with some strong direction will see more successful ones in the future.

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