

# STUDENT NEWS

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Robert Nowak, Editor

## Welcome from Liz Coleman

If being President of Bennington College proves to be more stimulating than being its President Elect, that will be exhilarating indeed. While I will not have the opportunity to get to know you, the current students, until this coming fall, I have begun to get to know some of your predecessors.

One of the most astonishing experiences in discovering Bennington College is to realize the profound impact this institution has on its graduates. It is no surprise that Bennington students start out with a special aliveness, high spiritedness, intelligence and hunger for a vital education; what is so stunning to me is how powerful that education turns out to be.

These past few months, then, combined with my all-too-brief but extraordinary direct encounters with campus, has certainly not diminished my sense of honor, joy and expectations at the prospect of leading this remarkable institution in the coming years and becoming part of its life.

All good wishes for a terrific spring.

## From Ciaran Cooper, Student Council President

In response to the concerns expressed at a Community Meeting last term regarding the non-academic rights and obligations of the students, a group of students and administrators met weekly as a "Winter Committee", with the purpose in mind of redefining and drafting new guidelines by which the school grants the right to, and holds the student body responsible for, self-governance.

Among the many deliberations, what emerged as priorities were the establishment of a new and more specifically outlined judicial system (the most profound change being the inclusion of faculty as voting members on the Judicial Committee) and the necessary changes which would ensure autonomy of the House Chairs Committee.

The resulting experimental changes, in the form of an amendment to the Student Handbook, will be distributed to the community, and the first Community Meeting, scheduled for 8:00 p.m. in Barn 1 on March 10, will be devoted to the discussion of the amendments and their implications.

(Members of the Committee: John Williams, Jim Stevens, Ron Cohen, Rush Welter, Alice T. Miller(sub. R. Nowak), Trudy Carter, Ciaran Cooper, Todd Bakerian, Sandra Goss, Sarah Miller)

### How Would You .....?

How would you like to help someone pass his GED exam?

How would you like to help a battered child act out her feelings?

How would you like to design an art program for WWI veterans?

Teaching, befriending, performing -- there are many ways to get involved with people of all ages, six years to eighty-six years, male and female.

Many opportunities exist in the Bennington area for volunteer work requiring only a few hours per week.

If interested, contact Robert Nowak in Student Services about:

Big Brother/Big Sister

Bennington Tutorial Center

Project for the Advancement of  
Victims of Violent Crimes

Veterans Home

And others.

### From the Dean of Studies

Please make sure that the Dean's Office has your parents' correct address. In many instances it is important that they have it; they have had trouble reaching students during the FWT,

(Also, the emergency cards should be updated if changes have occurred. Do this in the Student Services Office. Thanks.)

### Graduate Students

Full-time graduate students are automatically covered by the College's health insurance. If the student is covered by another insurance plan, they must notify the Business Office to waive the health fee.

### Galleys

The Information /Publications Office wishes to be of service for all members of the College community who want to publish galleys, that traditional Bennington method of expressing opinions. Authors should bring their draft to the above office, where, after a quick reading, the author will be given a stencil and permission to print copies at the College's expense. The writer is responsible for distributing the copies.



### "Distinguished Speakers on Campus"

The Office of Student Services is pleased to present two distinguished speakers during Orientation week. The first, our own Mansour Farhang, will discuss "The Iran-Contra Affair; the Logic of Incoherence," covering U.S. involvement in the arms sales to Iran, and related topics. He will speak on Thursday, March 5 at 8:00 p.m. in Barn 1.

On Sunday, March 8, 7:00 p.m. in Barn 1, Dr. Rosemarie Tong will lecture on the Baby M case and Surrogate Motherhood. She will discuss the case and will relate it to the problem of contemporary medical and biological ethics. Her talk is partially funded by the Social Science Division and the Dean of Faculty.

Ms. Tong is presently an Associate Professor of Philosophy at Williams College, where she is Head of the Women's Studies Program. One of her areas of expertise is biological ethics. She is the author of many books, among them "Women, Sex, and the Law"; a forthcoming book is entitled "Reproductive and Genetic Technology." Her articles, reviews, grants and awards, and addresses are too numerous to mention.

### July Program Job Opportunities

The July Program (Bennington's summer program for high school students) is looking for Bennington students to work as Resident Advisers for this summer's session. A few office jobs are also available. The jobs run June 26 - July 26. Further information and application forms are available from the July Program (Barn 4).

### Sports & Entertainment

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| April 4 | (Applicants' Weekend) Coffeehouse-Alec Julien Blues Band featuring Ebran Elisha, Declan Cooper and others. |                   |
| 6       | Co-ed Tennis Away vs. College of Saint Rose  | 3:30 p.m.         |
| 7       | Basketball Home vs. Marlboro   | 6:30 p.m.         |
| 11      | Coffeehouse-Jay Knapp Q-Tet  |                   |
| 14      | Volleyball Home vs. Marlboro   | 6:30 p.m.         |
| 18      | Softball & Volleyball Teams travel overnight to Sarah Lawrence (depart Friday or Sat. morning)             |                   |
|         | Softball Doubleheader  | 12:30 & 2:00 p.m. |
|         | Volleyball Doubleheader  | 3:00 & 5:00 p.m.  |
| 21      | Co-ed Tennis Home vs. College of Saint Rose  | 3:30 p.m.         |
| 22      | Long Weekend Begins  |                   |

### New Dates for Library Book Sale

The book sale at the Crossett Library will be held on:

Wednesday, March 4	10:00-4:00
Thursday, March 5	10:00-4:00

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# PREVIEW

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A SCHEDULE OF MUSICAL EVENTS

**friday:** Back-To-School Celebration, w/

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**MORTAL MEN**

Band which ranges musically from Rock to Jazz...

**saturday:** Dance Party w/ Third Stone Recording Artists,

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**DANCE PLANET**

- The Planet is here now, a wide open landscape waiting for the patter and shuffle of dancing feet. Ecstasy is just a bop away.

**saturday:** Special Coffeehouse-Concert, made possible, in part by a Touring Aid grant from the Vermont Council on the Arts,

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**KILIMANJARO**

- This Vermont-based jazz group received international recognition through two award-winning albums and appearances at Switzerland's Montreux, Denmark's Roskilde and New York's Kool jazz festivals. A lively blend of rhythm and blues, calypso and contemporary jazz. 9:30 p.m. Carriage Barn.

**saturday:** Rounder Records Recording Artists,

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**WILLIE T. & DR. X**

- Performing throughout New Eng Willie T. performs a lively b of contemporary folk, pop, an R & B. The "T" is backed wit harmonica, vocals and percuss by Doctor X.