



**Personally,
watching “Fern
Gully” on a bed with
five of my friends is
more appealing than going
to beery
parties.**
— julia wise

If you pay for the booze, they will come

In my opinion, BMC doesn't have a social scene. The social scene is based on getting off campus because there is nothing to do on campus. Sure, once in a while there is a party, but it usually consists of lesbians, and I don't mean to be offensive at all. I just mean that for a single straight girl at BMC, it is pointless to go to a party here (excluding Halloween).

So, if a student at BMC wants a decent social life, she has to work for it.

Other students at other colleges get to walk to the next dorm for a party, whereas a BMC student has to take the blue bus, the Swat van, or the R5 to get to any place where they are having a decent party. I think that because we have to travel to have a social life, it is easy for Mawrtys to just be lazy and watch movies on a Saturday night. I would LOVE to go to Philly on a Saturday night and go to a club or a party at UPenn, or go out to eat at a restaurant.

However, to spend \$7 roundtrip is a lot for a college students, and when the last train leaves Philly at midnight, there isn't much incentive to go out late and stay out late. I was really upset when they decided to stop running the buses from Philly on the weekends. I think it was a great opportunity for Mawrtys

to take advantage of their proximity to Philly without worrying about how they are going to get back to BMC. I mean, think about it: This school is 20 minutes from Philly, but how often do students here really go into Philly? Probably not that often, given the inconvenience of paying for and catching SEPTA.

I realize that the SAC recently created a small party reimbursement fund in order to encourage people to have parties. However, I doubt that this is enough to incite students. The main cost of throwing parties is the ALCOHOL. Therefore, no one cares how much the food cost because it is probably nothing compared to how much the booze cost. What we really need to do get people to have parties is to set up a fund or a committee that will reimburse (or at least help reimburse) people for the alcohol they buy. Once that is done and

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people can actually throw decent parties on this campus, then we have to ADVERTISE. If you just have students from BMC attending the party, it's not that fun because it's such a small school that almost everyone knows everyone knows everyone else.

So, if we advertise and get people from HC and Swathmore and Villanova to come, we might actually have good parties here.

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Here's what I'd like to say about Bryn Mawr's social scene: I wish the college didn't expect us to arrange everything ourselves.

Between my classes, running the Association of International Students, working on political campaigns, taking SCUBA lessons, and doing my homework, I'm just too busy to run a film



series or organize a huge party on campus. This can be said about most of the students here.

We're so busy running events that we don't have time to run events!

And the sad part is, is we don't do it, nobody else will. Swarthmore has a weekly film series that shows feature films—and unless I'm very much mistaken, students don't run it—which means that they can enjoy it and relax without ever having to worry about someone being too busy to do it.

I wish student activities would get its head out of the clouds about doing HUGE events and do something small, on a weekly basis, so that we can relax—because we aren't 100% reliant on ourselves for our own fun.

— joanna karpinski