

editorial

"Feminist knowledge is based on the premise that the experience of all human beings is valid [...] whereas patriarchal knowledge is based on the premise that the experience of only half the human population needs to be taken into account."

—Dale Spender

This issue's centerspread is one of the biggest (perhaps the biggest) in college news history. Whether you're pissed off or pleased about Decision 2004 and its consequences, you obviously have a lot to say on the subject. We like to think of Bryn Mawr as a place where both sides can do just that. But as evidenced by some of the contributions we received, we have yet to achieve this utopia. One woman, whose political views conflict with the majority of campus, submitted her piece anonymously. Are we so intolerant of different views that those who disagree with us must hide?

As we have said before in this space, many Mawrtys have no problem speaking their minds and complaining about what they don't like. But we have a harder time getting off our soapboxes and actually *doing* something about the things that are not going as we think they should.

We cannot be all talk and no action. Concerned about the future of women's rights? Volunteer as an escort at a women's clinic. Afraid the gap between the rich and poor in this country is widening? The Greater Philadelphia Food Bank is always looking for people to help out. Write letters to your representatives and your congresspeople. Join an activist group on campus, or start your own. Make your voice matter.

Our Honor Code teaches us to be responsible for our own actions. Let's take this a step further and own up our words by turning them into something tangible. Smart women act. What are you waiting for?

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mission statement: the college news is a feminist news journal which serves as a source of information and self-expression for the bryn mawr community. recognizing feminism as a collective process, we attempt to explore issues of interest to all women, both as members of this college and of the larger world community. through this continuing dialogue, we seek to promote communication and understanding while fostering self-confidence and independence in expression.

What You Think: Student Gateway Polls

Where do you get most of your news?

- The New York Times 79 (28.2%)
- The Philadelphia Inquirer 6 (2.1%)
- NPR 37 (13.2%)
- ABC 10 (3.6%)
- CBS 2 (0.7%)
- Fox 4 (1.4%)
- NBC 15 (5.4%)
- CNN 28 (10.0%)
- The Daily Show 34 (12.1%)
- Other 65 (23.2%)

Total Votes: 280

In ten years, I will be...

- in grad school 23 (10.2%)
- a doctor 12 (5.3%)
- a lawyer 28 (12.4%)
- a social worker 9 (4.0%)
- a mother 34 (15.1%)
- a scientist 20 (8.9%)
- traveling around the world 56 (24.9%)
- in charge of everything 43 (19.1%)

Total Votes: 225

What is the best thing to do on a Friday night?

- Go to Haverford 20 (8.0%)
- Go to Philly 94 (37.5%)
- Go to the movies 26 (10.4%)
- Go to a Bryn Mawr party 16 (6.4%)
- Study 21 (8.4%)
- Stay at home with friends 74 (29.5%)

Total Votes: 251

I spend the most money on:

- books 112 (54.6%)
- movies 4 (2.0%)
- beer 26 (12.7%)
- food 26 (12.7%)
- clothes 24 (11.7%)
- fun! 13 (6.3%)

Total Votes: 205

The most important issue this election year is:

- the war in Iraq 96 (43.2%)
- the economy 41 (18.5%)
- education 19 (8.6%)
- homeland security 18 (8.1%)
- health care 16 (7.2%)
- the job market 7 (3.2%)
- energy independence 4 (1.8%)
- gay marriage 21 (9.5%)

Total Votes: 222

feature photographer



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molly baade '05 (left) is majoring with the haverford anthropology department and minoring in east asian studies. she's the co-editor of the bryn mawr yearbook, akoue. baade has been playing on the bryn mawr & haverford women's rugby team since her freshman year and is now the president and a co-captain of the team. the photos in this issue come from her extensive collection of prints documenting the horned toads rugby team.