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## Trustees Respond Quickly to Student Concern Compromise reached to elect two students to Presidential Search Committee

By WILL COGHLAN  
News Editor

Trustees Burton Harris and Karen Harris met with members of the Representative Assembly last Thursday morning to discuss student concerns over the composition of the recently announced Presidential Search Committee.

The meeting was initiated by James Moody, Chair of the Trustees, in an effort to alleviate outcry over the appointment of only one student - RA President Jason Surdukowski - to the committee that will be responsible for reviewing candidates for President, a position that becomes vacant with President Harward's retirement in 2002.

The RA passed a resolution on the matter in its last session before February break, stating objection to the appointment of only one student to the committee, and called for a campus-wide election of three student representatives. The resolution also authorized Surdukowski to commence negotiations with the chair of the Board of Trustees. This took the form of a letter sent to Moody that stressed the seriousness of student concern, and outlined the proposed alternative.

"I was very pleased with the timely response," said Surdukowski, who was quickly notified that two representatives would be traveling to campus to meet with students to discuss the matter.

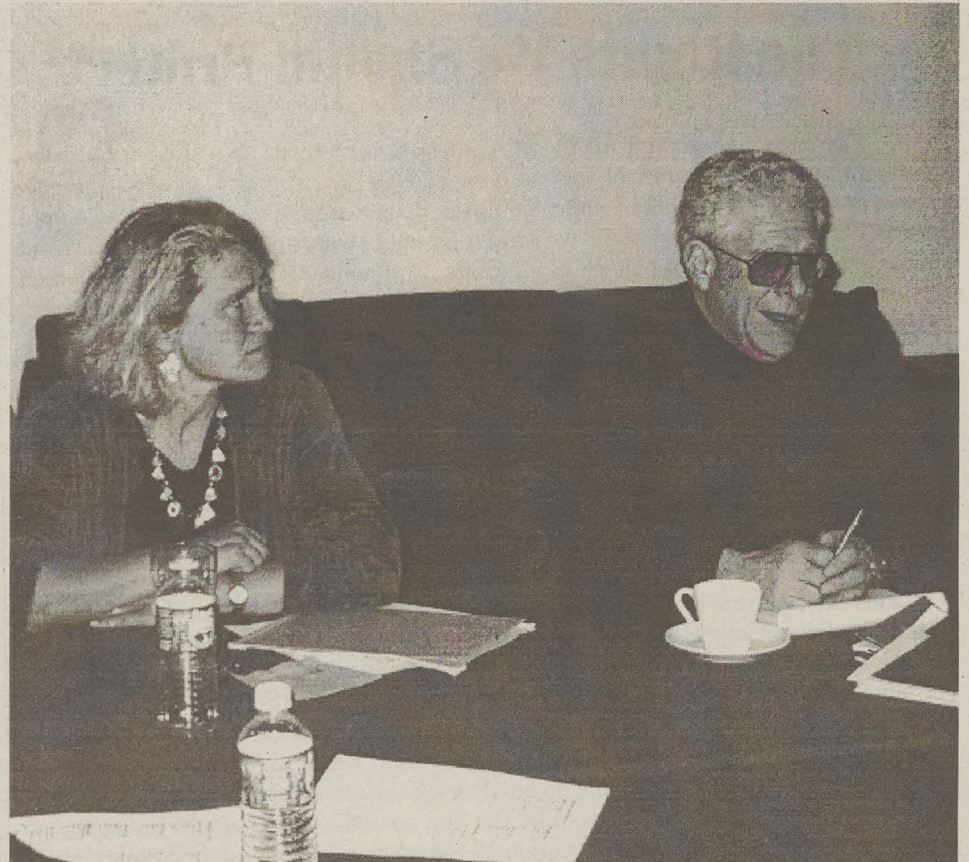
Following introductions of those students present, which included RA members Dan Barsky, Melissa Wilcox, Erin Russ, Graham Veysey, and Kate Walker (all sponsors of the RA bill on the subject), Burton Harris opened the meeting with remarks about the Trustees' approach to the Presidential search process.

"This is one of the most important functions of the Board, and something that is designated as a specific responsibility of the Trustees. We take it very seriously."

Harris made reference to the charter of the college that outlines the responsibilities of the President as both Chief Executive Officer, as well as Chief Academic Officer. With the College embarking on a new "Capital Campaign", one of the most important functions of the incoming President will be fundraising. Since the Board of Trustees is largely responsible for the financial well-being of the college, Harris stressed the particular importance of their role in the process.

He then moved on to state that any perceived injustice in assembling the Search Committee was unintentional.

"If we made the students think that we didn't trust them, then we did something wrong."



Will Coghlan/The Bates Student

Trustees Burton Harris and Karen Harris in last week's meeting

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## RA Town Meeting Focuses on Relationship with Community Harward, Carignan, Conrad speak about L/A Excels

By JASON HIRSCHHORN  
Assistant News Editor

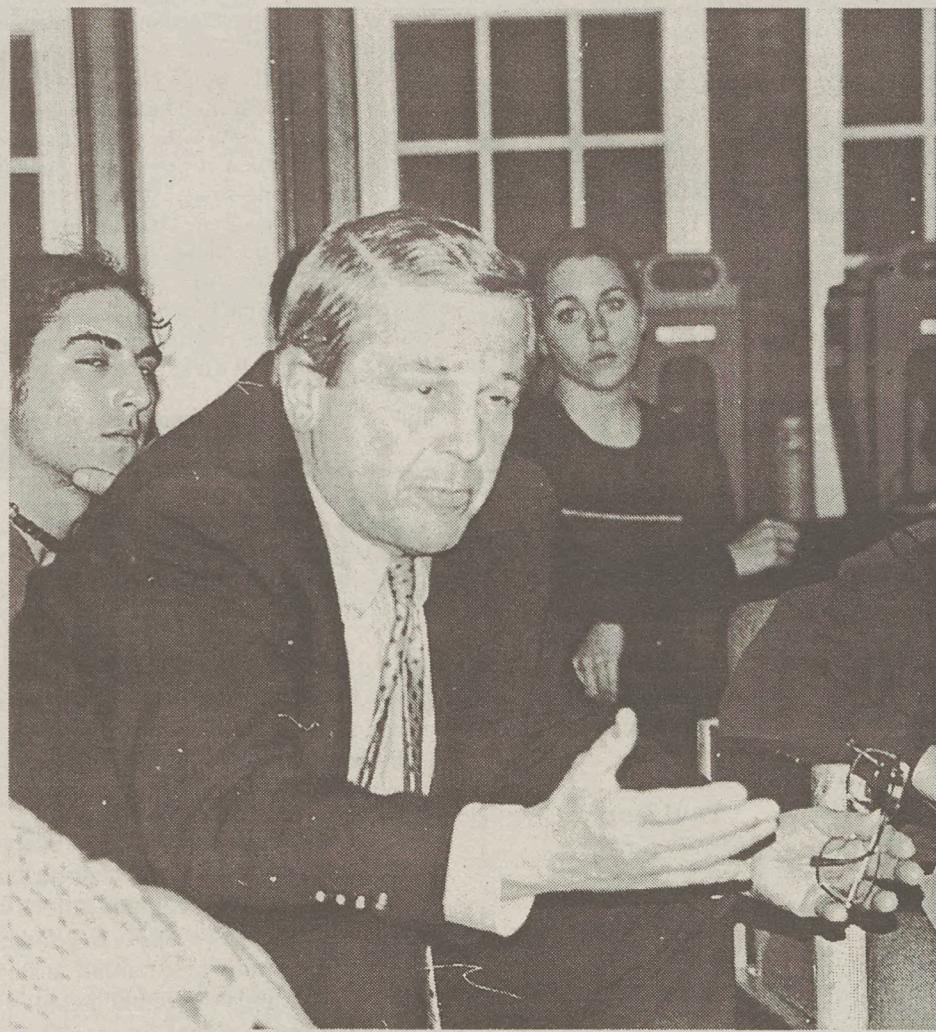
The Bates College Trustees have agreed to allow two student seats on the Presidential Search Committee, which begins its work this weekend.

The two students will be elected in two elections. The first, a campus-wide election on Thursday will narrow down the field of nominees to five, and then a final election will take place over RA-talk (the group's email list), as the RA is charged with the task of seating the two positions. The committee will involve a fairly hefty time commitment on weekends and throughout the summer, according to RA Parliamentarian Dan Barsky.

Monday night marked the first "Town Meeting" for Bates' Representative Assembly, as initiated by President Jay Surdukowski. The purpose of the town meeting and those to follow will be to discuss any and all issues that affect Bates and the larger community and world. Monday night's focus was on Bates' relationship with the local community.

Special guests at the meeting included President Harward, making his first appearance at an RA meeting in President Jay Surdukowski's tenure with the RA. Dean and City Councilor, Jim Carignan and Executive Director of LA Excels, Beckie Conrad were both on hand as well. Dean Peter Taylor also attended the meeting.

The town meeting segment of the RA meeting began about fifteen minutes into the



Erin Mullin/The Bates Student

President Harward speaks with students in Monday's RA "town meeting"

## Four Percent Fee Increase for Next Year

By JASON HIRSCHHORN  
Assistant News Editor

In a letter dated February 15, President Harward wrote to parents and students informing them that the comprehensive fee for the 2001-2002 academic year has increased to \$34,100. This is an increase of 4.44% from the current year's fee of \$32,650.

In the letter Harward reminded students and parents, "The College continues to remain affordable. We have held administrative and support cost increases at or below the expected rate of inflation while improving the quality of what is essential to teaching and learning."

Harward also noted that the actual costs to the College to educate each Bates student would be nearly \$47,000 next year. "The difference between the total costs and the annual fee," Harward iterated in the letter, "is provided by income from endowment, grants, the Annual Alumni Fund and the Parents Annual Fund." Harward also announced that the College has earmarked over \$13M for financial aid.

In an interview with *The Student* Harward stated that, "The cost to offer a Bates education continues to rise. The majority of the comprehensive fee goes to compensating faculty and staff." Harward estimated that approximately 60% of the annual comprehensive fee goes to paying the salaries of faculty and staff of Bates, while 25% goes towards financial aid, with the remaining 15% paying for 'excreta' costs - equipment, utilities, etc. President Harward pointed out that money from the comprehensive fee will not help pay for the new Student Center or the Chase Hall Renovations.

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## Editorials

### The Rights We Should Protect

The message posted on the R.A. discussion board, "It's time we started persecuting minorities more on this campus—J. Galt" has prompted intense dialogue. Some individuals have taken umbrage at the declaration of this incident as a hate crime; others have argued that if we want to promote truly open discussions of racial issues, we need to allow speech of all kinds. In the meantime, people of color and other members of historically marginalized groups on campus are confused, scared, hurt, and outraged. They wait for an appropriate response—they wait for the support and shared outrage that they deserve from their fellow community members that they deserve.

Arguing that we must allow all speech, no matter how offensive, in the "Marketplace of Ideas" is misguided and wrong. The right to free speech is not inalienable. Why is it that we feel an obligation, based on principle, to allow room for views that advocate the further oppression of minorities? One sort of argument claims that we cannot "privilege a discourse"; that in effect, it is wrong to assert that a given point of view is mistaken and that it shouldn't be heard.

This argument is troubling. Are we still at a place in our cultural development where we cannot say with certainty that discrimination based on race (or any other immutable status) is inherently irrational and misguided? Advocating the persecution of minorities is not a matter of majority/minority viewpoints. What do we risk by attempting to snuff out hate speech? The fact of the matter is simple - minorities' status as persons and the rights that accompany that status are indisputable. Claims to the contrary are NOT valid, and do not deserve the status of respect given to views debated in rational circles. Views like the one posted call into doubt the rights of people whose rights cannot be questioned. Such views should not and must not be protected.

Some will claim that we can only combat these irrational views by airing and combatting them. We at the Student disagree. Historically, incidents of bias and hate speech have been closely correlated with incidents of violence and physical intimidation. Allowing speech like the recent comment on the RA discussion board perpetuates a cycle where historically oppressed groups face intimidating words that are closely followed by actions. We cannot ignore the implications of speech that advocates oppression. It represents a mindset that implicitly condones violent action, and that often leads directly to such action. Prohibiting and speaking out against such speech sends a strong message: such attitudes do not have a place in rational, respectful discourse, and the actions that oppressive attitudes perpetuate and condone will not be tolerated.

Undoubtedly, many will argue that First Amendment rights allow such comments, and that Bates is wrong to limit constitutional protection of speech. However, that speech is legally protected by courts is not evidence that speech *should* be legally protected by courts. Language that promotes the idea that all men are NOT created equal is fundamentally counter to the ideals of our nation, and to the development of a fruitful society. Such ideas are a poison, and should be treated as such. Free speech is important. However, speech that promotes persecution causes such tangible harm that it loses the protection guaranteed by the First Amendment. Hate speech isn't about expressing an idea; it is about injuring and oppressing people.

The arguments will go on. Students will continue to defend the rights of individuals to express their views, no matter what the content, as long as those views are not a direct threat of harm. Minority members of our campus community continue to wait. They are confused, scared, hurt, and outraged. The Student shares their viewpoint, and looks forward with optimism to a time when this campus and this society realize that the right of all persons to live without fear of persecution is far more important than the protection of speech that threatens that right.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Driscoll Article Reflects Campus Denial On Alcohol Issues

To the Editor:

Do the students who write for the Student read the Student? I ask because an article on page one about student hospitalizations and Dan Driscoll's opinion piece against regulation of student drinking on page six of the February 13, 2001 issue are almost schizophrenic in their incongruity. I offer a few quotes to illustrate my point:

Nine EMS calls in the first two weeks of February "were in response to excessive intoxication." There were two additional alcohol related hospitalizations of Bates Students during this period that were not directed through Bates EMS. (Student, v. 130, no. 15, p.1.)

"Drinking is fun; playing drinking games is fun." Dan Driscoll (Student, v. 130, no. 15, p.6.)

"One of the alcohol related calls this February was considered life-threatening due to airway obstruction." Student, v. 130, no. 15, p. 1.

"It is tragic that an event like the Halloween dance has to show us the dangers of extreme drinking, but that's the way it is." Dan Driscoll, Student, v. 130, no. 15, p. 6.

Your "news" story on page one suggests that students had still not learned the "tragic" lesson of the Halloween dance by February. Dan Driscoll's "opinion" piece, however, blithely assumes that it has. The fact that Mr. Driscoll could make this assertion is troubling because it indicates a profoundly mistaken attitude towards alcohol abuse that seems to be shared by some of the students who write for the Student.

Drinking, as Mr. Driscoll asserts, is fun. So what. Crack is fun. According to addicts I used to prosecute, crack is a hell of a lot more fun than drinking. Our society, however, affords people who abuse alcohol significantly more slack than people who abuse the crack. Is this because alcohol is less addictive than crack or because alcohol abusers share a socio-economic profile that is privileged in our society? When Batesies get so drunk they have to be put on life support systems, we don't sanction them. We hope they'll be empowered by the

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### Kazin and Driscoll Miss the Target In Part

To the Editor:

When I read the opinion articles by Jeff Kazin and Dan Driscoll in the February 13 issue of The Student, I could both agree and disagree with them. I feel that they make some very good points, while still missing the target by a wide margin.

Jeff Kazin argues for a "social norms campaign", citing how it would be funded, but only hinting at the process and benefits of such an experiment. Nowhere does he describe how Bates would be changed. Nor does he describe the manner in which the campaign would be waged. Would it mean increased security; would there be more posters on the wall of commons, alongside the ancient "energy-efficient car" poster? Jeff Kazin did not say.

He also proposes the erection of a student union: a place for us to "book" parties...provided we are of age. Last I checked, a good portion of us were underage. I also asked around...none of my over-21 buddies would risk getting caught throwing a party for myself or the many other drinking advocates. That leaves many underclassmen out of the drink, so to speak. Not to mention that even with the small number of people who could legitimately use the proposed student union, it would be booked from now to graduation '08.

Dan Driscoll made some relevant points. Many of my friends think drinking is fun. I neither agree nor disagree. I often enjoy a good party. Mostly I like more quiet repasts, but there's no denying the power of alcohol to bring a team together...provided there's little pressure to drink excessively. (We must remember that drinking is not a test of manhood...5 beers is different for me than it is for you.)

Dan argues for less restriction, discussing the salient point of reluctance to call for help under the new policy. It's true. I've seen it several times...someone asks if the Health Center

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# Shopping at the Market

## Hate Crimes and Bias Committee Made Error



By WHITMAN L. HOLT  
Opinion Columnist

I write to express my severe disappointment and anger by the decision, I would like to clarify two things: i.) I am not in any way currently associated with the R.A., the John Galt Press, or whomever wrote the statement that was posted on the discussion board; I am simply a concerned member of the Bates community who is very worried about the potential ramifications of the decision. ii.) I am sure that we all agree that the comment which was posted was offensive, repugnant, and cruel. I want to make sure that everyone understands that I am in no way condoning what was written or supporting the awful message contained within it.

The post was not a hate crime in any sense of the word. It was neither a crime, nor was it clearly motivated by hate. I wish to examine each one of these distinctions quite carefully. I shall begin with the crime side of this "hate crime." Any crime has two clear components, intent and impact. There is no evidence at all that the intent of this post was to offend, threaten, or scare minorities. In fact, the obvious intent of the action seems to be to libel the John Galt Press (which incidentally is a crime). However, I see no clear, compelling evidence that this action was intended to promote assault or hate. The best explanation for it seems to be that it was a joke intended to mock the newspaper which is funded by the Bates College Republicans. In order for one to prove intent, one must demonstrate a clear, compelling reason that establishes that fact; given current situation in which we have no idea who committed the action nor why they did it, assuming that it was intended to do have a particular impact seems to be hasty and without a basis in reality. It is also not clear that this action had the impact of a crime either. While the message was offensive and could make people uncomfortable, I would point out that people do not have a fundamental right not to feel offended. The message cannot be considered an "assault" in any sense of the word. The legal definition of the word assault is: "The threat or use of force on another that causes that person to have a reasonable apprehension of imminent harmful contact, or the act of putting another person in reasonable fear or apprehension of an immediate battery" (Black's Law Dictionary, 1999, pp. 109). This message neither prompted a specific action nor did it target a specific group. Instead, it contended that "minorities" should be "persecuted" more. This vague language cannot be considered to be an immediate danger to any specific person on this campus. People have a right not to fear for their safety and the well-being of their property; people have no right not to feel uncomfortable. Often I feel as though my strong libertarian view are persecuted by my peers; I am certain that there are people who would prevent me from speaking if they could. While this may offend me, it certainly presents no clear and present danger to my well-being. This action was not a crime, it is impossible to know what the intent of the author was and the impact on the campus is not significant enough to constitute an as-

sault. If it was a crime at all, it was libel against the John Galt Press.

The second component of the label is the "hate" aspect of the phrase hate crime. In order for an action to be a "hate crime," it must be a crime which was MOTIVATED by bias against a person on the basis of his/her race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, or physical or mental disability. Again, it is not at all clear what motivated this statement, the most plausible explanation is that it was intended to make the John Galt Press look bad. Moreover, the action is not targeted against any specific group, instead it applies to "minorities" as a blanket term. I would point out that Republicans are "minorities" on the Bates campus, as are individuals from the state of Montana. The statement is so vague that it is clear that it was not motivated by bias against a particular person because of his/her membership in some group.

It seems to be clear that the action was neither a crime (it was missing both necessary elements of any crime) nor a "hate crime." I believe that there are three very dangerous results of the decision to call this action a hate crime.

The first negative ramification of this action is the clear chilling effect that it will cause to occur on the Bates campus. I have no doubt in my mind that at least one person at Bates honestly believes what was written on that piece of paper. After this decision, that person will never feel

comfortable opening his/her mouth or expressing his/her views to anyone during his/her time at Bates. The horrible result of this is that no one can engage those beliefs and rationally explain why they are wrong. All of the benefits which result from the "Marketplace of Ideas" which I love are completely lost. I believe this result is particularly heinous considering the fact that we attend a college premised on an assumption of diverse values and rational discourse. Rather than engaging and defeating this clearly flawed idea, the committee is content to push them under the rug and run in fear. College is supposed to be a time during which everyone can experiment with crazy, strange, and sometimes offensive ideas. However, when our community has a knee-jerk reaction like the one it had, all of those chances for the free exchange of ideas are forever thrown into a pit of chilling ice. Moreover, there are clearly free speech implications with this action. While Bates is a private institution and is not bound by the same rules as public universities, the fact that we receive federal funds means that we have to maintain a semblance of respect for the First Amendment (Stanford, another private institution, lost when a student sued the university over its restrictive speech code in *Corey, et al. v. Stanford*, 1995). Just as the Ku Klux Klan has a constitutionally protected right to march so long as they are not harming anyone (incidentally, the Klan explicitly advocates doing far more than persecuting minorities), so should a Bates student have the right to speak in a manner that may offend and anger some people. I am frightened of the day when people do longer have the right to say things which make others uncomfortable here at Bates. Jay Surdukowski's artwork makes many people uncomfortable and most likely offends many others. Yet, we recognize his right to do his art and in fact praise him for the message his art carries. If we want to speak in a voice which affirms the importance of diversity and the value of the free exchange of ideas, we owe it to ourselves to permit any language, no matter how offensive, to be used so long

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Bates Community Must Undertake Major Changes

To the Bates Community and Administration:

I am a graduating Senior who will leave this June vested with many memories, some fond, others unpleasant. One thing I shall never forget, however, is how this campus succumbs to predictability. Every other Wednesday, I can predict that Commons will be serving a stupendous Taco Bar. At least one week prior to Thanksgiving, I know Bates provides an elaborate and costly dinner extravaganza. And every September, I can expect a remarkable, world-renowned keynote speaker who will inaugurate the new academic year with some lofty oration on the goodness of "diversity." Every February/March, I can not only predict, but EXPECT an incident that in some way implicates my safety, security and wellbeing. While dinners and speakers certainly add to the fond memories, I can't help but wonder why hate and violence is also a part of Bates' legacy. Why is that? Bates has the power to erect a multi-million-dollar academic building, yet finds it difficult to foster a nurturing community for everyone.

Of course, it is impossible to change the minds of every student. As a Christian, however, I believe in the goodness of people. I believe people have the precious ability to change and grow. I believe in the power of faith. But among other things, I am firmly convinced that man's most fatal flaws are fear and laziness. Together, these two create apathy, and it seems that nearly every Bates student must elect it as a minor. Otherwise, change would be more frequent, but college history indicates that this is not the case. Imagine how shameful it is to graduate from an institution in which its most successful alumnus of color (and possibly most famous alumnus or alumna period) wants to have little to do with his alma mater. Imagine how grave it is to graduate from the NESCAC College that cannot stay out of the limelight. This could all change, dear Bates, but are we ready?

First of all, as an institution, it is time that you construct a campus that can truly support and accommodate diversity. We haven't the proper facilities to support Division I basketball hopefuls. If we did, we would be forced

to build accommodations; otherwise he or she would leave. While having Division I basketball players would do wonders for endowment, such a scenario is not possible at this time. So why is it that you can recruit students of color, or so called "minorities", and not provide the proper facilities to keep them? Are we less valuable than Division I athletes? We must be worth something; otherwise Admissions wouldn't break their necks in attempts to diversify the student body, correct? So, in the same way you would expand the gymnasium, begin to expand the cultural and social parameters of Bates College!

"But what," you ask, throwing up your hands "Are we to do? What do we know about diversity?" Well, the administration may not have any credible ideas, but the students, I promise you, are brimming with ideas. Just ask some of us! Try to set up curricula where students and administration talk candidly about these issues. Secondly, you can create accessible spaces for dialogue. Thoughts circulate students' minds, but too often do we express them inappropriately in appropriate forms (e.g. the note on the RA bulletin [board]). Thirdly, the administration must institutionalize some mandatory facet to the curriculum that addresses issues of class, gender, race, elitism, whiteness, et cetera, et cetera. Remember the social justice requirement? These are precisely the changes that need to occur.

Basically Bates, the world is shrinking (crumbling at times). You can continue attempts to reiterate insular societies, but America is no longer the bastion of White Man's Burden. Teach your children to be fair, equitable, aware, and compassionate. Realize we treat one another like sandstone platforms on which we launch our careers and desires. Human beings are not mules. We are not inanimate statues. We are beautiful, feeling, thinking, and creative, living entities with uncharted potential. As an intellectual refuge, you have the obligation to create, maintain, and immortalize a space where students become citizens of mankind. If you cannot make this promise to all your students regardless of race, gender, creed, color, and sexual orientation, then I suggest you move Down South or close shop.

-Unyi Agba

# BATES RATES

Napster  
Loses Final  
Court Case



And so ends the glorious era of stickin' it to the record companies. On the plus side, at least the network will run fifty times faster.

March  
Blizzard!



Didn't the Groundhog say spring was supposed to be coming soon? And what the hell's the deal with not getting a snow day?!?!?

80's Party In  
The Silo



Cheers to the one night a year when its cool to wear your old Poison shirt and its hip to know all the words to every Boy George song.

Coming Back  
To School on  
Wednesday



So what if it made mom or dad miss work for a day? Three day weeks sure make school doable. Do I hear a possible RA Resolution?



# Confronting Hate With Dialogue, Not Censorship

*Some Efforts to Protect The Victims of Hate Speech Run Counter To Social Progress*

By JAMES PEYSTER  
Forum Editor

On February 10, 2001, a note was left on the Representative Assembly message board. It read: "it's about time more minorities should be persecuted on this campus". Nearly everyone in the community voiced displeasure at the bigoted view advocated by the statement, even if it may have been meant as a faceious slander to the John Galt Press and not a serious attack on minorities. But some in the community wanted more than just a denunciation. On February 12, 2001, that demand for further action was heard and steps were taken to officially label the incident a hate crime. Many believe that the school had acted to successfully maintain a free community where people felt comfortable and where diversity can flourish. I couldn't disagree more and in light of these events, I am lead to wonder whether or not the community is fully aware of what it means to have a diversity of views or a free flow of ideas.

In recent years, students at this school have wisely decided that issues of race, ethnicity and gender are issues that must be confronted and studied. It's now a part of the college mission statement. Open forums are held regularly to discuss these topics and for students to share their views and experiences. Entire classes are dedicated to the consideration of these subjects. But this is not the end of open dialogue, for dialogue is necessarily multisided. If we as a community chose to open up this dialogue and to promote 'the marketplace of ideas', we must accept the full range of implications of that choice—the bad with the good. If someone wants to stand up and hail the merits of multiculturalism or exhort the evils of prejudice, room must be made for someone else to dispute those opinions. If someone wants

to denounce those who hold views he or she may see as bigoted, those being accused must have a voice to defend themselves. Debate so-called can never be one sided.

In many ways, this proposition is scary. Even the most plainly stated messages from certain people can have powerful and hurtful effects on other members of the community. The posting from a few weeks ago is clear evidence of that. People were honestly and deeply hurt. But is it fair to silence those opinions, no matter how civilly put, just because we fear the effects of that speech?

Don't be so quick to answer that question.

The courts and philosophers alike have spoken loud and clear on this issue. It is patently unfair to privilege one side of a two-sided debate—so long as the speech falls within the realm of legality—just because the majority of students tend to ally themselves with one position over the other. Attempting to gag the unpopular

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view by prohibiting the mere expression of that viewpoint does just that. And one need not be reminded that majorities throughout history have used fear and threats to silence the dissent of all types of people, especially the historically oppressed.

So what are our options as a community? As far as I can see it, we have two.

The first is open debate as discussed above. The alternative would be to simply not talk about issues of race and ethnicity at all. That way, both sides would be equally silenced. But the latter certainly seems like a poor choice. Issues that are this important to people should be discussed and discussed at length. The problem is that the majority of the Bates College community wants to hedge their bets. We clearly want to talk about these issues but we certainly don't seem committed to a truly open marketplace of ideas. Based on recent reactions, it looks as if that the administration would rather the mere appearance of free thought

while quietly placing one side of the debate on a pedestal far above the other. If we start down this perilous road, we must ask ourselves a fundamental question: What types of opinions are so baseless that they merit being silenced? Do we try to set up some guidelines? If 90% of the campus feels one way about an issue, at that point is it alright to privilege the voice of the majority viewpoint? How about 95%? Or maybe it isn't a number. But if not, what? And who makes these decisions?

I can't help but remember the poll conducted just prior to the presidential elections last November in which less than 10% of the campus supported George W. Bush. It scares me to think that someone would say that the minority of conservative Bates students should be silenced because their views are reprehensible to the overwhelming majority of the community. I imagine most people would agree with me in condemning the censorship of Republicans, even if you

happen to be the staunchest of liberals. But this example probably seems ridiculous to many. Messages of bias are nothing like petty differences of political ideology. Maybe not. But what's the substantive difference that lets us make that distinction? Do we engage in some sort of attempt to quantify the fervor of dislike for a view? I only dislike conservatives X amount but I dislike white supremacists 100X amount? That seems incredibly arbitrary if not downright silly. But I fear any alternative. If the majority has a preconceived disposition against the minority viewpoint—as they do in most cases—should that majority be allowed to engage in a freeform selection of which minority views are acceptable and which ones fail to make the cut?

I believe we fall into a trap when we try to make distinctions between opinions on different social issues. If we as a community support a diversity of perspectives and viewpoints, that support must extend unilaterally. Thomas Jefferson was famous for denouncing the concept of partial freedom in life. One is ei-

ther free, or not. Similarly, we either have a free flow of ideas, or we do not. To say we do in all but a few special cases may be the most heinous form of censorship because it is not only silencing, but inherently dishonest.

So how should the community respond in light of the recent sad incident?

Unyi Agba, Ben Griesinger and Amanda Green started a chain of e-mails in which people added on their thoughts about the occurrence. Students expressed sadness, outrage, fear, shock and disappointment. This is dialogue—students sharing their views with other students and sharing them passionately. Anyone who received this e-mail

and gave it its due consideration would have been moved by its content. Maybe someone with prejudiced views gained a new perspective. Maybe someone who had never heard the pain of a minority student on the Bates campus gained a new appreciation for that struggle. Ironically, without the hateful

remark, this e-mail would never have been written and chances are that very few people would have thought about the issue of hate during that week. Pretending like there is no bias on the Bates campus by silencing that bias does nothing except perpetuate it. Allowing and indeed encouraging those with prejudiced views to speak out not only lets us confront those individuals in respectful debate but also silences those critics who say hate is a non-issue at Bates.

In the end, it is understandable why people's first reaction would be to punish those who disseminate hateful views. But we as a community must realize the fallacy of this reaction. We must realize that doing so sacrifices long term victory in the name of short-term appeasement. We must stand in support of our fellow students when they are hurt by the words of others but we must also rally to protect everyone's right to speak their mind. We need to stop taking the path of least resistance. Unfortunately, that's what the administration continues to do.

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## "Scared Straight"-- Simply Bent Logic

By MIKE CARRIGAN  
Associate Editor

Over February break I had my wisdom teeth taken out and, like most people, I spent the next 48 hours laid-out on my couch watching television. Amid the sea of daytime talk shows and SNL reruns, I found myself watching an MTV special about the criminal justice system. The show detailed a new crime prevention program called 'Scared Straight'. The method is simple: convicted criminals under the age of 18 are brought into an adult jail for a day where they are tormented by the jail guards and inmates. This treatment plan is intended to redirect criminal youth by demonstrating the horror of prison life. In my view, the strategy of this program is entirely backward.

Clearly, we seem to inhabit a criminal society. There were more than twice as many homicides in the United States last year than in the nearest comparable state. Currently, the United States imprisons a larger percentage of its population than the Soviet Union under Communism or South Africa under apartheid. As I see it, there are two ways to explain this criminal trend: Either 1) the merican penal system is not especially hor-

rible and, thus, fails to provide genuine disincentive for potential criminals or 2) the American penal system is indeed quite horrible, but criminals remain undeterred.

Having watched the Scared Straight special on MTV, I am inclined to dismiss the former explanation. One scene of the program showed a prison guard screaming at the kids, some of them as young as 13, about the various ways in which prisoners suffer at the hands of other inmates. Makeshift prison weapons were distributed and anecdotes were shared, in gory detail. At the end, he explained that the guards would often not intervene to stop the violence. In his words, 'We don't care if you're blind, broken or crazy. To us, you're just dollar signs.'

We are thus left facing the second rationale: That, for some reason, people willingly risk the horrors of incarceration to pursue lives of crime. Given this rationale, the most compelling explanation for America's violent trend is that, for many Americans, the alternative to prison is itself so horrible that incarceration fails to be an effective deterrent.

However, considering the economic boom of the last twenty years, this theory seems bizarre. Indeed, America is rich beyond the dreams of avarice and we bestride the world like a colossus. Why, in this Land of Plenty, would any American risk incarceration by

turning to crime? Well, I think the trend makes more sense when you consider that, for the first time in history, one in five American children are born into poverty, that over 99% of the nation's wealth is hemorrhaged in the population's richest decile, and that less than 2% of federal prisoners are from this richest decile.

America today is an economic superpower, largely as the result the expansionist economic policy we have pursued over the last twenty-odd years. However, we have failed to ensure that the wealth thus accrued is distributed in a manner benefiting the majority of Americans. By abandoning a distributive economic policy, we have left many poor working Americans in an invidious destitution. Perhaps, for many of these people, everyday reality is itself enough of a nightmare that, to them, what I saw on the MTV special doesn't appear so nightmarish. In point of fact, for many living in poverty, incarceration does not present a major life change. Jail is, in many ways, simply a microcosm of the poor urban landscape: Violence is pervasive, the same power structures persist, drug addiction abounds and "justice" remains oppositional. Meanwhile, to rise above the culture of poverty and succeed in the marketplace requires a Herculean effort, far greater than that required by middle-in-

come and wealthy Americans. Perhaps a life of crime suddenly seems less unappealing.

Many would disagree with this analysis, arguing that we cannot approach the criminal trend rationally because crime is, itself, irrational. Some people, the argument goes, are simply predisposed to a criminal lifestyle—they seem to possess some endogenous factor propelling them to be 'born criminals.' But this fails to explain the higher crime rates in the United States than comparable nations around the globe. I simply find it hard to believe that Americans are more criminal by nature; that our population has a higher incidence of some homicidal gene. A better explanation is that the more advanced welfare states in, for instance, many European nations, produce an environment in which poorer segments of society are not met with desperation. Indeed, the average working poor American has a lower quality of life than many unemployed Europeans.

If we are, as a nation, sincere in our desire to reduce crime, we should not try and make our penal system more punitive—we should try to make our society less so. Rather than lowering the bar in our prisons, we should raise the bar for the working poor. Rather than showing at-risk kids how terrible prison is, we should show them how wonderful freedom can be.



# Dealing With Life After A Tragedy

*Sometimes What Goes Unsaid Needs to Be Heard*

By KARA LARSON  
Opinion Columnist

Over February break I received this e-mail from my study abroad program: "Your Scandinavian Urban Studies Buddy Stephan Grant has passed away. He committed suicide in Berlin approximately two weeks ago. As far as I know, he took a drug overdose and jumped from a window. Information I have from Oslo and from others who knew and worked with him report that he had been suffering from depression for some time."

I felt like somebody slapped me in the face. I couldn't and didn't want to believe that my host student at the University of Oslo committed suicide. To me Stephan was much more than a graduate student, a host for international students, and a mentor because he was my friend. He was the one that always asked how I was doing; he showed me how to navigate a new city, culture, and school. But he also told me that it was okay to feel scared, lonely, and that it was okay if I didn't feel happy all the time.

We've all probably experienced those inevitable days where nothing seems to go right. The showers are full and you have to decide whether you're going to be late again to your 8am class. In commons you accidentally drop your tray and chicken tender sweet and sour sauce stains your favorite shirt or maybe when you finally gather the guts to approach a longtime crush, they flat out reject you. Perhaps it's that approaching term paper that makes you get up on the wrong side of the bed.

As the end of the semester approaches and thesis makes anxious seniors grumpy

and warm weather teases us into believing spring is near, Stephan's suicide awakened me to the importance of putting life in perspective. I know I don't share my feelings often enough and I know I don't verbalize enough how much I appreciate family and friends. It amazes me how fleeting and short life can be. In a matter of an afternoon I became aware how important people are and the degree in which we impact one another. I also realized how easy it is to reach out and help one another. I can sense how difficult it may be to ask for help yet as hard as it may be, the effort seems more than noble. I communicated with Stephan via e-mail and letters since my junior semester abroad in the fall semester of 1999. He never mentioned being depressed nor did he ask for my help. I truly wish he did.

In his memory I'd like to emphasize how serious an issue depression is, but more importantly I would like to encourage those in need to ask for help and encourage everyone to show their appreciation for one another. Sometimes what goes unsaid needs to be heard.

The following is an excerpt from <http://www.emufarm.org/~cmbell/depress/depwhat.html>

**"What Depression Is, and What It Feels Like?"**

It is estimated that 17.4 million Americans (one in every seven) suffers from clinical

depression each year. There are several different types of depressive illness, or affective disorder. None of these are the "ups and downs" we all experience; depression is far more intense than "the blues." Clinical depression is an all-encompassing illness, affecting every aspect of your life. It can be disabling or life-threatening.

Clinical depression, in whatever form, is a medical illness, and is in most cases treatable. You don't get depressed because you're weak or because of some character flaw, you get depressed because of some combination of genetic, biochemical, and environmental factors

which are not necessarily under your control. The result is a chemical imbalance in your brain. This means that depression can usually be treated through anti-depressant medication, therapy, or a combination of the two.

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## Major Depressive Disorder

Major depression is the most typical form of depressive illness. It strikes two to three times as many women as men, and half of these people will have recurring episodes. It is estimated that 25% of sufferers will attempt suicide within five years of a depressive episode, and that about 15% of those who suffer from major depressive disorder will ultimately die by suicide.

Major depression often does not have a clear trigger event. The feelings of profound despair and hopelessness common to suffer-

Maine GOP."

"And who's in the Democratic column? Baldacci again?"

"No, Congressman Baldacci isn't running again. Most of the media around the state is saying he's sizing up a run for the Governor's seat in 2002. Democrats looking at the 2nd? That would be quite a list. One name that's mentioned quite a bit is Kaleigh Tara, the mayor of Lewiston."

"No way."

*"I heard that Mendros might have bought a keg for the Bates Republicans in exchange for them putting up his yard signs."*

"Way. The list also includes state senators John Nutting, Mary Cathcart, and Michael Michaud and Secretary of State Dan Gwadosky. Of course, these are just rumors."

"And I'm assuming Baldacci won't have an open path to the Governor's seat."

"Correct. In the primaries, he would probably have to face Chellie Pingree and Mike Fiori. She's a popular former majority leader in the state senate and he's a philanthropist. The GOP list for the gubernatorial race is also forming up, too: Jane Amero, the former minority leader in the state senate, Rick Bennett, the current president pro tem of the state senate, and even Senator Susan Collins, who ran for the job back in '94."

"I guess there's still life after 2000."

He downed his espresso, "Just 'cause there isn't a presidential election doesn't mean it's not an important election cycle. The margin of difference in the House is 220-211 and in the Senate it's 50-50. The state senate is also split evenly. And a popular independent is leaving Blaine House. 2002 is going to make or break one party or the other."

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## Smokey Room Talk

### Mendros Congressional Candidacy a Reality

By MATTEO & DOMINICK

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Opinion Columnists

I entered the Ronj with a stack of books and notes. Like many others, I didn't finish half of the work I brought home over February break. I was surprised to find my brother reading a newspaper instead of a textbook.

"Mendros wants the 2nd Congressional seat!" He threw the Portland Press Herald across the table at me. I guess I wasn't that surprised to find him reading the newspaper.

"Stavros Mendros?" I asked as I sat down and dropped my books onto the table.

"The one and only," he grimaced. "Fortunately, he hasn't got a chance in hell. Besides, he's hardly qualified. He serves a couple of terms in the state house and thinks he's got what it takes?"

"What did he do before that?"

"He was a web site designer. Elected to the 119th and 120th legislatures in Augusta from the 88th district, which is part of Lewiston."

"Hey, didn't we do a radio interview with the woman who represents the district Bates is in? The 89th?"

"Yeah, that would be Lillian O'Brien. Really sweet old lady. I'm glad we have her for our district. I don't know what I'd do if Mendros was our rep."

We had some experience with Stavros Mendros. Back in November, on Election Day, Mendros, a Republican incumbent in the 88th district, dispatched some cronies to Lewiston

City Hall. Rumor has it, their job was to intimidate Batesians who were trying to register to vote. Guess the fact that Batesians are predominantly Democratic seemed to bother him. Fortunately, his goons were booted out before they could harass any minorities - that would have been a federal offense.

I picked up the newspaper and glanced over the article. "Hey, didn't you hear some other rumor about Mendros and the Bates College Republicans?"

"Yeah, but that was just an unconfirmed rumor. No way to know if it was true or not. I heard that Mendros might have bought a keg for the Bates Republicans in exchange for them putting up his yard signs."

"Wow. And wasn't he the guy who called the press conference for John Michael?"

"Yup."

John Michael (I-Auburn) was a fellow state representative who had verbally assaulted state senators Peggy Pendleton (D-Cumberland) and Neria Douglass (D-Androscoggin) in the state house just a few months ago. He was the first member of the state legislature in the history of the state to be censured by the assembly. Turns out he also had some driving violations in his past-road rage and such. Quite a character.

"Isn't that the press conference where Michael said: 'If these were Republican women, this never would have happened. Democratic women always play the victim?'"

"Yup."

"So who's this guy that says Mendros may be making a run for the 2nd?"

He pointed to the article, "Dwayne Bickford? He's the executive director of the



# Digitz...

## 39

Days until our next break. March is one hell of a long month.

## 29

Days after the announced deadline that the Alcohol Ad-Hoc Committee finally submitted their report.

## 6

Days and counting since the Deans received the Ad-Hoc report. No word on any policy changes and if/when the report will be made public.

## 3

Different brothers of the Clinton's who were hired to lobby for pardons on behalf of convicted criminals.

## 2.1

Homes out of 100 who watched the XFL game last week according to the most recent Neilson Rating, down 500% from its first week.



# Being Interdisciplinary

By B.R. WILSON  
Opinion Columnist

I am consistently confronted by the question "Is Bates a liberal college?" My parents, my friends, locals in Lewiston bars ask me this pointed question and I am dumbfounded between a "yes we are quite progressive" and the common activists scoff of "liberal?" Here I lie sitting neatly on the side of the activists, but sincerely acknowledging that Bates provides an absolutely wonderful space for radical thought. However, the administration and students continue to deny that this space exists, instead relying on traditional disciplines that bind our education to Anthropology, English, Biology, or concentrations like International Political Science, Cultural Environmental Studies, and Hydrology. But do these disciplines truly challenge students to think outside of a particular ideology? And if so, how are they helping students make those links and explore them further. Does Biology challenge students to think about the link between modern medicine and controlling women's bodies? Does Environmental Studies challenge its students to question how racism plays into ecological degradation and environmental policy? Does Political Science consistently draw on sociological studies to explain political behavior and power relationships? I ask all disciplines, do your students have a significant intellectual transformation based in the questioning of the basic ideology which created the department in the first place? And if so does that critique come from within that discipline or from other disciplines?

I repeat myself, do you challenge your discipline and your worldview by studying multiple perspectives that radically lay claim on one another in a critical manner? Or do we

merely accept what is said to achieve a minimal goal represented by our nodding heads? I've caught myself sliding through semesters without challenging what I have been taught so many times I want to scream.

I was interviewed last year about my major for the Alumni catalogue and thinking back on it I really have a lot to say outside of a pat answer like: it gave me the freedom to choose my own course of study. For one, Bates does not advocate interdisciplinary studies. The major is frowned upon by first year guidance and mismanaged with second year unadvised paperwork. It continues to lack a director, meetings, communication and there is no interdisciplinary lounge. Though interdisciplinary studies acts as a major, these students have no idea who their peers are. First year students shy away from signing up for interdisciplinary studies because it is not well respected and there is no community. Professors are left to guide students personally while thesis advisees pile on demanding work assigned by departments. Little attention is being paid to students who are trying to make connections with multiple disciplines.

So in turn Bates is liberal in the sense that it uses very mainstream education requirements. It is not a college steeped in helping students become radical thinkers nor supports them in doing so. You will never see the next David Mamet, Bell Hooks, Toni Morrison, or Michel Foucault because we are merely fed their intellectual perspectives as the ground work for each discipline instead of exemplified at interdisciplinary students themselves. We students are not given the tools to bring something fresh to academia. Until we are challenged to explore multiple disciplines and are supported in doing so, Bates will continue to graduate students who do not have the potential to change thought and consequently the world.

# All Students Need To Modify Their Behavior When It Comes to Alcohol

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still accepts people; they are told no; they say 'forget it...he'll sober up on his own'. Yet without restrictions of some sort, people will participate time and again in self-destructive behavior. Some people simply don't learn, given the opportunity to do so.

Dan also dumps heavily upon the freshmen in his article. I might point out that it is my class, this year's sophmores, which has had more problems. Sophomore girls in particular are gaining reputations. Last year we had many calls to the health center, and this year we are continuing our bad habits.

This is where I feel the administration could do more: the social norms of Bates college are not healthy. Drinking is good, drinking is fun. Fights at football games, unsolicited sex, sexual abuse, dorm damage, alcohol poisoning, and general rudeness cannot be accepted here. Both students and administration must work out a system by which irresponsible trouble-makers are punished, but not fun-loving, good-natured partiers. Campaigns should be aimed at those with low self-confidence, reassuring students that responsibility is more important than showing your manhood. Hazing should be investigated, but it should not lead to a witch-hunt. The cooperation of the entire campus can result in fun and peace for all.

At an educational institution of the caliber of Bates College, you would think to find more classes and lectures on the subjects of alcohol abuse, self-actualization, responsibility and simple reality. More programs around campus drawing attention to alcohol instead of treating it like something that can be swept under the carpet are needed. The first near-death experience on campus should have brought the same reaction as the third. Certainly it would not do to expose a student

to public ridicule for one night's mistake, but one near-death could have been a fully dead student. It is important that the rest of us realize the current atmosphere at our parties, but I have long felt the administration does little to inform students of the TRUE epidemic racing through campus. It was sobering to realize that someone nearly died on campus...even more so to find out its happened more than once before it was made a public issue. A simple blurb in the security alert leaflets is not enough.

I also feel there should be more programs for students to seek help for themselves, or their buddies, if they are constantly drunk. I know many people who would benefit from some such program; not a place to feel ashamed of their excesses, but a place to learn to control them and become a healthy member of the social environment.

And yes, some people must be protected from themselves. Students should realize that the administration IS here to oversee us. Not in the Big Brother manner, but surely they have the right to tell us not to kill ourselves. It's their asses in a sling if something goes wrong on campus, not to mention your life blown for a night of partying. And compromises must be made by everyone. Those throwing parties must keep in mind those who are not partying. Keep the music low, the spilled beer to a minimum (really spilled beer is just a tragedy), and drink responsibly. Those who are not drinking, ease up just a little. I know that finals are a real drag, and sports require a minimum amount of sleep. Changing the unhealthy atmosphere starts with each person evaluating his or her own habits, and also the habits of those around you. Don't let your buddies drink too much; fight back the urge to get the prefrush truly hammered; and watch out for each other.

# Support For The Returnable Butt Bill

By ANDY DALTON  
Opinion Columnist

I am writing to express my support for the "returnable butt bill" that is being considered in the Maine State Legislature right now. This bill seeks to place a 5-cent deposit on every cigarette sold in Maine in the hopes that redeeming used butts for cash will help motivate a reduction in litter.

My interest in this bill initially stemmed from article research for this newspaper, but it has taken on more personal motivation as I have found out more and more about it. For years I have been highly disappointed with the attitude taken by smokers when discarding their used cigarettes, and now I see a chance to help alter that attitude in this bill. Far too many smokers have come to consider tossing "butts" as outside the realm of littering. Nearly everyday I witness someone throwing a butt to the ground, sometimes in the general direction of a trashcan, but many times not even remotely near one. Maybe they have good intentions and just lack any kind of reasonable hand-eye coordination. Instead, I think they have forgotten the general responsibility we all share of cleaning up after ourselves.

Cigarette butts are one of the leading

types of trash in public places ranging from parking lots and sidewalks to beaches and state parks. Take our campus for example. Look around the entrance to Pettengill or the library. Spend a few minutes in front of Commons. These are just a few places where people stop for a quick cigarette and many times end up littering their butts.

The bill is modeled after the successful bottle-deposit system instituted in Maine decades ago which drastically reduced bottle

and can litter. I believe this bill will also help to decrease litter by motivating people to save their butts for redemption. As sad as it is, the money factor is key. By using a deposit system, no one will

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lose money unless they are careless and apathetic in the disposal of their cigarettes. And those people who do continue their butt-tossing habits will actually help in their own way by contributing to extra state revenue in the form of unredeemed deposits. In an ironic twist, this extra money will help fund statewide health programs aimed at smoking prevention.

Overall, this bill has enormous potential for curbing the bad habits associated with cigarette disposal. By supporting this effort, you are agreeing that smokers do have a responsibility to clean up after themselves and that you are ready to take a stand for that idea.

# Hate Crime Label Hurts Bates

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as it does not constitute a direct threat to one of the members of our community.

My second concern about the decision to label this action a "hate crime" is that it ignores the real damage that hate crimes do. Hate crimes are a horrible, horrible thing. It is truly sad that some people are driven to destroy property and injure people due to their unjustified bias of a particular group. By playing fast and loose with the term hate crime, we run the risk of ignoring the real damage that actual hate crimes can do. Moreover, we also risk fetishizing the term and creating a "hate crime" phenomenon in which the slightest offensive language is censored and punished. This decision sets a clear precedent; what if the next action is even less clearly a hate crime? By decreasing the threshold at which an action is considered a hate crime, we run the risk of allowing everything to be a hate crime; which again makes us lose sight of the real tragedy of true hate crimes.

My final concern about the decision to label this action a hate crime is more pragmatic. By calling this action a hate crime, the committee forced a record to be made of this incident. In doing so, they have added +1 to the list of hate crimes which happen at Bates in a given year. Keep in mind that no differentiation is made between degrees of hate crimes. By labeling this a hate crime, the committee placed it in the same category as an assault, rape, or murder motivated by bias. This addition to the record of hate crimes at Bates could potentially pose a serious risk to the school. Consider what would happen if word got out that hate crimes happened regularly at Bates. Consider the implications that could have for applicants to Bates vis-a-vis Colby and Bowdoin. By labeling an event that should not even register as a .01 on the hate crime richter scale, the committee has placed it in the same category as a clear 10 on the same scale. Doing so unnecessarily risks the reputation of our college.

A far superior course of action would have been to label the post a bias incident, or even simply decried the message contained within it as a community. People should have the

fundamental right to think and say what they want, so long as doing so does not directly harm another person. The harm in this instance is so far removed and so minimal that it is not clear that the type of speech should have been removed at all. Assume hypothetically that for some reason (say the way I was raised), I believe that some particular ethnic group is inferior to my given ethnic group. I should have the right to express that opinion to other people. Other people should have the right to openly, and even angrily engage my belief, so long as they do not harm me by doing so. Forcing me to bottle my belief inside accomplishes and teaches me NOTHING. (Again, I must point out that I do not have such beliefs, nor do I agree with those who do). A wise man once said, "I may not agree with what you have to say, but I will fight and die for your right to say it." I do not agree with what was written on the R.A. board, in fact, I openly denounce it; however, I feel I have a moral obligation to fight for the right of students to express opinions similar to the one on the board. The right to free speech and thought played a significant role in the formation of our great nation, I would hope that a community as wise and capable as ours can recognize the value in giving that right the primacy it deserves.

In conclusion, I am deeply disappointed and even frightened by the committee's decision to label the comment on the R.A. discussion board a "hate crime." The activity was neither a crime nor clearly motivated by bias against a particular group. By stifling this form of expression, the committee has made our campus a place where speech that could "offend" people will now be chilled. The committee has ostensibly destroyed the usefulness of the marketplace of ideas. Moreover, by labeling such an action a hate crime, the committee glosses over the real damage that actual hate crimes do and also insults the victims of such crimes. Finally, the committee has unnecessarily added this to the record of hate crimes which have occurred at Bates, risking the name of the college. I am honestly scared about the future of free speech at Bates, by labeling actions of this type a "hate crime," our community takes a massive step towards the worst type of Orwellian nightmare.



# So Which Fruit Keeps the Dentist Away?

## An Analysis Of A Visit To the Dentist's Office

By **TIM CASTOR**  
Opinion Columnist

Having just returned from February break, I am sure all of you have heard many wonderful tales regarding the tropical locations (i.e., any place south of Boston) your friends visited over vacation. If you are anticipating such a story from me, however, you would be well advised to break out the rose-colored glasses. Even if I had the time to travel to a warm, sandy beach that has not been featured on Baywatch (if Germany loves David Hasselhoff so much, why are we not shipping him over there in a canoe or something), I probably would only have the funds to purchase a sand pail (And what is the use of that if you do not have the shovel to accompany it?). In any case, I would like to give you a little insight into what recently transpired in the good ole suburban town of Richboro, Pennsylvania, a place that is characterized by SUV's, little league baseball, and mailboxes that are in the shape of cows and pigs.

During the three years I have spent at Bates College, I believe I have been sick approximately twice. Maybe I am wearing a red cape that I am unaware of, because it is rather amazing how infrequently I have needed any sort of medical attention that has not revolved around me slipping on ice and injuring my ass. This string of excellent health seems to run its course until break rolls around. Upon calling my mom right before I head for home, I typically inquire as to what appointments or errands I, being the ad hoc butler for the family, need to take care of during vacation. It is at this point where I am seemingly transformed from the Incredible Hulk into the student who contracts the eighty minute flu the day of an exam (I always preferred the excuse that involved falling down on Wood Street and not being found for three weeks).

At the beginning of every break, my mom

informs me that, despite me thinking otherwise, I am one sick, messed up individual and that the local medical community is really interested in getting to know me better. The following week, therefore, is spent waiting in stuffy little rooms, listening to Bette Midler and reading issues of Good Housekeeping from 1985. While I have somehow managed to adequately deal with most of these routine visits and the self-proclaimed medical experts (Is Club Med School really affiliated with the American Medical Association?) that accompany them, I have yet to fully come to terms with going to the dentist.

When I was just a wee little tike many years ago, going to the dentist seemed pretty freaking cool. I mean, I got to sit in this big grown-up chair and listen to all of these important-looking people tell me what a good boy I was for keeping my teeth clean. They even went so far as to give me all of this free stuff at the end of each visit (I guess Mr. Trump and my dentist are very tight). Nowadays, however, the experience I have when I go to the dentist is less enjoyable than browsing through 396 campus announcement e-mails in order to find the one that actually pertains to me.

For some untold reason, the dentistry community has recently decided that they have to model their facilities after some science fiction exhibit. As soon as I get into that Starship Enterprise-esque reclining chair that every dentist seems to have, I literally feel like I am about to be dissected by aliens. First, the hygienist puts this five million-watt light about two inches from my face and, subsequently, gives me these futuristic UV-blocking sunglasses to wear. She then proceeds to put on this gigantic welder's helmet, presumably in case any of my internal organs come flying at her during the dissection process. Over the next half hour or so, I watch this person place all of these sharp instruments, none of which existed when I was a kid, into my mouth. My only salvation from this so-called "teeth cleaning" is a little, straw-like mechanism, otherwise known as

Mr. Thirsty.

My Hygienist— "Now Tim, if you feel like there is too much water in your mouth [the word blood is somehow not mentioned], just suck on Mr. Thirsty."

Me—"Who am I sucking on?"

Hygienist—"Mr. Thirsty."

Me—"This is the dentist's office right?"

Aside from being dissected by aliens, another negative aspect of going to the dentist deals with the fact that one is reduced to an incompetent, infantile individual. The first thing the hygienist does when you get in the chair is place a bib around your neck. Now I do not know about you, but as someone who is 21 years-old, I get a little freaked out when a person finds it necessary for me to wear a big napkin around my neck (Are they serving lobster after my cleaning?)

Regardless of how unnecessary I tend to think this whole ordeal is, more often than not, I cannot help but spill on myself. What is even worse is the fact that my reclining position makes it impossible for me to clean it up by myself. This is exactly why you never see a new couple go to the dentist together. If a girl walked into a room to see her new boyfriend's hygienist cleaning up the slobber on his chest, I am quite certain that the relationship would be heading for troubled waters.

The dentist is probably one of the more feared medical physicians in our society. Although I have done a good job of avoiding the big drills that are most commonly ascribed to the field of dentistry, the routine procedures still seem to elicit more fear in me than the thought of dropping my tray in commons. Nonetheless, it seems as if I will continue to make my biannual appearance at the dentist's office; at least until the point where the dentist, after discovering that I have not been flossing, instructs the hygienist to beam me up to the mother ship.

McCrory [name changed for the sake of an old friend]. She had marijuana in her locker. That is illegal." We didn't have a pot problem in my school after that. The college, too, has the legal right to create and enforce a far stricter regime of alcohol regulation than it presently does. Such a regime would radically change the environment at Bates College, perhaps for the worse. But it would also radically limit abusive drinking.

The problem with the Mr. Driscoll's contribution to the campus dialogue on student drinking, to my mind, is that it refuses to distinguish between abusive drinking and mistakes made when learning how to drink safely. It is the refusal to make the distinction that is as troubling as all the trips by Batesies to the ER. It suggests that students really can't regulate drinking within student culture.

After all, student leaders like Mr. Driscoll can't. Why doesn't Mr. Driscoll (and the Student) give as hard a time to Batesies who commit crimes when under the influence as he does to the administrators who are 13 days "late" in issuing a report on student drinking? Perhaps Mr. Driscoll fears that any effort to solve the problem of abusive drinking will inconvenience his own drinking. Rather than risk that inconvenience, Mr. Driscoll's response is to deny a problem exists and risk more trips to the ER (let's hope EMS is on time).

Mr. Driscoll's failure to acknowledge the problem of abusive drinking on campus has done more to convince me than any other discussion I've had on this issue, that the College need stricter regulation of student drinking. However, I hate to indict on one man's evidence. Like Mr. Driscoll, I urge students to speak out about their opinions on student drinking and offer more creative approaches to the problem (e.g., Mr. Kazin's opinion piece). Nobody, myself included, wants a dry campus. But I really don't want to attend your funerals either.

-Margret Imber

## Letters to the Editor

### Issues of Race Must Be Given More Attention by Administration

To the Bates Administration and President Harward:

I am writing in response to the ignorant note which was posted in Chase Hall before February break specifying the need to "persecute more minorities on this campus", and signed by the John Galt press. Whether or not this note was intended to be a joke is not and should not be the main issue at hand here. Even had this inflammatory note been intended as a joke, the content is the main issue that needs to be addressed here. The authors of the note have the common sense and the common decency to realize that despite the note's intended effect, it's underlying content only further trivializes the oppression minorities have been subject to at Bates.

As a white male student at Bates, I felt increasingly troubled about this situation after attending the emergency Wednesday Dialogue. In this session, I have witnessed the immense pain and suffering which minorities on this campus have been subject to, and the extent to which this note only further exacerbated that feeling of discomfort. This is a problem which is even further mitigated for people of color on this campus, for whom hyper-visibility is a major issue. The right just to walk down the street without feeling uncomfortable is only one of the many

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harsh realities experienced on a daily basis by Bates students and other community members of color on this campus.

This incident reaches far into the depths of the racism issue on this campus that is too infrequently addressed. Racism does not merely include individual acts of prejudice and discrimination, but the level of which certain groups on campus fall at advantages or disadvantages to other groups. Such is the monstrous problem of white privilege I am only beginning to realize my role in—not only at Bates but also in the world as a whole.

Through Bates' brushing off of this issue, it is implicitly subordinating it to a lesser degree of importance. The reality of the problems of racism and white privilege, however, are of utmost importance, and Bates MUST do everything in its power to make sure that it is addressed as such. The issues of Bates' alcohol policy drew attention like no other event at Bates, filling the Chapel with voices waiting to be heard. Such was the alcohol issue at Bates that it touched every student's life, even the most apathetic. And the Bates administration took quick and decisive action in organizing discussion around the issue to ensure it was properly heard and addressed within the whole community. Yet, issues as far-reaching as racism and white privilege, which touch every community member equally as much, were not given the attention they deserved.

I ask that you, President Harward, as well as the Bates Administration, reconsider your stance on these issues at Bates, taking into consideration the statement which was put before the Wednesday Dialogue: "Silence is Death." I ask you to consider the implications of this administration's inaction in attempting to address and further discuss the uncomfortable position which minorities are and have been subject to at Bates. Also, consider the ways in which these problems are further magnified by a note expressing interest in more persecution of minorities on this campus.

-Matt Carriker

## Students Have Not Learned Their Lesson

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experience. When Batesies get so drunk they commit over \$50,000 in dorm damage in a single academic year, we don't send them to jail. We send their daddies the bill. The fact that drinking is fun is irrelevant to an analysis of the issue of abusive drinking on campus.

Try this thought experiment. One night, EMS is called too late. The emergency room can't perform a miracle. A Bates student dies from drinking too much. [At the rate students are ending up in the ER, (read the front page of your paper, Mr. Driscoll) this is a distinct possibility]. At the funeral, will you say to your friend's parents, "Drinking is fun. Playing drinking games is fun"? I think not.

"Playing drinking games is fun," Mr. Driscoll asserts. He then continues (in what has to be the greatest rhetorical failure in student writing I've encountered this semester) to argue, "All of you that crack a smile as you read this illustrate my point. Immediately memories of the good times you have had under the influence come to mind." Actually, I frowned at this point. I was thinking not of the good times that I've had under the influence. I was thinking of the funerals of family members who died of alcoholism I've attended. [In case you're wondering- what you mostly feel at the funerals of alcoholics you've loved, is relief that it's finally over.] I frowned. I was thinking of the hours I have spent in emergency rooms and rehab centers with alcoholics who were desperately trying (and often failing) to save their own lives from the ravages of body and soul that an addictive relationship with alcohol had wrought.

"Now wait a second, Margaret," you might say. "Dan was talking about kids having fun drinking. May be they crossed the line, but, learning to drink, just like anything else, is a

process of mistakes." Dan Driscoll, Student, v. 130, no. 15, p. 6. "You're talking about middle-aged drunks you've known. The equation between aging albies and the young and innocent students of Bates is unfair." I think not.

A "mistake" made learning to drink, however, should end in a hangover, not the emergency room (at least not at the rate of 11 ER trips in two weeks, or 13 in one night). Drinking to the point that you have obstructed your own airways is not a "mistake." It is a symptom of an abusive relationship with a dangerous drug. Drinking to the point that you feel comfortable using a dormitory hallway as a lavatory is not a "mistake." It is an anti-social act that bespeaks a fundamental alienation from one's community and a wildly misplaced sense of entitlement and arrogance. Drinking to the point that you feel comfortable destroying the dormitory in which you live is not a "mistake." It is a crime. And if you were high on crack when you did it, you'd be evicted and/or go to jail. Hitting on first-year women who "pre-game" to the point of losing consciousness is not a mistake. It is rape. And if you did it off-campus, you'd go to jail. And you would deserve it.

The incidents the Student reports on page 1 indicate that there is a serious problem with alcohol abuse on this campus. Students have not at all learned the "tragic" lesson of the Halloween party. Rather than acknowledge the problem, quantify it or offer some creative suggestions from the point of view of students on how the problem might be approached, Dan Driscoll denies that a problem exists. Or, he argues with a fatalism that his years have not earned, that "you can not stop it." Actually, you can stop it Mr. Driscoll. I'm reminded of the nuns who ran my high school. One day, during my first year, Sister Mary Brian announced on the p.a. in the middle of morning classes, "Ladies, I wish to inform you that the police will arrive shortly to arrest Mary



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Annotto's Call For Free Speech Excuses Hate

To the Editor:

I am writing in reply to Mark J. Annotto's response to a letter of mine published in your paper on 6 February. Although there is an essential point of Mr. Annotto's with which I fully agree, I will first correct certain assumptions he made regarding my intentions and demonstrate the weakness of his argument.

Correctly noting that I had protested the "Kowski" headline, Mr. Annotto went on to characterize my letter as an "attack" that limits the "dialogue" needed "to move" this society to a point of true multiculturalism. He also associates me with the sophistic school of political correctness.

Given his passion for maintaining a multiculturalistic dialogue, I therefore find it paradoxical that Mr. Annotto claims to have been "disgusted that such a letter [as mine] was even written." It seems he would have preferred that I never stated my opinion in a letter to the editor. I hope that Spring Break has given him time to quell the nausea he claims to have suffered, so that he might better stomach the following question: How, indeed, are we to maintain a dialogue if one side's "letters should not" even be written?

Mr. Annotto correctly opposes political correctness for the strictures it has placed upon free speech. Yet not all critiques of ethnic insensitivity are ipso facto written by dogmatists of political correctness. Mr. Annotto may be interested to learn that I myself have been victimized, both in the past and quite recently, by self-appointed guard dogs of the crumbling Left, a crew so utterly bereft of integrity they have coopted the very same weapons (censorship, coercion, demagoguery) they associate with their oppressors on the far Right. Yet by saying this I do not mean to suggest my letter rendered Mr. Annotto a "victim." Rather, the combination of it and his response reveals more importantly the crucial weakness in his position, one that hinges upon the distinction between principle and practice.

In terms of the first, all of us here may exercise perhaps the most valuable right guaranteed by the Constitution (freedom of speech) to say whatever we want. As is generally known, the courts consistently defend this right even in those cases when what has been expressed offends the general society. Courts do so as a matter of principle, for if just one person is denied free speech, then all of us are threatened. Thus, Mr. Annotto is absolutely correct in principle to claim The Bates Student had the right to use the "Kowski" headline.

However, it is in practice that Mr. Annotto commits his error, particularly when he writes that, "If we force each other to blacklist certain words or phrases because they might be mildly offensive to one percent of the population, it will only harm the cause of the multicultural movement." Clearly, his assumption that the "Kowski" headline offended just "one percent" of the Bates population is an inversion of that which he accuses me and other supposed devotees of political correctness of doing: i.e., imposing our small

minority's opinions upon the majority. Moreover, he offers no evidence whatsoever for his figure of "one percent."

For the record, I was not alone in taking offense at the headline; and I strongly suspect the views I shared with several people represent those of a far greater number in the community than Mr. Annotto would like to imagine. However, even if it were true that we do in fact account for a mere "one percent," does this mean our opinions should not be expressed or "even written"?

It is relevant to note that in 1933, the year Hitler became chancellor and the Nazis took power, Jews accounted for approximately one percent of Germany's population. What subsequently happened to this one percent is well known. Only an anti-semitic would argue that these Jews' opinions really did deserve the lack of consideration shown them at the time. And yet Mr. Annotto writes that if the "words or phrases" which "might be mildly offensive to one percent of the population" are given attention, they "will only harm" his agenda. Strange words from a self-proclaimed advocate of "dialogue."

Since we are still discussing Mr. Annotto's argument on the practical level, let's further this historical analogy. Just as the Weimar Constitution allowed Hitler to make campaign speeches singling out Jews and other groups, so too does our Constitution allow someone like Louis Farrakhan to public express similarly divisive views. Many more examples might be given of those who daily express their offensive messages over

the airwaves, in print, and on the internet. Yet in principle Farrakhan and his ilk can say what they want. But just as Hitler could have been stopped long before 1933 if enough courageous individuals had publicly expressed their opposition, so too can each of us express our disapproval when we encounter what Mr. Annotto unfortunately decided to characterize as just "certain words or phrases."

While I agree that dialogue itself must never be suppressed, surely even such an advocate of free speech as Mr. Annotto would agree that "certain words" like "cracker," "spic," "nigger," "fag," etc. do little to "move" this society to a point of true multiculturalism. While there are venues in which words like these may have a role (one can imagine, for example, comedy routines and other vehicles for satirizing society) I

don't believe the ideo-linguistic diminishment (not "the abbreviation," as Mr. Annotto characterizes "Kowskis") of individuals deserves a place in The Bates Student or any other similar medium. For when "certain words or phrases" isolate individuals on the basis of ethnic or now-debunked racial distinctions, all of us are diminished as human beings. And, I would argue, this diminution is compounded when those of us sensitive to such insensitivity fail to protest. Despite my subscription to the free speech principle invoked by Mr. Annotto, I'm also aware that in practice stubborn adherence to principle quite often provides a rationale for inaction.

For the reasons above, as well as certain past events on campus which include the recent appearance of a cowardly slur in the student union, I propose to all members of the Bates community an open forum to promote multiculturalist dialogue as soon as possible. I trust Mr. Annotto will support this proposal, and look forward to working with him to make it a reality.

-Andrew Gentes

A Recipe For Diversity

To the Editor::

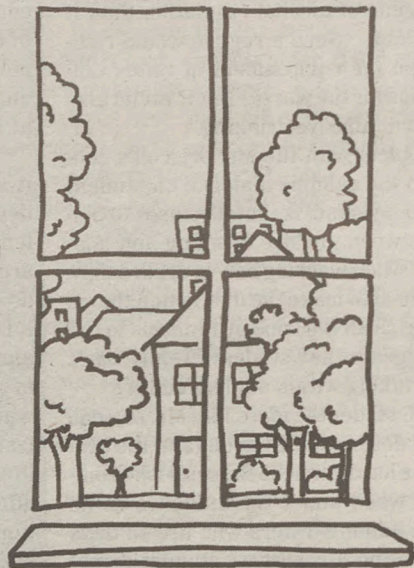
When it comes to diversity, Bates College needs a serious kick in the ass. Accordingly, it should be no surprise that infamous, hateful posting appeared on the RA bulletin board. On this campus, where awkward race relations are the rule, we've got ourselves a recipe for disaster. Although this letter is in part born out of disgust toward that notorious J. Galt hate crime, I do not care to harp on it, as it has been dignified ad absurdum. However, the incident sheds startling light on why Bates is starving for diversity.

We all know that minority groups are poorly represented at Bates. However, we should also recognize that it goes a long way toward explaining the College's racially insensitive atmosphere. Racism in all of its forms, be it as overt as a menacing hate crime or as subtle as an awkward glance, is the child of ignorance. And Bates is long lost in the dark, when it comes to exposure to people of non-white backgrounds.

I consider myself sensitive and aware of issues of race, not because I'm any more virtuous than the next person, but rather because I've had exposure; I've had the veil of ignorance that canopies this campus lifted from my eyes. Having grown up in New York City and attended a high school that coveted diversity, I have had to struggle and come to terms with race issues because they've been a central theme in my life. At Bates, however, minority students are minorities in the extreme, and as such, issues of race get completely marginalized on this campus. So, once we start to see some more color at Bates, we'll begin to make race issues our collective problem, instead of 'theirs'.

The recipe for Bates is simple: sure, keep the lines of communication open (with Wednesday dialogues and so forth), but, hell, we'd better diversify. Let's be careful not to talk too much and do too little. Write President Harward and the trustees and let them know that Bates College sucks on diversity and better take serious action. Don't you hate it that there are students here who feel uncomfortable or even threatened here because of the color of their skin? (Not to mention the fact that they're paying thousands of dollars for it too.) F\*ck that! I won't have it.

-Gabe Reilly



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## Residence Designations Announced for Next Year Adams stays quiet, first-years to remain in Smith Hall triples

By JASON HIRSCHHORN  
Assistant News Editor

On Friday, March 2, the housing lottery numbers for next year were announced. Also announced on Friday were the dorm and house designations for next year. The majority of the housing designations will not change for the coming year. Wentworth Adams Hall will remain a quiet/study dorm and first year centers will remain in the Smith towers, although the housing advisory committee debated changing each of these designations.

Hedge and the Smith towers will remain the only all first-year housing on campus, which is the most requested type of housing by in-coming first-years. There will no longer be any first-year centers on Frye Street. Page Hall and Parker Hall will continue to house upperclassman, but will have first-year centers. While the housing advisory committee discussed 'interspersing' upperclassmen in first-year centers throughout campus, the committee eventually decided that this was not a sound plan.

Dean Tannenbaum said, "There were no alternatives that made this a possibility.... The prospect of fewer upper-class students getting housing in Rand...was a deterrent to this change." He also indicated that upper-class students do not usually request triples, which is what the Smith rooms are designed to be.

Wentworth Adams Hall, the largest dorm on campus, will again be the quiet/study dorm. Cheney House will also be a quiet/study house. While many students question the move to continue Adams' role as a quiet dorm, Dean Tannenbaum said, "...The committee agree[d] this was the best thing for the campus. Although Adams has not been quiet on every floor as some there would have preferred it has been significantly better than a year ago, and with time we believe it will continue to be a nice place to live - quietly."

While the committee also debated whether or not to eliminate single-sex housing, Milliken house will continue to house all first-year women while Moulton will be an all-female house. Herrick Hall will house all upper-class men. Dean Tannenbaum pointed out that the number of single sex dorms and houses on campus has dwindled in the last two years, but that the college will continue to offer single-sex housing. "So people that genuinely desire single sex housing [can] still have it."

Roger Williams will continue as the upper class, chem-free dorm, but will also have first-year centers. Stillman and Clason house will also have a chem-free environment.

The theme houses for next year have also been announced. Chase House will remain the Environmental House, and Holmes House will remain the Community Service House. Hayes House is the Fine-Arts House, Howard House will be the East Asian House, Nash House will continue as the Spirituality House and the Wood Street House will become the Francophone house.

## RA Guests Discuss Link To L/A

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meeting, with President Harward discussing some of the history of the college's relationship with the surrounding community. He thanked the assembly for having him and expressed a willingness to attend whenever the RA invited him. He also thanked students for their work in the community.

Harward recalled his first day on the job as President of Bates. An editorial allegedly written by the mayor of Lewiston referred to Bates as an "island." Harward discussed how he and the college are continuing to bridge the gap between the college and the community. Harward spoke about how, until recently [the late 1980s], the college was surrounded by fences. "[The] challenge is how do we break down these fences, both literally and figuratively." Harward talked about the need to, "increase aspirations" in the community, and to leave behind the idea of Lewiston as a "dying mill town."

President Harward was also quick to add, "But we don't need Bates on some white horse." Harward talked about the responsibility Bates has to expand its vision beyond the college, but that, "You all have a view of what is best for this college.... How we can bring strengths to this community and still act in our best interest as a college is important." Harward also spoke about how Bates is one of the biggest economic 'engines' in the Lewiston-Auburn community, with over 700 employees and a \$60M operating budget, but that L/A generally lacks one major economic engine.

Beckie Conrad, a Bates graduate, Auburn resident, and President of L/A Excels, congratulated students and Bates as a whole for thinking of the community's future, saying, "When I was at Bates [in the late 70s] there was no one thinking of Lewiston-Auburn's destiny."

Conrad talked about the history and purpose of L/A Excels as a community partnership between Bates and the community. She introduced different projects

that L/A Excels has discussed and is working on. A bikeway linking the educational institutions of the community, the hospitals, and traveling along the river has been discussed. Housing has been a focus of L/A Excels, as well, Conrad said. She also discussed the idea of employer assisted housing where Bates faculty and staff can be encouraged to live closer to the campus.

Dean Carignan spoke about attitudes of "working class" not meaning "anti-intellectual," and the conventional stereotypes of Lewiston and Bates students which have started to change thanks to the work of groups like L/A Excels and Bates students. Dean Carignan oversees the Leadership Institute for Lewiston/Auburn. Carignan said that many different backgrounds and socio-economic statuses are represented in the 46 citizens currently taking part in the seminars presented by the Institute.

The Institute is currently working on the possibility of a Children's Museum in Lewiston, summer camps for young children on leadership, and summer camps for middle school teachers that will help them to weave leadership into the curriculum. Carignan said that one of the goals of the Institute is to help ameliorate the low-income downtown housing, which is the oldest stock of housing in New England by, "building neighborhoods, not just buildings."

In response to student questions, the guests stressed the need for patience and that students could go to the center for service learning tomorrow and find something that they could become involved with in the community tomorrow if they wanted. Students interested in becoming involved in L/A Excels should contact rconrad@bates.edu, or visit her at her office in Coram. Rebecca Larkin, a student at Bates, is also involved in a community project with local schools, entitled Teen Lead, which interested students should contact her about.

In regard to the first town meeting for the RA, President Jay Surdukowski said, "I think the first RA 'town meeting' was a success. It really was an experiment and the idea is therefore still fluid. There is certainly room to rework it if the members desire that. The body is so conscientious and dedicated, and I really want them to have a chance to put creative thought to what is going on in the world beyond Skelton Lounge."

In other RA news, Jonah Safris expressed concern over a poster advertising a CBB 'Race Conference' and expressed concern over the campuses labeling of the infamous note posted on the bulletin RA board, as a hate crime. (See related stories in News and Forum)

The RA has committee openings on the Budget, Educational Policy, Student Conduct, and Curriculum and Calendar committees. Interested students should pick up application forms outside of the RA office on the second floor of Chase Hall and return them by 2 PM on Saturday. The RA also passed two bills - one approved Junior Ngan Dinh as a member of the Budget Committee and Kristin McCarthy as an alternate member. The other bill involved a co-sponsorship to the Dean's non-alcoholic fund for \$650.

It was also announced at the meeting that the Alcohol Ad-hoc task force has finished its research and submitted a recommendation to Dean Branham.

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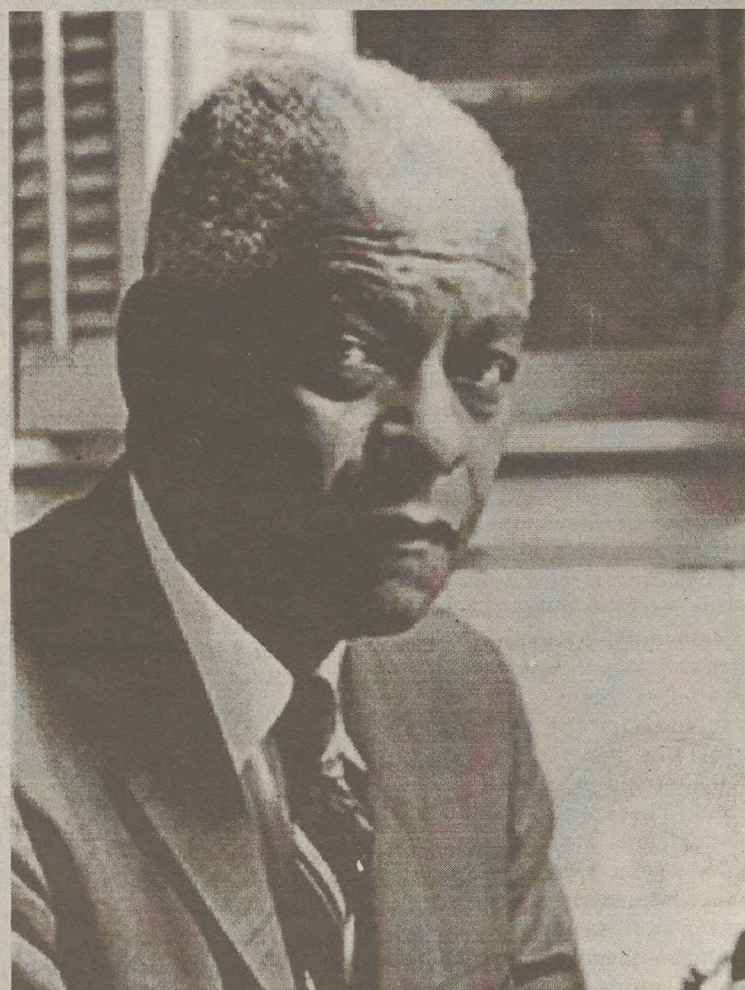
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## Mays '20 Proposed to Recieve Presidential Medal of Freedom

Georgia senators Max Cleland and Zell Miller recently announced plans to introduce a U.S. Senate resolution urging President Bush to award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to the late Benjamin Mays '20. Mays, a child of freed slaves, was a noted human rights advocate and president of Morehouse College. He also influenced a generation of civil rights leaders. The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. described Mays as "my spiritual mentor and my intellectual father."

"As time goes on, Dr. Mays continues to stand out as an incredible example of faith and belief in America and the American dream," Cleland, a Democrat, told the Atlanta Journal and Constitution recently. "Plus, he was a civil and human rights leader and a public theologian. He just was an incredible human being."

The Presidential Medal of Freedom honors those who have made "especially meritorious" contributions to national security, world peace, or cultural, public or private endeavors. If the Senate approves the measure, Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) would introduce it in the House. If approved there, it would then go to Bush for his signature. In 1984, then-President Reagan failed to grant Mays the Presidential Medal of Freedom, despite intense lobbying and unanimous approval by Congress. Mays died March 28, 1984, two days after the White House ceremony honoring 14 other recipients.



Benjamin Mays '20, has been nominated to recieve the Presidential Medal of Freedom



## Phillips Faculty Fellowships Awarded to Economics and Spanish Professors

Margaret Maurer-Fazio, assistant professor of economics, and Francisca López, associate professor of Spanish, have been awarded Phillips Faculty Fellowships, announced Donald W. Harward, president of Bates College.

Phillips Faculty Fellowships at Bates provide a full-year's paid leave, with additional funding for scholarly research, enabling fellows to travel, pursue scholarship and interact with other leading scholars in their field. The fellowships are part of an ambitious initiative of awards, honors and opportunities for faculty and students funded by a \$9-million endowment bequest from former Bates President Charles F. Phillips and his wife, Evelyn Minard Phillips, in 1999.

Maurer-Fazio will continue her research on the integration of China's urban labor markets. Working with colleagues at the Chinese Academy of Social Science, Beijing University and Australia National University, Maurer-Fazio's work focuses on the experiences of and interactions among rural-to-urban migrants, and employed and laid-off urbanites. The researchers will investigate the status of traditionally more privileged urban workers in comparison to rural migrants. Maurer-Fazio and her colleagues will also explore how managers view the contribution of migrants and resident, urban workers to the production process. The researchers will consider how increasing numbers of

laid-off urban workers have been faring with their changing status.

López will explore the impact of globalization and European integration on contemporary understandings of Spanish national identity. Her premise is that one of the most important changes brought by the rapid transition from dictatorship to democracy in Spain concerns the reconceptualization of national identity. López will investigate how Spaniards identify themselves in relation to their region, their nation and Europe. She will also explore how identifications with macro (Europe) and micro (different autonomous regions within Spain) "nationalisms" function to include and exclude different groups within and outside the borders of the "new" Europe. Finally, López will consider how these issues manifest themselves in cultural products such as television programming, magazines and fictional narratives.

President and Mrs. Phillips, longtime Auburn residents, officially served Bates from 1944 through 1966; Charles F. died in March 1999 just months after the death of Evelyn M., his wife of 65 years.

In addition to the faculty fellowships, the Phillips Endowment Program supports student fellowships, two endowed faculty professorships as well as academic programs recommended by the dean of the faculty.

## Letter-Writing Campaign Challenges College's Response to Hate-Crime

By DAVID WELIVER  
Assistant News Editor

In a bold step towards demanding equality and security at Bates, students gathered in Chase Lounge last Thursday night from 8 p.m. until midnight to protest what they perceived as an inadequate response to the bigoted memo posted on the R.A. bulletin board in Chase Hall on the Saturday before February break.

The student gathering was in the form of an open letter writing campaign where students could come and write letters of opinion to whomever in the administration they wished. While campaign leaders specifically cited Dean of Students Celeste Branham, Dean of Faculty Jill Reich and President Donald Harward as primary recipients of the letters, they stressed that each letter writer would ultimately decide on whose desk their letters would land.

According to campaign organizer Amanda Green, the event was put together because many students across campus feel the College did not do enough to denounce the hate incident before break.

The controversial message, which read, "It's time we start persecuting minorities more on this campus. -J. Galt.", resulted in a meeting of the Hate/Bias Crime Committee the next week. While the committee issued a letter informing the Bates community of the event and stated that such acts of indignant bias would not be tolerated on campus, campaign organizers said this letter was not enough.

Green noted that "the general consensus of the campus was that this was a joke," and "There was nothing from the administration as a whole saying this is wrong and we don't condone this."

Another letter writer said, "[The College] never addressed the problem. The end-all and be-all is that Bates minorities are ignored, and it's inflammatory."

Green later illustrated concern that while her and others on campus, espe-

cially members of many minority communities expressed public and vocal concern over the incident, campus leaders were ignorant to their outrage. Green narrated how she was so upset she was, "in the library yelling and there was a professor next to me who just ignored me. As if I were just a girl yelling because I got the wrong pair of shoes."

Letter writers at the campaign were upset because they had been told they were too sensitive to the issue, and were jumping at the chance to write a rational argument describing how the incident has threatened every student's sense of security on campus.

Many students felt it was especially important to hold the campaign and deliver the letters because the incident occurred right before break, prompting the majority of the campus to go home, forget the incident, and come back to Bates buried in work and forgetful of the fervor on campus.

Green described how the letter campaign and prior forum in the Pettengill Atrium originated from weekly dinner meetings on racism and prejudice held by Professors Susan Stark and Gina Ulysse. Despite hundreds of provocative posters placed around campus about the Pettengill forum, letter writers expressed discontent with the turnout. Green especially noted that Dean Reese was the only dean in attendance "as always," and that she was discouraged by the lack of faculty representation as well.

While no dramatic delivery was in place for the letters, the campaign seemed to be getting a solid turnout after only a half an hour. Hoping to present the administration with letters on the issue from a "cross-section of students," Green and others were optimistic about the campaign's impact.

Additionally, as one writer said, if nothing else, "This is as much of a learning experience as any class." Many hope, however, it will serve to educate far more than only those writing letters.

## Senior Transition Series Aims to Ease Post-Graduation Stress

A few weeks ago, Resident Coordinators met with Charles Kovacs, director of the Office of Career Services to discuss the possibility of a series of presentations on important issues for seniors. The RCs found that with only four months left until they were "on their own." The daunting prospects of renting an apartment, taking out loans, and even doing their own taxes loomed ahead. Thus was born the first "Breaking out of the Bubble: Senior Transitions Series."

Topics to be discussed include money and legal options, relocation issues and alternative post-graduation options. Also, a cooking class has been tentatively scheduled for short term.

The purpose of this series, according to Kovacs is, "to offer graduating seniors a 'crash course' of sorts in some of the key topics they need to survive successfully after graduation."

Kovacs believes that the OCS implies personal success, not just career or graduate school achievement. Thus, he states, "this series is an extension of our

commitment to work with all students and alumni by providing practical 'linkages' and connections with experts and information."

A speaker will address their recommendations informally to graduating seniors on each topic every Sunday for 45 minutes, followed by questions and answers and informal networking.

Last Sunday night, the Series kicked off with Michael Bosse, class of 1993, addressing seniors on Legal Matters. A practicing lawyer in Portland, and incoming President of the Bates Alumni Association, Bosse talked in depth about housing and apartment leases and tenant's rights. The seniors in attendance had many questions for the lawyer, and took full advantage of his expertise.

The transition series will continue in two weeks, and continuing for the three following Sundays.

For more information on the series visit OCS's section of their web site at <http://www.bates.edu/career/search/genjob.html#6>.



Mike Bossey '93, helps out fellow Batesies in Senior Seminar Series

## Trustee Response

from front page

The meeting progressed to statements from the students, all of which seemed to focus around the perception that one student could not possibly represent Bates' diverse needs and interests.

Veysey found the prospect of several students more acceptable, saying, "More people would present a collage of ideas. They would be informed about the workings of the college, and they would be able to present a diversity of ideas."

Burton Harris objected to the idea of representation, stating that while all members of the committee ideally represent the interests of the College, it is ultimately the Trustees that will decide on the successful candidate based on their agenda.

The input of the search committee is only one part of a two-step process.

"It is important that we not paint this as just representation," said Karen Harris.

The purpose of the search committee is not just to give all segments of the community input in the process, but also to give the Trustees the best resources to make an informed decision.

Originally, the RA proposed the election of three students to the committee, but it became clear in the meeting that the Trustees did not consider it appropriate to give the majority of seats to non-Trustees. Faculty, Staff, and Alumni were all al-

lowed to appoint members of their constituency to their designated seats. Students were the only body not originally given this authority.

As the discussion progressed in the meeting, it became clear that a mutually agreeable compromise could be not only practically valuable in the search process, but also valuable in the message it would send to the student body.

The meeting concluded after Harris and Harris conferred only briefly, then assured the students that a compromise of two elected students would be brought before the Board of Trustees, and a decision would be communicated as soon as possible. This was contingent upon the ability of the Representative Assembly to hold the elections quickly, so that the final make-up of the committee would be in place by the first meeting, which will take place this weekend.

Surdukowski received official notice from James Moody on Monday afternoon that the Trustees had approved the compromise, and an announcement was made in the RA meeting that a nomination period for interested student candidates would remain open until Wednesday night.



## Raph Adamek Works Hard to Help Local Kids

By KATIE BURKE  
Staff Writer

For the past three years, Bates senior Raphael Adamek has partnered with the Auburn Housing Authority to tutor local students of all ages in a variety of subjects. As a sophomore, Adamek heard of the Service-Learning Center through word of mouth, and came away with a list of local organizations seeking volunteers.

Enter Dot DuBois, of the Authority, who began working with Raph on an in-home tutoring program serving students within the housing authority. Three nights a week, Adamek would visit the homes of several students and engage in conversation and school work for a few hours. With his attention captured, the Bio major continued his partnership with DuBois and other staff at the Housing Authority throughout a busy junior year.

Despite a packed course load and success as a member of the Bates ski team, the Vermont native cites his collaboration at the Housing Authority as an element of his sanity.

"Visiting people in their homes and getting to really know them was just such a great way of getting off campus".

DuBois and Adamek have continued their work, and have transformed what was once a very small in-home tutoring service to what is now a consistent three day program funded by AmericaReads. A combination of diligent work on the part of Adamek and DuBois has resulted in the formation of a center at the Housing Authority where students can now come regularly, as well as the funding for Bates students who are work-study eligible to work in paid positions at the Housing Authority.

While the number of students varies consistently from day to day, Adamek says there are up to twenty students in the program per week, some who attend each day and others who come "every so often". Students range from second graders to sophomores in high school, and all are residents of the housing authority.

As for the future of a program which Adamek describes as "taking on a different face each year", he hopes that more Bates students will participate in the program, thus allowing them to reinstate the home-tutoring program. When asked why this home-school interaction is so imperative to the tutoring system, Adamek states, "knowing where each student is coming from, what they and their families are like, really helps the process".

While the students and staff at the Auburn Housing Authority will undoubtedly miss Raph when he graduates this year, just as he will miss the great friendships that have formed in his time with the organization, one other thing is for sure - that the sustainability and success of the program thus far will ensure its good work in Auburn for many years to come.

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## First Acquisitions Made Under Maine's \$50 Million Land Conservation Bond

Governor King and Chairman of the Land for Maine's Future Board, Evan D. Richert announced the first selection of projects under Maine's new \$50 million land bond. This announcement follows a two day meeting at Camp Kieve in Nobleboro, where the Land for Maine's Future Board selected a total of 28 Conservation, Recreation, and Farmland projects. These projects now move to the next step in a process that will culminate in establishing protection and permanent public access. The selection projects range in size from the 72,000 acre West Branch Project (Moosehead Lake Region), to the smallest of 25 acres located on the shores of Merrymeeting Bay. The outstanding diversity of values reflected in these projects include significant mountains, access to lakes, ocean islands, tidal estuaries, rivers, protection for critical Atlantic Salmon habitat, significant agricultural/farm land, some of Maine's most ecologically significant and old growth forest communities, endangered species habitat, green way corridors, trail systems in Maine's most populated areas, and additions to existing state parks.

This meeting follows the implementation of new policies and guidelines mandated through the \$50 million bond passed in the fall of 1999.

"The public response to our first call for proposals under the new bond has broken all records for quantity and quality of proposals," said Richert. He further noted that the level of support and good planning and communication among State agencies, municipalities, and private land trusts was evident and resulted in well

designed and forward thinking proposals.

The Board made available \$12 million for these projects which are located in 56 communities from York County in the south, to Aroostook and Washington Counties in the north. The new categories of Local and Regional projects has distributed the number of projects where Maine's largest populations are located. 61% of this round's projects are located in southern and central Maine, 16% are in western Maine, 18% are in eastern Maine, and 6% are in northern Maine.

Of the \$14,661,945 funds requested from the Land for Maine's Future Program, an impressive match of the \$28,407,033 has been presented by the applicants.

The Board's action set in motion a process that may take more than a year to complete and that must be completed to the satisfaction of Board.

The Land for Maine's Future Fund was established in 1987 when Maine voters approved a \$35 million bond for purchasing lands of statewide significance for recreation and conservation. The fund is managed by a board of six private citizens and five state natural resources agency commissioners. To date, the program has acquired nearly 90,000 acres of land in all of Maine's 16 counties.

Last November, Maine's citizens voted to support the work of this program by overwhelmingly supporting a \$50 million bond. Seven out of ten voters approved the bond, again reaffirming that there is strong citizen support for the acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation throughout the State.

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# ME Legislature Reviews Cigarette 'Butt Bill'

By ANDREW DALTON  
Staff Writer

Cigarette butts may soon become more desirable pieces of trash should a potentially new law go into effect in Maine. Representative Joseph E. Brooks of Winterport has proposed a new bill that would place a 5-cent deposit on every cigarette sold in the state.

This bill, modeled after the successful bottle deposit program developed here in Maine, is designed to decrease littering and create an extra source of revenue for the state.

By placing a redeemable deposit onto the original price for cigarettes, Rep. Brooks hopes to motivate smokers to save their used butts instead of carelessly discarding them onto the ground. For his reasoning behind the bill, Brooks cites the financial burden placed on businesses to clean up after smokers, the unsightliness caused in Maine's beautiful scenery, tourists' perception of the state, and the pride Maine citizens take in their own land.

The way the program would work is that manufacturers would stamp all Maine sold cigarettes with a special deposit notice. The consumer would then purchase the pack at the increased price, hold onto their used

butts, and take the remains to a bottle redemption center. The clerks at the center would be responsible for only redeeming those cigarettes with the special label.

For the conscientious smoker, the extra \$1 per pack could be easily reclaimed, thus negating the original price increase. Brooks foresees only a fraction of all total smokers participating in the redemption program. This prediction would mean millions of dollars of unclaimed deposits that could be used to fund statewide health programs.

Questions still remain as to the logistics of such a program. Some people claim there is a serious biological hazard present in collecting used cigarette butts. (See related article) As for Maine businesses, some cities near the New Hampshire border fear that the increase will just drive smokers to purchase out-of-state cigarettes. Finally, cigarette companies themselves wonder how they will individually label only those cigarettes aimed for Maine.

The bill is currently under the review of special committees at the State Legislature. If the idea succeeds in gaining the approval of the state, it will still be months before all the logistics are worked out properly. For more information, log onto the Maine State Legislature's web site

# Cigarette Butt Collection and Redemption Presents Possible Health Hazard

Filters provide ideal medium for microbes in saliva

By LEAH COSTELLO  
Staff Writer

The new Maine Butt Bill, proposed by Democratic Representative Joseph Brooks, appears to have numerous positive implications for the environment and the health of the state of Maine. If enacted the bill will reduce litter, fight pollution by removing the plastic cigarette filters, and the extra dollar associated with each pack might even discourage smoking.

Despite all the potential gains, the Maine State Bureau of Health warns the health implications from such a bill need to be thoroughly examined. Enacting such a bill could present a health hazard for those who collect the cigarette butts, and those who work at the redemption centers.

The Bureau of Health warns that collecting used cigarette butts could expose people to nicotine toxicity and microbes from the remaining saliva on the filter. The design of the filters of cigarette butts provides a warm, porous environment, which is conducive to the growth of numerous types of microorganisms, such as germs, viruses, and bacteria. While most microorganisms will die when exposed to the cold and dry environment, some could remain living. If a cigarette is placed in a warm, moist environment, such as the grass in the summer, viruses and bacteria could stay alive for some time in the saliva on the end of the butt.

Some examples of bacteria that can stay alive in saliva for short periods of time outside of the human body are staph bacteria, streptococcus bacteria, and even tuberculosis (TB). The health hazard occurs when someone picks up a recently smoked cigarette. If the person who had smoked it had one of those types of bacteria present in their saliva, then the collector could now have it on their hands. By wiping their face or eyes, or putting their hands near or in their mouth the collector is potentially exposed to these microorganisms. Essentially this could present a minor health hazard for those who collect them, and those who work at

the redemption centers.

Much more research needs to be conducted by the Maine State Bureau of Health before the actual health hazard behind this bill can be classified. It is possible that the major tobacco industries already have some information on the what types of microbes could remain on the butts. It is known that some precautions could be in place as to prevent any risk of exposure, such as wearing gloves while collecting the butts. Also, putting the butts into clear, plastic bags would reduce risk of exposure for those working at redemption centers.

The health implications and hazards surrounding this new bill are not all negative; in fact, some of them could contribute to a healthier population in the state of Maine. Brooks hopes that the extra dollar will deter some people from buying cigarettes, or help some to quit the habit. In fact, since the tax increase on cigarettes in Maine in 1997 tobacco consumption in Maine has decreased by almost 17%. This additional dollar, although redeemable, may show the same effect in the next few years.

It is also predicted that almost half of the redeemable cigarettes will not be returned, leaving the state with upwards towards \$50 million dollars to spend on anti-smoking campaigns. The current anti-smoking campaigns in Maine have worked to decrease the addiction rates of high school students by 27% between the years of 1997 and 1999. More money may decrease addiction rates across the state even more, and continue to promote a tobacco free, healthier lifestyle.

Tobacco is Maine's number one cause of preventable disability and death, and tobacco is the only legal product that kills one third of its users. Considering these facts, and what this bill has to offer in terms of reducing the number of smokers in Maine, we could see positive health implications in the future if this bill is to pass. Although first we must consider if picking up used cigarette butts might pose a serious health threat.

# Bush Touts Tax Plan in Address to Joint Congress

By DOMINICK PANGALLO  
Senior Political Correspondent

A week ago today, President George W. Bush appeared before a joint session of Congress and the eyes of the nation to plead for his proposed budget.

According to Bush, the plan centers around a \$1.6 trillion tax cut which, he argues, would apply across the board. Democrats argue that the tax cut would actually cost closer to \$2.6 trillion, would primarily benefit the wealthy, and is based on shaky 10 year budget projections.

After Bush made his address to Congress, Democratic leaders Senator Richard Gephardt of Missouri and Representative Tom Daschle of South Dakota made their response on national television in which they called for more targeted tax cuts amounting to about \$900 billion.

On Thursday, two days after the address, the House Ways and Means Committee, the committee responsible for handling the tax proposal; approved the first phase of the President's tax plan by a 23-15 party-line vote.

Meanwhile, President Bush is traveling the nation, primarily the Midwest, promoting his tax plan. Republican leadership in the House is anxious to get the plan before the entire body where they carry a 220-211 advantage over the Democrats.

Some more conservative Republicans, however, are criticizing the tax package as too small. In his speech on Tuesday, President Bush addressed critics on both sides of the aisle, "This plan is just right," he told the assembly.

Included in the address was a list of other priorities which the President wants to focus on in his administration: education reform, faith-based service assistance, a national energy policy, and more defense spending. The tax plan, however, is center stage for the Republican Party and they are throwing all their weight behind it.

The American public, however, has shown a declining support of the tax plan. Bush's approval rating was around 55% according to a Washington Post/ABC News poll. His father, George H.W. Bush enjoyed a 76% approval rating at the same point in his administration and Bill Clinton had a 63% approval rating at the same point in his administration. After the speech, however, that number swelled to the low eighties. Furthermore, after the speech, the number of Americans supporting the tax plan grew. However, its low spot on the ranked list of American's priorities did not change.

Over the month of February, support for the tax plan dropped from 57% to 51% while the number opposing it rose from 33% to 39%. When asked to pick between Bush's across the board tax cut and the Democrat's smaller, more targeted cuts, 53% favored the Democrats plan while 43% picked Bush's. And when ranked with education/health care spending, strengthening Social Security, and reducing the national debt, cutting taxes placed third (with reducing the national debt coming in last).

All of these polls indicate that, while the Congress may eventually approve some or all of the Bush's proposal, the American people had yet to fully embrace it. Many pundits are saying Bush's address was a good step towards securing popular support.

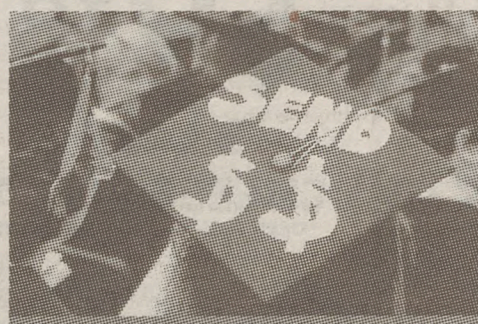
That is why the President has been broadcasting radio spots across the nation and appearing in front of crowds across the Midwest and South - to sell his tax cut. In an effort to put the pressure on some Democrats in Congress to support his plan, he has included in his travels states that he won in the 2000 election that have Democratic members of Congress.

Bush needs to watch his own party, too. A number of prominent moderate Republicans, Maine's own Olympia Snowe being one, have criticized Bush's plan. They want a trigger mechanism in the legislation which would end the tax cuts if, some time in the next ten years, the projected surpluses fail to materialize.

The tax cut is accompanied by other elements: doubling the child tax credit, allowing deductions for charitable contributions even for those who do not itemize, reducing the marriage penalty, and eliminating the estate tax. The tax plan also must address the alternative minimum tax; a provision of tax law created nearly forty years ago which would force a smaller rate cut for the lower tax brackets.

The actual cut itself reduces the number of tax brackets from five to four. For a single taxpayer earning between 0\$ and \$6,000 the rate would go from 15% to 10%. For a single taxpayer earning between \$6,001 and \$25,750 the rate would remain at 15%. For a single taxpayer earning between \$25,751 and \$62,450 the rate would go from 28% to 25%. For a single taxpayer earning between \$62,451 and \$130,250 would go from 31% to 25%. For a single taxpayer earning between \$130,251 and \$283,150 the rate would go from 36% to 33%. Finally, for a single taxpayer earning from \$283,151 and up the rate would go from 39.6% to 33%.

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# THE GLOBE

## Muslims Perform Hajj, Travel to Mecca

MECCA, Saudi Arabia — This past Sunday, about 2 million Muslims from more than 70 countries journeyed to the holy city of Mecca to make the annual spiritual pilgrimage known as the Hajj. The pilgrimage, retracing the last steps of the prophet Mohammed's journey, is one of five Pillars of Islam that form the framework of Islamic life. All Muslims who are physically and financially able are expected to perform the Hajj at least once. The Hajj begins on the eighth day of Dhul-Hijjah (month for Hajj), the 12th month of the Islamic year, and lasts for as long as six days.

## Taliban Destroys Buddhist Relics

KABUL, Afghanistan — The leader of Afghanistan's Taliban militia has dismissed international criticism of his order to destroy dozens of historic statues saying Afghans should be proud of the action. In a message broadcast by the official Voice of Shariat radio Supreme leader Mullah Mohammad Omar defended his order saying it was an honor for Islam and the Afghan nation. Omar's order sparked international outcry after the Taliban announced it was planning to destroy two 1,500 year old standing Buddha statues carved into the cliff face above the central town of Bamiyan. "Is it appropriate to be influenced by the propaganda of the infidels?" said Omar. "I ask the Muslim people of Afghanistan not to be afraid of the infidels' pressure... and do not synchronize with them." Opposition forces led by Burhanuddin Rabbani, which control a tenth of the country, have condemned the Taliban's "anti-national and anti-cultural" actions.

# THE NATION

## 2 Dead, 13 Wounded in California School Shooting

SANTEE, Calif. — A 15 year-old boy who had told friends over the weekend he was going to "shoot up" his school killed two teenagers and wounded 13 others with a .22 caliber revolver at Santana High School just after 9:30 a.m. PST Monday. The suspect, a high school freshman ridiculed by classmates for his scrawny looks, surrendered peacefully in a bathroom to police.

Both peers and adults known to the suspect reported hearing the youth's plans for violence, but all failed to take him seriously. The violent incident comes as a terrible shock to the Santee community, a suburb of 58,000 ten miles northeast of San Diego.

President George W. Bush called the shooting "a disgraceful act of cowardice," later on Monday. This shooting is the worst incident of school violence since the Columbine massacre in Littleton, Colo. on April 20, 1999.

## Vice President Cheney Hospitalized

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney, 60, who has a history of heart trouble, underwent an emergency balloon angioplasty on Monday to clear a narrowed artery after experiencing chest pains over the last three days, doctors said.

Doctors at George Washington Medical Center said it was not likely that Cheney, had sustained a heart attack. He has already had four heart attacks since 1978, and this newest problem for Cheney is likely to raise a more questions about his fitness to hold high office.

One of Cheney's physicians, Dr. Jonathan Reiner, told reporters Cheney suffered a mild episode of chest discomfort for three to five minutes on Saturday after exercising at his residence. He had the pains again on Sunday, and then twice on Monday, said Reiner.

Cheney checked himself into the hospital at 3:30 p.m. on Monday when doctors found a "focal area of narrowing" in the same artery that produced a mild heart attack last November, Reiner said.

## Navy Tells Courts Sub was in a Hurry to Surface

HONOLULU — The crew of the USS Greenville was rushing through an emergency surfacing maneuver when it struck the Japanese fishing vessel Ehime Maru because lunch for a group of VIPs on board had taken too long, the first witness told a U.S. Navy court of inquiry on Monday.

Charles Griffiths Jr., the Navy admiral in charge of the initial investigation after the crash, said it appeared that the captain of the Greenville, Scott Waddle, was schedule and hurried through a sonar search so he would not get his VIP guests home late that day.

Griffiths said main purpose of the trip that day was a civilian tour. He added that a key piece of equipment on the sub was broken and that one of the ship's sonars was being operated by a trainee.

## Spy Undergoes Bail Hearing

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A U.S. court considered prosecution arguments Monday on whether Robert Hanssen, a former FBI agent accused of spying for Moscow, should be jailed while his case proceeds.

The detention hearing took place at 2 p.m. in federal court in the Washington suburb of Alexandria. The judge was expected to formalize Hanssen's detention, and the defense was not contesting the move.

Hanssen has been accused of spying for Moscow since 1985 in exchange for \$1.4 million in money and diamonds. He allegedly gave Moscow secrets that included names of double agents and U.S. electronic surveillance methods, revelations that severely damaged national security, U.S. officials said.

"Given his prior access, his expertise as a counterintelligence specialist, and his clear willingness to betray his position of high trust, Hanssen poses a clear and present danger that he will compromise additional information of a sensitive and classified nature," prosecutors said in documents submitted to the court on Thursday.

## AIDS Drug Patents Upheld in South Africa

PRETORIA, South Africa — The global drug industry took South Africa's government to court Monday in a landmark challenge condemned by several thousand AIDS activists parading through Pretoria with posters saying "Lives before profits." The hearing at the Pretoria High Court is seen as a test of the ability of the richest drug firms to protect billion-dollar patent rights against a government looking for an affordable way to fight the AIDS epidemic sweeping the African continent.

According to the aid organizations Oxfam and Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), "This legal challenge is a warning to other developing countries that many within the world's pharmaceutical industry will use any tactic to defend their patents, whatever the cost in human suffering."

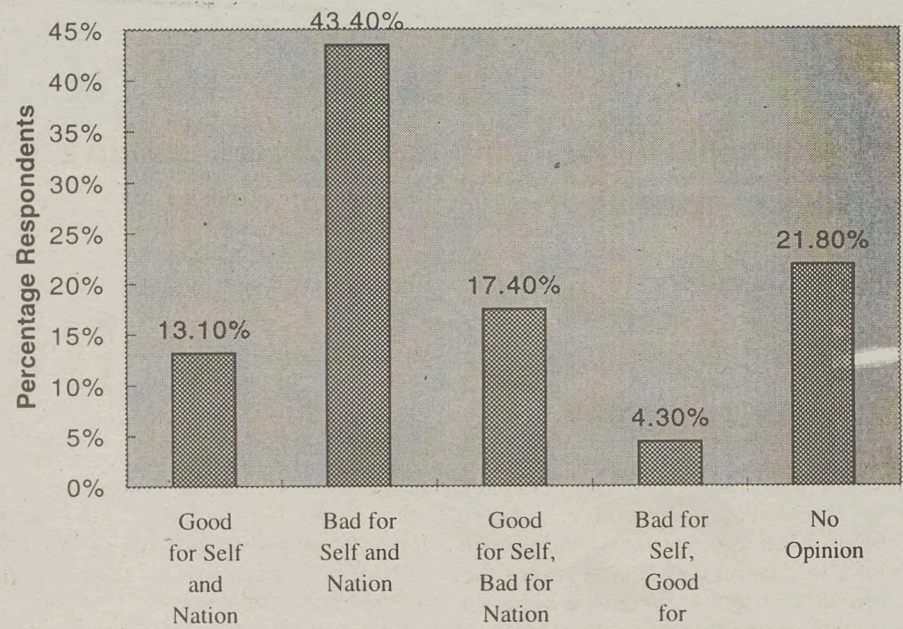
The action by the PMA, representing 39 drug firms including GlaxoSmithKline, aims to declare unlawful the Medicines and Related Substances Control Amendment Act originally passed under former President Nelson Mandela in 1997. The drug firms argue that the law gives unconstitutional and arbitrary powers to the minister of health in deciding when the state can make or import generic versions of patent drugs.

## Livestock Quarantined in Europe to Stop Spread of Foot-and-Mouth Disease

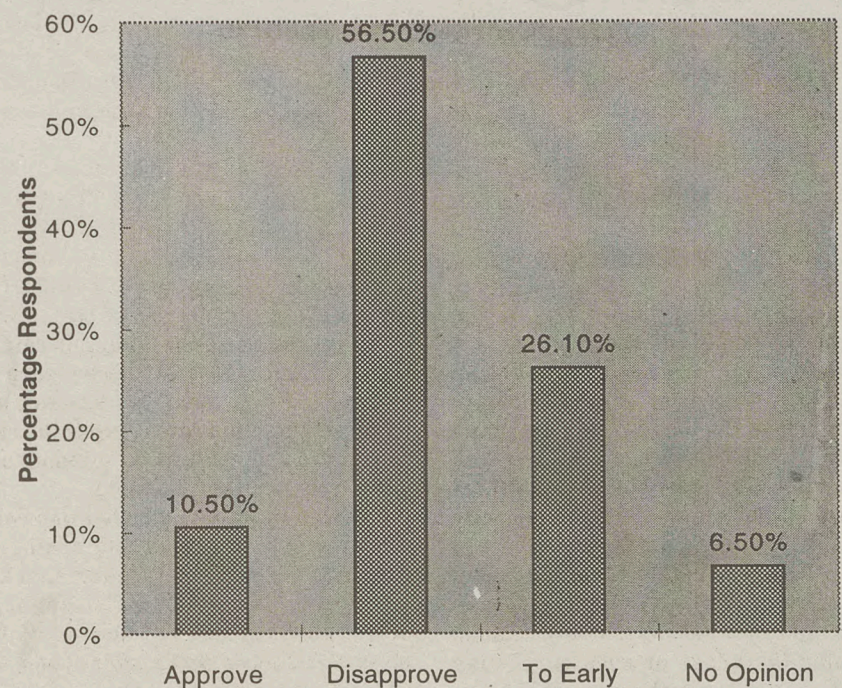
BRUSSELS, Belgium — A move will be made on Tuesday to ban the movement of livestock susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease across European borders. Italian Agriculture Minister Alfonso Pecoraro Scanio will urge European ministers at a standing veterinary committee to accept the closure of all national borders to imports and exports of livestock at threat. Foot-and mouth disease, which does not harm humans, causes blisters on the hooves and mouths of sheep, pigs, cattle and goats undermining their economic value.

# The Bates Poll

George W. Bush has been President for 46 days, roughly six and one-half weeks. In that time, he has moved to promote his agenda to both the Congress and the American people. One of the top issues on his list of priorities is his highly touted tax relief plan. Two polls were conducted amongst 250 Bates students outside and inside Commons between February 28th and March 3rd. (Statistics compiled by Dominick and Matteo Pangallo)



Both polls have a margin of error of +/-6.3%. The first poll asked if the respondent approved of President Bush's performance thus far, disapproved of his performance, or felt it was too early to tell. 10.9% approved of his performance thus far, 56.5% disapproved, 26.1% felt it was too early to tell, and 6.5% had no opinion.



The second poll was about Bush's tax plan. 78.2% of the respondents believed they had enough information to form an opinion on the tax plan. Amongst all respondents 21.8% had no opinion or did not know, 13.1% felt it would be good for both the nation and themselves, 43.4% felt it would be bad for both, 17.4% felt it would be good for them but bad for the nation, and 4.3% felt it would be bad for them but good for the nation.



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## Deansmen Get 'Vocal' For Latest CD Release

By ASAD BUTT  
Editor-in-Chief

For two years now I have heard all the rumors about the release of a new Deansmen CD. Everyone, including myself, has anxiously awaited something new from Bates' favorite a capella group. The wait is over, with the Deansmen's fifth CD release, "Vocal Syllogism," a collection of the group's favorites over the past three years.

The new record took close to two years to complete with the first tracks being recorded in the spring of 1999. Deansmen Skip Wilson and Ryan Baker were charged with mixing and mastering the CD, finishing it up right before last Christmas.

The CD is everything you would expect from the Deansmen with their intense energy, various vocal range, and of course their crazy antics. After a first listen, I found myself singing right along to their hits, "She's Famous Now" and "Candyman." And the boys' rendition of "Freedom 90" makes me finally like something that George Micheal wrote.

The CD also contains possibly the most

popular Deansmen song in recent years, "Insomniac." A concert favorite, "Insomniac," sung by Charlie Granquist with back-up help from Matt Frizzell, exemplifies the ability of the group to plant familiar tunes in the minds of Batesies.

"Vocal Syllogism" as a successor 1998's "Introne" shows you a little bit of behind-the-scenes in the production of a Deansmen CD. With many outtakes and solos, you know these guys had fun making and producing the CD. Junior Matt Scheck said of the experience, "Harmonizing with such wonderful musicians and capturing it on a CD is really fun. Oh wait, were you asking more about fun like watching Matt Frizzell messing up during 'Coney Island Baby' nearly ten times in a row, and the resulting fiasco? Well we tried to include some of that on the CD as 'bonus material.'"

The CD will be released sometime within the next two weeks. Selling for ten dollars, there is no reason for you to not own "Vocal Syllogism." If you are a fan of the Deansmen, then this CD is right up your alley. When it comes down to it, "fun" is the best way to describe "Vocal Syllogism" because that is



The Deansmen, seen here rehearsing in Olin, released "Vocal Syllogism" after spending two years in production.

Erin Mullin/The Bates Student

exactly what you will have when listening to this CD. As far as the Deansmen go, there is not much this album does not have. In fact,

the only thing this Deansmen experience is missing is Omar's live performance of his "Girlfriend."

## Urban Immersion Sends Batesies to Inner-city Boston for February Break

By JOANNA STANDLEY  
Assistant Features Editor

While many people spent this past February break in pursuit of warm weather or sleep, 14 Bates students extended their classroom to inner-city Boston as participants in the Urban Immersion Program. Occurring over both October and February breaks, the Urban Immersion Program was started four years ago by Chaplain Kerry Maloney. A similar Rural Immersion in Pennsylvania occurs during April break.

The Urban Immersion program aims to

*"The question of whether what we were doing was really making a difference kept popping up. While we didn't see any huge changes, we came to the understanding that every little thing counts."*

- Sarah Trace

create awareness of community and social justice issues by combining action and reflection. Throughout the immersion, an emphasis is placed on community empowerment rather than patronization. "We come as students of the people who so generously host us and let us in on their lives," explains Maloney. According to Maloney, the goal of the program is not to "descend upon the neighborhood in an attempt to save it or pity it, but to learn with and from it, and to understand the resources inherent in the community."

The program's daily schedule mirrors the program's objective. During the day, students break up into small groups and work

in a variety of the city's social service agencies, including a facility for people living with HIV and AIDS, a soup kitchen, a food bank, and a women's shelter. While some students choose to visit all of the organizations, others elect to work at one particular setting for the entire week.

After a day of work, students come together to share and reflect upon the events of the day. Each night, community activists and educators address the group, speaking on topics like the dynamics of homelessness, undoing racism, and domestic violence in an urban context. Following the speakers, students lead a simple reflection ritual, which provides the opportunity for each participant to discuss their experiences, sometimes using music or poetry as modes of expression.

For students who participated in the Urban Immersion Program, the opportunity for reflection was of key importance. One of Jessie Gagne-Hall's favorite memories from the trip was the nightly discussions she had with other students over dinner. "We talked about things we had observed, and we shared our thoughts and our feelings about what we encountered. We relayed our frustrations about not knowing exactly how to help with homelessness or AIDS or any other situation we know that needs some type of aid." For Gagne-Hall, these discussions provided her with valuable insight and linked daily observations to a larger context.

Sarah Trace also enjoyed the nightly reflections. "The question of whether what we were doing was really making a difference kept popping up," she said. "While we didn't see any huge changes, we came to the understanding that every little thing counts."

Echoing Trace, Sam Goldman recalls a talk he had with a woman at one of the shelters. To the surprise of both, they found that they had a great deal in common, and at the end of their talk the woman told him that their encounter had brightened her day. Admitting that it's often disheartening not to see instant progress, Goldman explained the satisfaction he got from the connection he

made with that woman, and other people he encountered during the week. "While it's discouraging to know that these people are still going to be living in poverty at the end of the day, you have to have hope and know you can

*"It's little things like connecting with people that keeps you going."*  
- Sam Goldman

maybe brighten up moments in their day. It's little things like connecting with people that keeps you going."

While their week-long urban immersion is over, the students who participated believe the trip has given them the resources to continue working for social change. "I think we're all still debriefing the experience in our heads," said Goldman, who hopes to have monthly meetings with the other students to "keep up our momentum."

Trace has brought back with her to Bates a dose of perspective as a result of the trip. "At Bates it's easy to get stressed out by little things like papers and tests. The trip allowed me to get in touch with real problems facing cities," said Trace.

"Learning where something or someone has come from makes a phenomenal difference in the way I look at others and their places in society," said Gagne-Hall, who strongly recommends a program like Urban Immersion to other students. "The one way for things to change, grow, and improve in this community and this world is for people to take the time to go on a trip like this. I am not saying for everyone to go on Urban Immersion. What I am saying is for people to get involved in not just volunteering and community service but the act of thinking and realizing what it might be like for some of these people to live day by day."

## Perspectives on Cloning

By CRISTINA CELLURALE  
Staff Writer

Since the emergence of Dolly, the first viable mammalian clone derived from an adult cell, human cloning has seemed the next logical step. Indeed, it is already a possibility. As controversy still surrounds abortion and methods of fertility treatments such as in vitro fertilization (IVF), human cloning will and has been received with skepticism. Some oppose the possibility because it would be "unnatural," while others disagree with manipulations of human genetic material, fearing a move towards selection procedures for various desirable characteristics. Supporters of human cloning view its benefits mainly as treatment for infertility. Couples who strongly desire a child who shares their genetic material are most interested in the opportunity that cloning would afford them. Others see a way to 'bring back' a dead loved one. More radical groups see it as the future—the beginning steps towards a sort of immortality.

Scientists and reproductive specialists remain divided on the issue; some see the procedure as an unnecessary risk, while others empathize deeply with infertile couples and feel there should be no barriers to one's reproductive rights. Most researchers involved in animal cloning are quick to draw the line with human cloning. Since the animal cloning procedure has become routine, the fear of the idea of cloning has slowly waned. The fact remains, however, that all the necessary tools for performing human cloning exist.

### The Procedure

The process of cloning involves somatic cell nuclear transfer. In its most basic terms, the nucleus, essentially the storehouse of a cell's genetic material, is removed from the egg of the mother (or surrogate mother) in a process termed enucleation. Next, an adult cell from the father is induced into quies-

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## LECTURES

**Thursday, March 8 4:00 p.m.**

Professor Wayne Roberts of Macalester College will give a talk on "A Role for Guessing in Mathematics" in 104 Hathorn Hall.

**Thursday, March 8 7:00 p.m.**

Patricia Devine, a social psychologist from the University of Wisconsin will discuss "The Emotional and Physiological Components of Prejudice" in Room G52 in Pettingill Hall.

**Thursday, March 8 8:00 p.m.**

"Witnessing the Power of Art to Lead Spirit: The Domestic Violence Quilt/Screen." Justine Nauman-Grief, social worker and craftsperson from Kennebunk, Maine explores her journey from time alone in a studio and interacting with victims of abuse to create art. Skelton Lounge.

**Saturday, March 10 8:00 p.m.**

Brian Gilmore, a spoken word artist, attorney, and advocate for social justice provides new insight on jazz through the spoken word. Chase Lounge.

## ART EXHIBITS

### Borrowed Books

Books by Maine book-artist Martha Hall track her cancer experience through metaphor and creativity as healing. Ladd Library Lobby. Now through March 21.

### The Seasons of Our Lives

Exhibit of block prints by Irma Wagner with accompanying poetry. Bates College Chapel. Now through April 21.

## Concerts

**Friday, March 9 7:30 p.m -9:00 p.m.**

"Celtic Song and Zen Flute: A Musical Celebration" with music from Irish, Scottish, and Japanese Zen Traditions.

## Discussions

**Monday, March 12 5:30 p.m.**

Organic dinner and discussion about "globalization" with a specific focus on the North American Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA).

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cence, or exposed to extracellular conditions that would cause the cell to move out of a growth phase. Once achieved, the cell would then be injected into the genetically-devoid egg, serving as the majority of genetic material for the eventual fetus. After initiation of fertilization, the fused egg is implanted into the uterus of the surrogate mother. During normal sexual reproduction, a male's sperm containing his half of the genetic information enters the female's egg. The genetic information from both individuals combines to result in the genetic 'blueprint' for the nascent individual, or human fetus. The egg then begins to divide rapidly and each subsequent cell maintains the same amount of genetic information.

A clone would proceed in the same way; after fertilization was induced, the egg would begin to divide normally. The clone would therefore contain all the genetic material of 'dad' and, in terms of physical traits, resemble him as well. Interestingly, his only genetic contribution from 'mom' would be the DNA of her mitochondria, the energy-producing components of the cell, since only they have distinct DNA separate from the twenty-three pairs of chromosomes.

At this point, the success rate for animal cloning is only about 5%. Technologies are improving, however, and the rates have jumped to 30% with the use of fetal somatic cells that remove the "mammalian imprinting" that occurs with adult cells. Because each adult cell has differentiated to become a specialized cell, this particularized programming is believed to interfere with the reprogramming that occurs in nuclear transfer and results in neonatal deaths or miscarriages. Some fertility doctors believe that with careful clinical studies, these problems could also be addressed in human cloning.

### Popular Perspectives

Human cloning already has its supporters and vehement opponents. One has only to run a web search for 'human cloning' and immediately find the website of the Human

Cloning Foundation. Among the benefits of human cloning listed on the website are "rejuvenation," improvements in plastic surgery, removal of defective genes, and so on, essentially the more fantastical, prospective uses of human cloning. The Canadian-based Raelians, a small religious group, see human cloning as the technology necessary to fulfill the visions of their prophet, race-car driver Rael. He was apparently visited by technologically advanced extraterrestrials that informed him that humans were clones of themselves; he, as their leader, is to bring mankind into the next stage where they can enjoy immortality via cloning, a beginning step. The Raelians founded Clonaid, a project dedicated to completing a human clone. Attention-grabbing groups such as this one often make unsubstantiated claims, yet the entourage of young women who are followers of Rael are ready to provide eggs and act as surrogate mothers.

Aside from more radical groups, there are many IVF doctors who are interested in human cloning for the options it would provide their clients, couples who are devastated by repeated failed attempts to have a child of their own. Some dismiss opposition to cloning as fear-based and founded on shaky ground; they question arguments that appeal to 'normalcy' and prospective psychological effects on the cloned child. Other doctors are wary of physicians who are interested in making a statement, such as American doctor Panos Zavos, who has made the most recent claim to perform human cloning within the next twelve to twenty-four months. Whatever the popular opinion is, there remains the fact that many couples are interested in human cloning.

### Ethical and Philosophical Perspectives

Scientific research has made great progress in the last fifty to sixty years in the field of genetic research, and many people have been confronted with the question as to what constitutes an individual. It is, from a scientific standpoint, a mixture of environ-

mental factors and genetic factors that are constantly at play during development and thereafter. However, many do not subscribe to such views. In relation to cloning, they believe that the resultant individual would be an "unnatural" child or one that is a complete copy of the parent. While the child might look like the parent from which he/she was cloned, the child will not be a carbon copy of the parent. Furthermore, there are factors that immediately contribute to differences between the child and the parent, such as a different mother and therefore different conditions in the womb. Although these variations might be slight, they nonetheless contribute to the shaping of the individual.

Arguments concerning the "naturalness" of the human clone can be dispelled when the comparison is made to IVF. When it was first developed, IVF was also seen as an asexual reproductive process that resulted in "test tube babies." IVF also encountered numerous setbacks, yet the procedure has been improved and maintains an adequate success rate (around 30%). Viewpoints have undoubtedly changed since IVF was first employed. However, many scientists' views concerning the safety of human cloning appeal to the IVF success rates—they are adequate but not failproof. At this point, threats to the normal development of a human from nuclear transfer are too great to dismiss. We are essentially also unaware of the possible deleterious effects of using genetic material from an adult cell that might arise over time. Mutations that can occur during the procedure might not have immediate effects but could potentially result in a limited life span or other long-term threats to the individual.

### Scientific Perspectives

The opinions of scientists and medical professionals vary as much as any group, yet the reality of the cloning procedure as far as it extends to the elucidation of mechanisms involved in development has been

present since the early twentieth century and before. Scientists have performed experiments as early as the 1880's in attempts to gain knowledge of cell differentiation during development. Initial experiments that involved nuclear transfer were performed with amphibians in the 1930's. Most early experiments did not seek to demonstrate that producing offspring identical to a parent was possible, rather interest lay in the discovery of information regarding the ability of the nucleus to control aspects of development. Further steps, however, did lead to the production of offspring using the method of nuclear transfer. Experimenters were careful to prove that the resultant organism was related only to the donor cell and not the egg. Information concerning the best stage at which to fuse the new genetic material with the enucleated egg, as well as methods to induce quiescence in the donor cell, were also discovered and have contributed to current knowledge of the best ways in which to ensure viable offspring. These early experiments later culminated in the use of this technique in mammals and ultimately resulted in the production of Dolly. However, the technology is not failproof; Dolly was the only sheep to result from 434 attempts.

Ultimately, science will continue to advance and the technology that already exists to clone a human might in fact be perfected to the point where it can be used with relative confidence in its success and safety. Whether these advancements will contribute to the general feeling that each person maintains as to human individuality, one cannot say. Human cloning will alter perceptions of life itself and more thought and discussion about the ethical and philosophical aspects of the issue are needed. It remains, however, that the process which precedes sexual reproduction, meiosis, in which eggs and sperm are produced, allows humans a chance for genetic repair and therefore sexual reproduction should not be discounted in lieu of asexual reproductive techniques.

## Human Cloning



# Art Review: 'The Next Generation'

Six Bates artists display their work at the Maine Coast Artists Gallery in Rockport, Maine

By R.E. MANSFIELD  
Art Critic

"The Next Generation II," a juried student art show, opened with great success on February 24 in Rockport, Maine.

Three hundred and forty people attended the two-hour reception at the Center for Maine Contemporary Arts, MAINE COAST ARTISTS gallery. Six Bates junior and senior studio art majors had work in the show: Alison Impey (Etchings "Lips" and "Bruise"), Phil Andersen (two untitled photographs), Elena John (Photographs "Untitled" and "Chocolate Festival, Perugia, Italy"), Jay Surdukowski ("The History of the World in One Panel," "Shatter," mixed media and collage), and Duncan Hale Murdoch ("Rami," oil on canvas). "Next Generation II" featured pieces by X52X students from seven campuses across the state: Bates, Bowdoin, Colby, Maine College of Art, the Maine Photographic Workshop, the University of Maine-Orono, and the University of Maine-Presque Isle.

The Center for Maine Contemporary Art, MAINE COAST ARTISTS was founded in 1952 as a nonprofit visual arts organization. They present major exhibitions throughout the year, offer a wide variety of arts classes, and provide an important venue for Maine artists. "The Next Generation II" is the second biennial student show.

CMCA curator Bruce Brown said, "The show was begun when we switched from an annual open juried show for Maine artists to a biennial show since the Portland Museum of Art initiated a biennial three years ago. We now alternate out open juried show with the PMA and offer the student 'Next Generation' show on the alternate year. We value the show because it gives students about to graduate the opportunity to prepare for the 'real world' of exhibiting by preparing slides, artist statements, framing, and building a resume. Positive comments include the gen-



A visitor to the MCA gallery checks out the work of Eliza Stamps, a senior studio art major.

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eral excitement by students on each campus preparing for the show, getting accepted, learning about us at Center for Maine Contemporary Art."

Works are selected by curator Bruce Brown and assistant curator Ben Rush from slide entries. Of the 80 works in the show, I felt the two pieces by Bowdoin student P. Antonio Guerrero, "Uzi" and "Fragment," works combining spray paint, newspaper, and varnish were the strongest. Artist Jay Surdukowski remarked, "I was very fond of the work by P. Antonio Guerrero that employed pages of stock quotes. The piece that had a machine gun spray-painted on the stock quotes in the fashion of graffiti was the best in the show, in my opinion. It recalls the

fevered anti-establishment work of David Wojnarowicz, which I admire."

The work resonated with several members of the opening crowd. Said Jen Moore, "I particularly enjoyed the chaotic political statements made by several of the artists. The artists' (Guerrero and Surdukowski) use of historical problematizing to create impact was very effective."

I am a dilettante. Well, not really, but as "average non-art major college student X" I wanted to hear the artists' reactions to the show. I began eavesdropping on conversations. "That person's work is documenting crimes. See, look...he just ran a red light!"; "I like muscles"; "There are a lot of people here, why are there a lot of people here?";

"Why did he get that wall space?"; "The spreading around is a little reserved"; "are those my feet? Huh, well, they're kind of cool looking." These quotations merely scratch the surface of the gallery talk. Though amusing, I soon realized this was not going to provide the feedback I was looking for and began seeking out sources of information in a less passive manner.

"There was excellent turnout at the opening reception. Students and faculty like seeing what kind of work happens on other campuses. Many were never here before," remarked curator Bruce Brown. "It is interesting to see the diversity of work presented. Photography was particularly strong. There is solid printmaking happening on various campuses. Abstract images were submitted in abundance among painters."

"I thought the show was very well put together," Surdukowski said. "It was very interesting to see the plethora of media used," Moore offered. From Jeremy Meyer's works in silver, to Wade Kavanaugh's guitars of pencils, birch bark, and soda cans; to Kyle Durrie's videotape, to the vast array of prints, photographs, and paintings, the show represented a variety of methodologies and materials.

If you are willing to make the trek to Rockport, "The Next Generation II" provides an excellent opportunity to view high quality works created by skilled student artists throughout Maine.

"The Next Generation II" runs through March 24 at the Center for Maine Contemporary Art. Other exhibits currently at CMCA/MCA are Cristin Millett and Anthony Mauery's "Transparency of knowledge" installations exploring representations of the female body in art, Sarah S. Harvey's "Illuminated Moments" autobiographical works and "Styrogami" Styrofoam cup sculpture by Jules Vitali. The Gallery is located at 161 Russell Avenue in Rockport, Maine and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Eating Disorders Awareness Week

Tuesday, March 6

6:00 p.m.

Nutrition Workshop at the Silo.

Wednesday, March 7

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Looking Within: Eating Disorders Screening Program. Pettingill G21.

Thursday, March 8

7:00 p.m.

Luoluo Hong presents "Party Hearty: How Students and Change the Culture of High Risk Drinking" that suggest ideas for campus-wide action exploring the connection between alcohol abuse and harmful effects. Chase Lounge.

Friday, March 9

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Yoga with Dean Holly Gurney in Chase Lounge

Friday, March 9

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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# Vagina Monologues a Theatrical Triumph

By JAY SURDUKOWSKI  
*Critic-At-Large*

Ariana Margolis was the architect of an absolute triumph Valentine's Day with her presentation of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues." It was her directorial debut. The watchword of the evening was intensity. The very air of the Olin Concert Hall was thick with energy. The actresses and audience worked in a truly electric symbiosis to make for one of the more vigorously alive moments of Bates life in recent years. Not since John Ambrosino's 1999 direction of "Little Shop of Horrors" has Bates seen such a powerful audience-performance connection.

Vanessa Kalter-Long observed in a post-show e-mail, "I am not sure if the audience could feel it, because they were the ones CREATING it, but there was this energy in the room. I felt that everyone could identify, in one way or another, with what was being expressed on stage. Because of this the emotions and energy in the room was almost tangible... it was absolutely incredible."

Other actresses, audience members, and this critic agree on this point. One could just tell that the evening would be pulse-quickening right off the bat. People arrived to lively music and a flock of bright red cardinals — the actresses — twirling and flying about the stage. There is something to be said for this pre-show dance party in full site of all. Indeed, this is how "Little Shop of Horrors" began as well that winter. Bates theater types take note: harness the power of the pre-show dance party.

The Olin Concert Hall was packed for the performance. Crowds of latecomers had to find places in the aisles and on the stairs. "I couldn't have asked for a better turnout all around," Margolis reflected on the droves that flocked to the show.

Kalter-Long dominated the evening for a number of reasons in my book. Most obviously, her awesome orgasmic oratorio of orgasmic bliss was a masterpiece through and through. Ms. Kalter-Long had the dubious distinction of acting-out the various states of vaginal contentment: the sundry moans that reflect the penetration of the very sexual soul of women. There were all sorts of verbalized displays of pleasure: the silent WASP moan was a particular favorite of mine — I'm unclear as to why. That such striking and strong sounds could issue forth from one woman is truly amazing. Truly amazing.

Kalter-Long was pleased by her performance which "really had to do with how the audience reacted," she said. "They certainly created an environment in which I had no problem letting loose a little — well a lot!" She added, "I think that my character had a certain energy about her, a kind of bluntness that I sometimes have. She is somewhat of an exhibitionist and while I don't see myself as an exhibitionist, I suppose that I needed to have a little of that in me to get up there and have 20 orgasms in front of 400 people!" she reflected.

A less recognized reason why Ms. Kalter-Long deserves high marks is for her lobbying to have the performance signed for the hearing impaired community. Eve Ensler's important work was made accessible to a wider audience at Bates through Kalter-Long's determined advocacy. Kalter-Long went to President Harward to secure the necessary funds. She reflected on the show the next day, and was glad that the Bates community got some exposure to signed interpretation. "I think it was good to give people a better understanding of what American Sign Language is, how it is expressed, how even the most abstract expressions and ideas can be expressed fully thus showing how it is a full and complete language. I personally don't think it overshadowed the actresses' performances, but just added another dimension and opened up the play to people who otherwise could not see it," she explained.



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**- Vanessa Kalter-Long**



*"My piece was very personal for me, as was the whole show. There are many issues addressed in the Vagina Monologues that I have dealt with, from menstruation to sexual assault to how much tampons suck. I loved my piece because I got to be pissed off about all the everyday crap women have to deal with."*

**- Kate Spencer**

Kate Spencer was equally powerful as Kalter-Long. She was certainly the best speaker of words in the show (recall Kalter-Long was producing utterances). Her monologue was entitled "My Vagina is Angry." This line she did bellow. Loudly. And all believed. Imagine the tall and provocatively and powerfully dressed Ms. Spencer yelling: MY VAGINA IS ANGRY, as she stamped about with her long black boots. The vigor of this visceral and stern exclamation was as sharp and jarring as the points of Spencer's hair, which was done-up Medusa-like with triangular clumps of locks. She was truly, truly compelling. Che Guevara meets a vagina. One radical to another. Up with The Revolution!

In an e-mail, Spencer mused on how the personal was definitely a part of her performance: "My piece was very personal for me, as was the whole show. There are many issues addressed in the VM's that I have dealt with, from menstruation to sexual assault to how much tampons suck. I loved my piece because I got to be pissed off about all the everyday crap women have to deal with."

Spencer was pleased with her performance, but even more excited about the causes behind the performance and Vagina-Day: "I feel so strongly about this show and it's purpose, especially V-day which works toward ending violence against women. We raised over \$300 for women in Afghanistan and collected a ton of signatures to help fight against gender apartheid." She concluded, "that is what means the most to me, the greater purpose and message of the Vagina Monologues. Women are still oppressed and still suffer each day all over this world. Their stories need to be heard and their lives need to be cherished."

Katherine Enfinger gave a truly soulful performance worthy of note. In particular, the way the phrase "my vagina" rolled off her southern tongue dazzled and delighted. Her wonderful accent made the phrase sound like "mah vahh-giiine-ahh" (do forgive this

bastardization of phonetics). It was beautiful. The next morning, I awoke to this elongated and sensualized pronunciation repeating in my head: "mah vahh-giiine-ahh is a shell, etc." Rarely do elements of the spoken word repeat in my mind so sweetly. Enfinger explained the accent in an e-mail: "My character did not originally have a southern accent but as I practiced, a rich southern accent just flowed out of me (well, I am southern but my character's accent was much deeper and old south type of accent). It was thrilling to feel the intertwining of my southern sensibilities and my character's sensibilities." She was pleased with this process, "It was certainly not just another performance," she added.

Margolis was very happy with how everything came together. "I am very pleased with how the show turned out. I was especially moved by the audience response." Margolis pointed out to me that she has received praise from all corners for the production. "I have received between 25 and 50 messages/e-mails from people praising the show, thanking me for bringing it to Bates," she informed me.

It was truly heart-warming to see the whole thing fall into place so well on Valentine's Day. As I wrote in my preview, the show was very personal for Margolis, a rape survivor. Recall that the "Vagina Monologues" are performed across the country on Valentine's Day in an effort to raise awareness and resources to fight violence against women.

The show was a healing process for Margolis. She wrote to me: "It has been very healing for me to be able to go public with my story. The other important aspect of the show was to include my actors in that healing. I let them experience for themselves the power of theater that deals with serious issues. Also for me, a person who has experience so many ups and downs in my life, to then receive so much affirmation as to what I was doing was truly amazing."

As one who is not an exceeding fan of Valentine's Day, I want to thank Ariana for making this generally despicable holiday something meaningful — for me and the hundreds who turned out for the "Vagina Monologues." The personal was the powerful.

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# Roomates Bond Despite Conflict Between Homelands

By SMADAR BACOVIC  
Staff Writer

A wonderful and unique thing is happening in Nash House, also known as the Spirituality House at Bates College. Rajarshi Saha, 20, from India, and Khurram Shams Khan, 21, from Pakistan, are rooming together whilst back in Asia, a violent conflict between their homelands has been raging for over 50 years, claiming the lives of thousands of men, women and children. The conflict is internationally known to be over Kashmir, a beautiful yet desolate range of mountains that have been in dispute since the British left the region in mid 1947. Following their departure and the supposed simultaneous claims of both India and Pakistan to the territory, guerrilla fighting, brutal killing and the abuse of human rights on both sides of Indian and Pakistani, Muslim and Hindu, have become a daily reality for many of the people who call Kashmir home.

To whom does Kashmir belong to then, and how did this complicated and violent dispute begin? Just like any other conflict, Raj and Khurram had different explanations as to its origin, very much depending on their nationality, upbringing and personal views. Although each of them could point to what they believed was the origin of the conflict, they both found it hard to point at the actual purpose of it. They both spoke of the useless loss of human lives and resources as the conflict continues with no sign for an end.

According to Khurram, just before the British were about to leave the region in 1947, they met with the Muslim League, the Indian National Congress and decided that all the Muslim majority areas in the Indian subcontinent were to immediately become an integral part of Pakistan. The issue of Kashmir, however, remained undetermined for some reason unknown to Khurram. In 1947, the Pakistani Army took it on themselves to invade Kashmir and take it over. "Since the majority of the Kashmir population was and still is Muslim, this decision made a lot of sense," he said. The Ruler of Kashmir at that time, a Hindu, didn't waste time and immediately dispatched several guerrilla groups to perform counter attacks against what he viewed to be the invading Pakistani Army. It was then that he decided to hand over Kashmir to India. "In the end of the first conflict India maintained control over 2/3 of the Kashmir territory, and Pakistan over the remaining 1/3," he concluded.

Raj sees the chain of events somewhat differently. He first pointed out the fact that even today there are many Indian states such as Bihar and Uttar Pradesh in which Islam is the dominant religion, and that the Muslim population in India is much larger than the one in Pakistan. He strongly denied the fact that claims concerning the unification of Muslim majority areas with Pakistan existed at the time the British were about to leave the region. He claimed that, "Just before partition, the Muslim League, the Indian National Congress and the British authorities met and laid out a map which very specifically marked what was to become India and what was to become Pakistan." "Because at the time of partition there were no claims from Pakistan concerning Kashmir," he said, "there were no undetermined or undecided areas, and Kashmir fell within Indian territory."

In spite of their different views concerning the Kashmir conflict, there are a couple of points they do agree on, primarily the confusing role the British played in this fragile part of the world, and the division of India and Pakistan in 1947 being the triggering cause of the entire conflict. The fact that the transfer of power, for example, did not occur before the British had left the region, created a lot of room for ambiguity and uncertainty of the region's future. "Had the actual transfer of power taken place before the British had departed we might not be dealing with a Kashmir problem today," they both agreed. "It was only during the partition that people's ethnic awareness became more important to

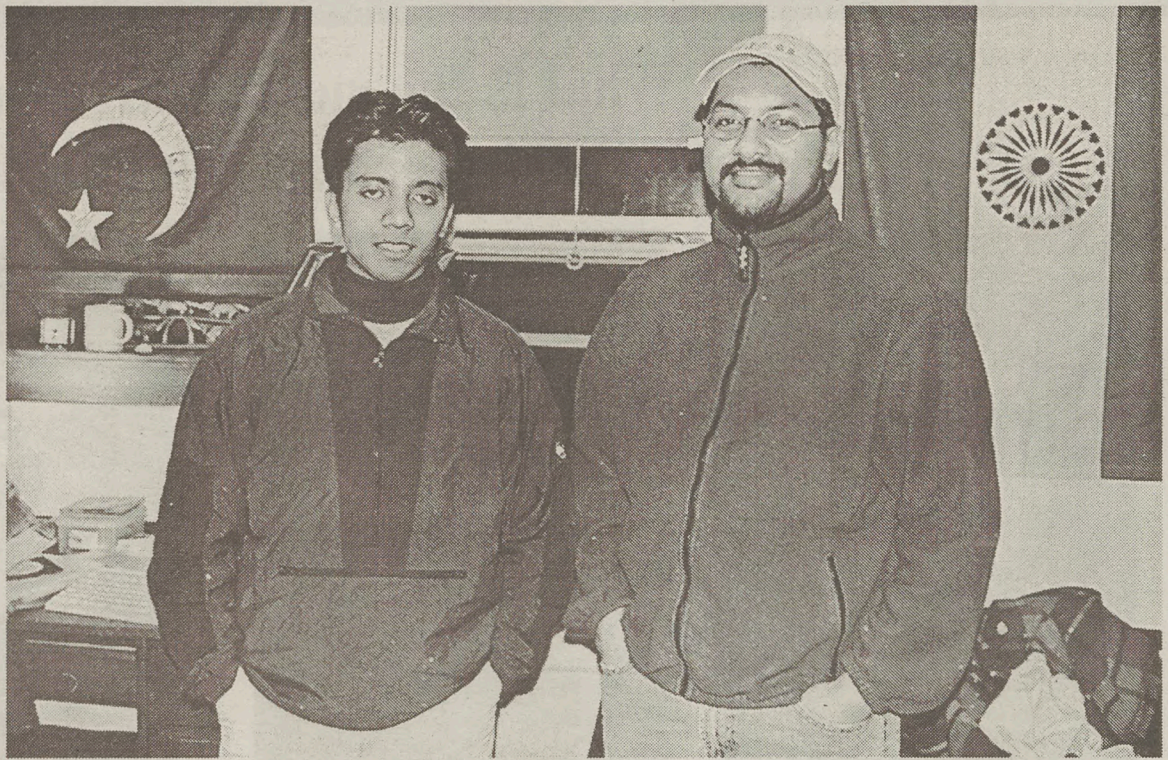
them and that the differences between ethnic groups were emphasized," added Raj. But blaming the British or one another is too easy of a way out. After all, the dispute began over 50 years ago, and still there isn't even a vague sign of an end to this complex conflict. I was more interested in what Raj and Khurram believed the personal responsibility of their own countries towards the conflict was.

"What I am about to say, I say for India," said Raj. "It's so much more a sense of prejudice and of pride which guides the people who believe that Kashmir has always belonged to them, currently belongs to them and will always belong to them. They just don't want to

give it up because they are in a way guided by pride which blinds all their other senses," he said. "I would be willing to give up my personal claim over Kashmir if it brought the current violence to an end. But there are many people who value Kashmir much more than I do, and some of them are willing to die for it." Raj also emphasized the fact that the Indian politicians are using Kashmir as a playground in order to divert people's attention from internal issues. "Had Pakistan been forced to fully retreat from Kashmir after losing both wars and surrendering in 1965 and 1971, the entire conflict could have been solved there and then," he said. "The problem was that the Shimla Agreement which was eventually signed created a situation which enabled Pakistan to occupy an area in Kashmir known as Pakistan Occupied Kashmir. In a way I would say that the politicians are keeping this conflict running on purpose," he concluded.

Raj and Khurram agree on the fact that in both India and in Pakistan, Kashmir has always been used primarily by politicians as a tool to relocate the attention of society from internal problems and difficulties to external ones. "The politicians wanted some source of news to always be there so that people didn't pay attention or preoccupy themselves with everyday problems," Raj said. "The attention of the masses was again and again successfully shifted to Kashmir." In Pakistan, Khurram said that, "Whenever the politicians want people's focus not to be on Pakistan, they create a problem on Kashmir, thus diverting the focus of attention."

The chances for peace and understanding in Kashmir were also undermined by other controversial issues, primarily the one of nuclear testing. India was the first to develop nuclear devices and perform tests, but Pakistan shortly followed in its steps. On May 15, 1998 a marathon of nuclear testing between India and Pakistan took place, only to plant more seeds of hate and suspicion in the hearts of people on both sides. "When your arch enemy runs nuclear tests, you almost automatically do the same. You have no choice. The people in Pakistan demanded the testing of nuclear weapons because that was exactly what was going on in India, Pakistan's biggest enemy. People were going crazy, burning the Indian flag and calling for war," said Khurram. He agreed that the most educated thing would have been for Pakistan to refrain from performing nuclear tests just in order to prove its strength and power. However, he also stressed that "one must understand the havoc that was going on in Pakistan while India was performing nuclear tests. Pakistani people wanted a proof of their power because in their minds India is an enemy, period. They didn't want any details or explanations. India is an enemy, pe-



Raj Saha and Khurram Shams Khan in their room in Nash House.

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riod, and that's it."

Raj also expressed the uselessness of the Indian-Pakistani nuclear testing marathon. "When India first began with nuclear tests, I was really happy. Later, however, I realized that this was mere stupidity because it wasn't solving any of the problems India and Pakistan were facing. It wasn't putting an end to the war, or putting an end to killing. It was just sparking more hate between Indians and Pakistanis," he said. "My personal belief," he continued, "is that these nuclear tests were stupid and useless. People in India felt great, and people in Pakistan felt great. Everything went back to square one - India showed its power, and then Pakistan did the same. It made no sense."

The lingering Indian-Pakistani conflict didn't deter Khurram from inviting Raj to room with him, when in the very beginning of the year Raj expressed his will to live in the Spirituality House. "My invitation wasn't based on Raj's nationality, but strictly on the friendship which exists between us. There really wasn't a nationality consideration when I invited him to live with me," said Khurram. "It was actually very suddenly that it struck me when we put up our flags with only a window separating them that, wow, elsewhere you'd never find these two flags so close to one another." But although Khurram and Raj acknowledge their strong friendship, and the cultural similarities between them, not everyone in India and Pakistan shares their open mindedness and acceptance of one another. "Although I haven't told my parents about living with Raj, I know that had they found out about this they would feel a bit insecure about my safety, even though I personally don't feel any danger," Khurram said. "They wouldn't try to persuade me to move out or look for a new roommate, though," he assured me. Also on the Indian side reactions wouldn't be remotely favorable to this unique situation. Although Raj said that his family doesn't object to his living with a Pakistani, he did admit that his friends' reactions were generally negative usually amounting to: "Are you out of your mind? Why are you living with a Pakistani?!" Raj said that he believes that these reactions are the consequence of the separation that exists between the two countries and of the general negativity with which Pakistani people are viewed with in India. "I believe that these things are said out of a more general notion many Indians who have never left India or even seen a Pakistani associate with Pakistani people as a whole," he said.

Both Raj and Khurram have learned a lot from living together with what back home would be considered "the enemy." They have definitely learned about one another, and they have also learned about themselves. "Maybe the fact that we're living so peace-

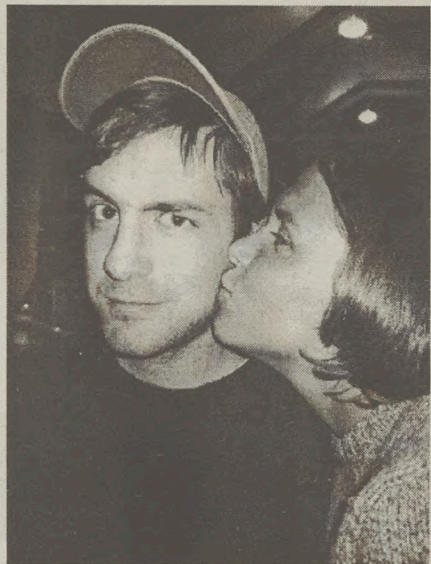
fully together will make other people from our countries realize that Indians and Pakistanis don't necessarily want to fight or slash one another's throats," said Khurram. Although he is not sure how both sides might be brought together in order to conduct a dialogue, he does have hope for future peace. "The solution to this conflict would be for people from both sides to sit down and think about the loss of human beings and resources both countries have experienced because of a fight over a bunch of scenic mountains," he said. Raj completely agreed with Khurram's definition of Kashmir and the two laughed together. "I am much more open minded now, and I understand that there are always both sides to a story," Raj said. "I think it's great that our flags are close together because this shows that basically we are the same, and that we can live together. This entire conflict can be solved if both countries are willing to give up something, and if politicians on both sides use their integrity when dealing with this fragile issue," he concluded.

Khurram and Raj hope to eventually return to their countries. Each of them has personal goals and a future career in mind. They both hope to use their diverse educational experience to strengthen the awareness among other Indian and Pakistani people. They both agree that since most of the people on both sides do not live in Kashmir, many of their notions about it might be completely false. They both stressed the importance that lies in the lack of education and exposure to propaganda in both of their countries. "People on both sides base their opinions on what they see on television, hear on the radio or assume politicians mean. If you are not introduced to an alternative you will never change your mind or think differently," they said. They both believe that the creation of a better education system in their countries is the key to both peace and prosperity. Both of them came to Bates College in order to explore and be exposed to different ideas and opinions. Although they admit that there aren't many people in their countries who would consider giving Kashmir up, they do hope that maybe one day people will overcome their sense of pride, and their region will finally be graced by peace. In conclusion, they both agreed that Kashmir is no more than the politician's playground where power seems to constantly be thrown around. Both of them believe that peace is possible only when people understand how better their lives can get when it is present, and that one day, people on both sides will realize this. They have definitely enjoyed the benefits of respecting one another for they have both gained a friend for life.



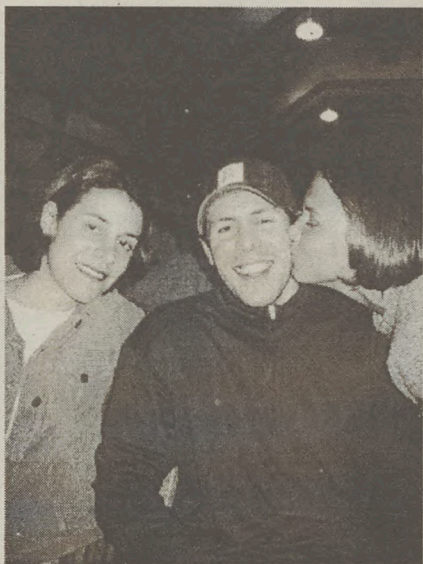
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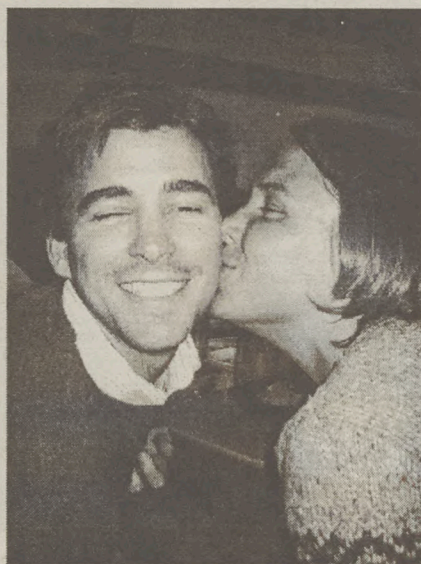
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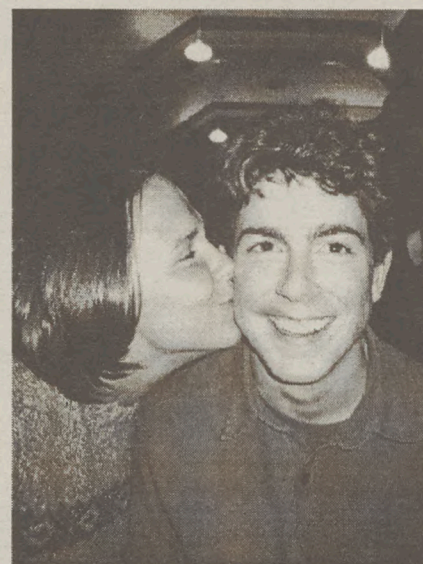
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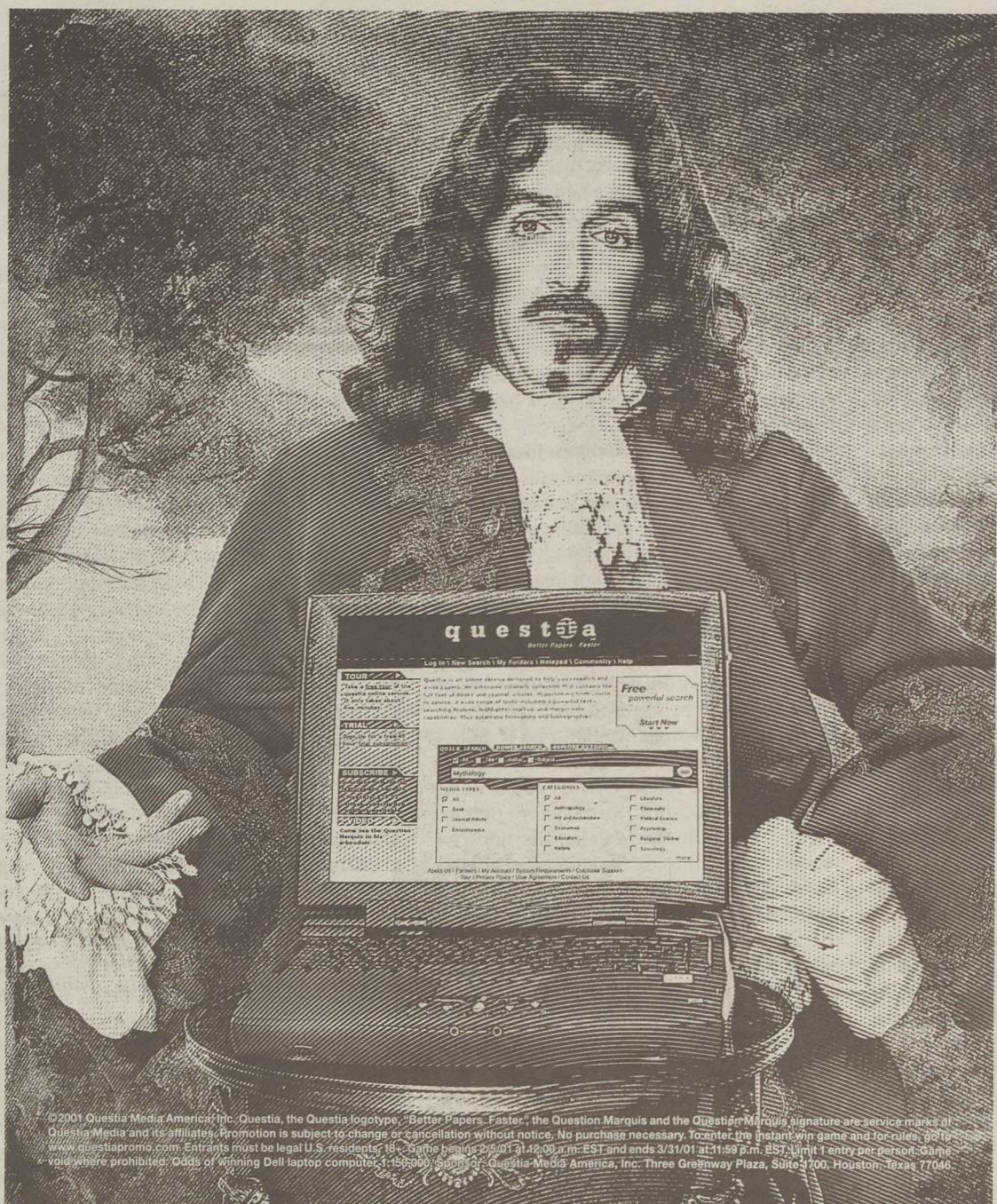
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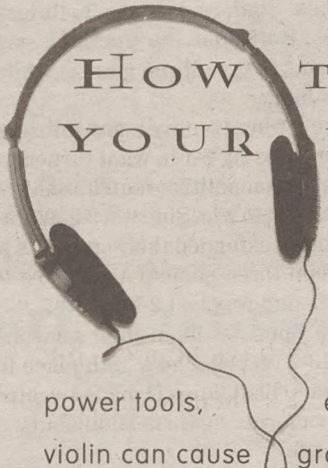
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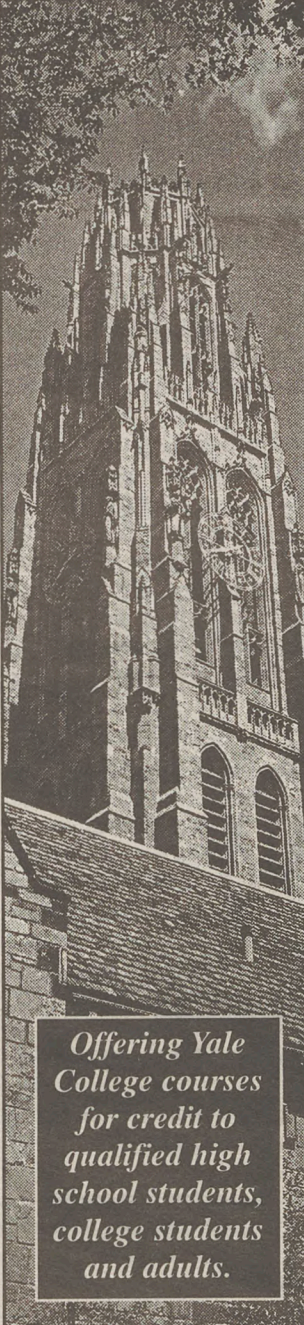
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## Successful Season Comes To A Close For M. Hockey As Bobcats Lose In Title Game

By JONAH SAFRIS  
Staff Writer

After finishing the regular season as the Eastern Conference Champions, the Bates College men's ice hockey team had to settle for second place in the 2001 playoffs of the Northeast Collegiate Hockey Association. After defeating arch-rival MIT twice during the regular season, the Bobcats fell just short of winning it all when they lost to the MIT Engineers by just a single goal last week at Northstar Forum in Westboro, Massachusetts. Prior to the 3-2 loss to MIT, Bates sailed past Connecticut College and Bridgewater State in the first two rounds of the playoffs, despite the loss of seven starters.

"The games after the end of the season were a real test of depth for our team," Bates head coach Brad Davie commented. "Our last game of the season against Curry College was indeed the last game for many on our team for the year. We had to completely re-

structure the team and start over."

The 2001 NECHA Playoffs began on February 21st when Bates crushed NESCAC opponent Connecticut College by a score of 12-1. This was the first time this season that Bates had played Connecticut College and they had no idea what to expect.

Senior Co-Captain Rob Ayres remarked, "We were beating them to the puck and winning all the small battles. It turned out that we were a far better team than they were, and the final score and our play reflected that."

Three days later, the Bobcats went on to defeat Bridgewater State for the third time this season. The Bobcats outscored Bridgewater State 6-4 in the conference semi-final game.

After MIT defeated Franklin Pierce by just one goal in the other semi-final game, it became apparent that Bates and MIT would meet the next day in the finals for the second straight year.

Entering the matchup, the Bobcats had

swept the season series, home and away, with the Engineers, but in the Championship game, it was not to be.

Despite losing to MIT in the final game of the playoffs, the 2001 Bates men's ice hockey team will always be known as the regular season Eastern Conference Champions and Coach Davie remains extremely proud of his team. "Many people were hoping we would beat MIT one more time," noted Davie. "But discipline is the name of the game. I feel with only 7 penalties against Bridgewater State and a mere 3 penalties against MIT the boys gave me the discipline to win. We played the best we could and lost, and I have nothing but praise for these young men."

Rob Ayres added, "We still had an extremely strong team for the playoffs and our losing in the finals was in no way dependent on the fact that we had lost some players for various reasons." For anybody who still doubts the Bates men's ice hockey team, Coach Davie says, "I would like to leave you with this thought: We have just begun."

## Howe Cup

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cats would win by the same narrow margin. This time, the bottom of the lineup got the job done. Bates won the six through nine positions.

Humphrey won a competitive five-game victory, 2-9, 9-1, 4-9, 9-5, 9-2. Ang, Graham, and Randall all won in three games. Of the three, Ang's match was by far the most competitive. She won 9-7, 9-4, 9-6. Hagstrom gave Bates their last point, rallying for a 6-9, 9-1, 9-7, 9-6 victory.

The Bobcats nearly won a few more matches. Shah and Austin both lost in five games. Both lost the deciding game 9-7. Percarpio lost in three games, while Brush lost in four.

The Bobcats never got going against Amherst, losing 8-1 in what turned out to be a very uncompetitive match. Shah was the only Bobcat to win. She won 9-2, 9-5, 9-6. Only two others extended their openents past the minimum three games. Austin lost 9-0, 2-9, 9-2, 9-0, and Ang lost 2-9, 9-6, 9-5, 9-3.

The Bobcats finish their season with a solid 13-7 record, and a 13th place finish at nationals. That finish is made sweeter by the close victories against Middlebury and St. Lawrence.

Congratulations are due to the two seniors, Hagstrom and Humphrey, who both had stellar squash careers in Bobcat uniforms.

Shah and Brush both qualified for the women's Intercollegiate Squash Association Individual Championships, held at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts this past weekend.

Shah won her first match against Eileen Wildman of Hamilton 3-1, before losing to Anjali Ponni Rajkumar of Franklin & Marshall.

She went on to defeat Brown's Liz Geddes 3-1 in her first consolation round match and Catherine Riederowicz by default in her second match.

In the consolation-semifinals, Shah finally bowed out, losing to Annie-Rein Weston of Princeton 9-1, 9-2, 3-9, 9-10, 1-9. She had two match points in the fourth game.

"It was an excellent display of squash," said head coach John Illig. "It was a thrilling match."

Shah finished in the No. 18-19 spot in the draw, the highest ever by a Bates' squash player, male or female.

Brush, who finished the year 15-9 lost to Harvard's Ella Witcher in the main draw and Kate Lytle of Cornell in the consolation round.

"It was an excellent year for Brush," added Illig. "Brush went 15-9 in the regular season, playing in the No. 2 position. Her invitation to individual nationals was a highlight, and she gained valuable experience."

## Weightlifting Across Generations

By ANYA BELANGER  
Staff Writer

Weight lifting has traditionally been the domain of young participants. The primary motivators for this activity have been success in sports, improved body image, and enhanced self-esteem. While these are compelling and appropriate reasons to engage in strength training, the need for this activity actually increases with age. Therefore, it is ironic that a smaller proportion of the population engages in strength training at a time in their life when it would provide the greatest benefit.

Why should men and women consider starting a weight training program? The simple reason is that individuals who engage in regular resistive exercise seem to defy some of the natural consequences of aging. Direct benefits include increased lean body mass, increased overall strength, increased bone density and an increased metabolic rate (rate at which the body expends energy at rest). Therefore, these individuals can do more work with less effort, are less likely to sustain fractures due to osteoporotic conditions, and they burn more calories at rest. This additional caloric expenditure assists in the maintenance of a desirable body weight.

The direct benefits of weight lifting are perhaps of the greatest importance. Maintaining muscle mass or lean body tissue relates directly to calories expended or burned. For example, if an average size male (5'10" and

180 pounds) gains five pounds of muscle, he will burn at rest, an additional 20 calories daily. Note that these 20 calories are expended even if the individual does not perform any exercise on a given day. The precise reason for this is that muscle tissue is much more metabolically active than fat and will expend more calories simply because it exists. Over the course of a week, this is an additional 140 calories expended. Over the course of a year this results in enough calories to burn what would have been two plus pounds of fat. Since this is the type of "belt creep" that often occurs over a year, this may be the only method that an individual needs to do to maintain their weight. When you add in the additional calories burned while performing the recommended exercises, the total caloric benefit is many times greater.

Another problem associated with progressive age is the loss of bone mass and the threat of osteoporosis. Strength training appears to significantly help fight the deleterious affects of osteoporosis. Women begin to lose some bone mass at about age 30 year and the rate of loss increases following menopause. Men tend to have a little more stable bone mass from age 30-50 year, with noticeable losses occurring after the age of 50 years. These losses in bone mass can result in compression fractures of the spine or a very severe fracture on the neck of the femur. Bone responds to stress, however, and the evidence suggests that regular exercise, which stresses the bone, increase bone mineral content.

Again, a strength training program offers the benefit of providing a positive stimulus to counteract some of the natural loss of bone that occurs with aging.

Finally, the most difficult benefit of strength training to quantify is the overall improved sense of well being or self-esteem. As an individual's strength increases and body image improves, the level of self-esteem increases tremendously and they generally feel better about themselves. Common daily tasks are performed with relative ease and the quality of life is improved because of this increased capacity to perform work. To review, the direct benefits are maintenance of muscle mass, increased strength, increased metabolic activity and potentially increased bone mass. Other benefits include an increased ability to perform work, improved body image, and self-esteem.

The commitment required to realize these benefits is not overwhelming. Significant gains have been shown to occur with only two workouts per week, provided that no more than 72 hours elapse between the first and second workout in the same week. This would suggest that the workout days might be Tuesday and Friday for instance. A program would comprise 8 to 10 exercises, targeting the major muscle groups of the body, performing at least one set of 8 to 12 repetitions to fatigue. A 15-30 minute "warm-up" is strongly recommended prior to lifting, as this type of exercise helps elevate blood flow and muscle temperature, thereby reducing the risk of injury.



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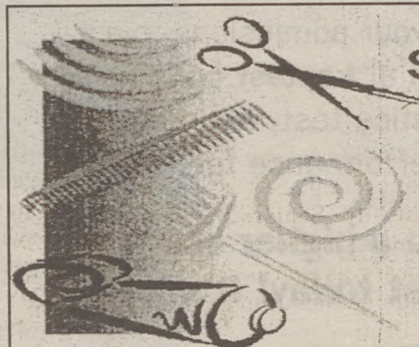
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## Skiing

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was lead by the women alpine skiers in both the Giant Slalom and the Slalom. In each event the team took 4th place overall.

Leading the way for the women were sophomore Kim Rodgers and senior captain Janel Ippolito. Rodgers finished in 4th and 9th, while Ippolito took 23rd and 16th, respectively in the GS and SL.

On the men's side of things, juniors Kyle Hildebrand and Dan LeBlanc lead the way along with senior Tyler Kipp. Hildebrand scored a 5th place finish in both races, while LeBlanc and Kipp each finished in the top 30 in the GS and SL, respectively.

The Nordic team also finished the year on a quality note. The women were once again lead by sophomore Jane Marshall who finished in 14th place in the 5K Classic and 16th in the 15K Free Technique. Also contributing was sophomore Emily Gove, who took 23rd in the 15K and first year Abbie Harris, who ended up 27th in the 5K.

The men's Nordic team did not have its best performance of the year, yet they

were still able to make a significant contribution. Sophomore Justin Easter put in a great 9th place finish in the 15K, and backed that up with a 22nd place finish in the 10K.

Also contributing in the 10K was sophomore Jon Riley, who rounded out the top 30, while senior Dave Bergart scored a 27th place finish in the 15K.

"The Middlebury Carnival was a great way for us to finish the season. For those that made nationals we know they will do a great job. For the rest of us, we have to continue working hard to reach that goal ourselves," commented Riley.

There were 5 skiers in total who qualified for nationals on behalf of Bates. The Nordic team sent Easter and Marshall, while the Alpine team sent Rodgers, Ippolito, and Hildebrand.

The NCAA Championships take place in Middlebury, Vermont and last from March 4th through the 10th.

Also some distinguishable accolades were handed out to members of the ski team over break. Hildebrand and Rodgers were named to the All-East team.

This is the second year in a row in which Hildebrand has received this honor, while Rodgers received the recognition for the first time in her two years at Bates.



Dave Bergart competes in a nordic competition.

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## Ferrari, Hastings

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the 50 yard freestyle events, while tacking on an 11th in the 100 yard freestyle.

"The meet went really well for me, as well as for the other two seniors. I think it was really important to all of us to finish our careers in such a positive way", said Murchie.

Sophomore Jill Kopicki racked up numerous points for the women as she took 8th and 9th, respectively, in the 100 and 200 yard individual medley races, while adding on a 13th in the 100 yard butterfly. Senior Laura Hardester had a great day as she took 9th in the 100 yard individual medley, 12th in the 400 yard freestyle and 14th in the 200 yard IM. Megan Simmons took 10th, 12th, and 13th in the 50, 100, and 200 yard backstroke and fellow junior Liz Horan took 12th, 17th, and 19th in the 50 fly, 100 fly, and 100 IM, respectively.

"The team came together to cheer at everyone's race, and we were all very supportive of each other, and the team just turned in an incredible performance overall at NESCAC's," commented Kopicki.

Junior Laura Allen took 20th in the 200 yard fly, while first-year Molly Watson scored in three events. Classmate Catie Hinckley took 16th in the 200 yard fly, Jamie Balicki took 12th in the 50 yard backstroke, and Liz McConnell swam to 20th in the 50 yard backstroke. Also, sophomore diver Liz Christian had really good days on Friday and Saturday to claim a pair of 20th place finishes in the 1M and 3M diving competitions. The women raced an "A" and a "B" squad for each relay event and took many top 7 finishes.

All of the women had at least one season best swim as the team came together to shake off the effects of an accident on the first day of the meet. On the way to the pool, one of the team vans was hit from behind, and as a result, some of the women were suffering from whiplash throughout the weekend.

The NESCAC meet scoring gave 32 points to the first place finisher, while progressively giving less points through the 24th place finisher, so the women's depth was their real key to finishing sixth. The women held off their rival, Tufts, for 6th place while Williams won the meet.

The men's side was led by junior All-American diver Andrew Hastings, who earned All-NESCAC honors by taking 2nd overall in the 1M dive and 4th overall in the 3M event. Holding all of the school's diving records, Hastings has finished in the top 5 in the 1M at NCAA's the past two years and will attempt to become the first Bates male swimming and diving athlete

to garner four All-America finishes when he competes at the NCAA Championships in Buffalo from March 15-17.

"Honestly NESCAC's wasn't that good of a meet for me," said Hastings. "I had a pretty bad day on (the) one meter and I hit my head in the three the second day we were there. I was shaken by that experience, but considering all that, I wasn't unhappy with the way I dove on (the) three meter."

Sophomore Adam Bowden continued his torrid season by earning All-NESCAC honors with a 3rd place finish in the 50 yard butterfly, and also took 8th in the 100 yard fly and 17th in the 100 yard freestyle. Bowden set school records in both the 50 and 100 yard butterfly.

"I thought the team swam very well," added Hastings. "Going into the meet we wanted to place sixth and beat Bowdoin and Colby. We did all that. Obviously Adam Bowden had some really good swims, but the whole team really stepped up."

Junior captain Steve Imig had a phenomenal weekend, reaching two finals and taking 6th in the 50 yard breaststroke and 7th in the 100 yard IM. Dave Blaney had a fantastic 50 yard freestyle, capturing 5th place in the NESCAC and added a 16th and 18th place finish in the 100 yard freestyle and backstroke events, respectively.

"We were all pretty confident we were going to have fast swims going into the meet. We hit our tapers really well and it was a great end to the season. I am really proud to be a part of this team," said Imig.

Sophomore Dave Bear made the finals of the 1650 yard freestyle and the 400 yard IM, capturing 8th place in both, while adding a 13th in the 500 yard freestyle. Senior captain Mike Jensen racked up a load of points for the Bobcats with a 10th place finish in the 200 yard freestyle, while taking 14th in the 200 yard fly, and 20th in the 500 yard free. Junior Ken Catalano took 13th in the 100 yard free and 14th in the 50 yard breaststroke, and senior Miles Cobb took 12th in the 100 yard free. Senior Mike McCarthy took 12th in the 200 yard fly, with 18th place finishes in the 50 and 100 yard fly. Seniors Dave Roth and David Sek also gobbled up valuable points for the Bobcats, as well as sophomore Tim Kirkman, junior Nick Kuppens, and first-year Todd Bretl.

The men's strong sixth place finish edged out Bowdoin, Colby, and Wesleyan, as Bates avenged an earlier loss to the White Mules. With the NESCAC's top schools like Williams and Amherst firmly entrenched at the top, finishing just below powerhouses like Amherst and Tufts was the most the Bobcats could hope for. Paced by 15 different scorers, the men's side produced a full team effort in NESCAC's, which resulted in a great meet.

## Women's Hoops

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ing advantage and 14-3 free throw advantage.

Bates opened the second half on a 16-3 scoring run to go up 43-37 with twelve minutes left in the half and held on for the victory. The Bobcats held Williams to less than 30 percent shooting for the third time in four halves this season.

McLaughlin once again led Bates with 20 points, eight rebounds and three steals and sophomore center Lisa Golobski added a season high 15 points and eight rebounds off the bench for the Bobcats. Sophomore point guard Julia Price added five assists and three rebounds and senior co-captain, center Katy Dutille had seven points and seven rebounds (3 offensive). Dubois also added eight rebounds for the Bobcats.

Because of the victory over Williams, Bates next faced top-seeded Amherst in the semifinals of the NESCAC Tourney. In a tight game, the Bobcats were defeated 57-54.

"We played very well defensively against Amherst in the NESCAC tourney semi-final game," added Murphy. "We got off to a great start and went ahead 20-3. Amherst then switched to a zone defense, and we couldn't get our shots to fall. We battled back from a six point deficit in the second half and had several chances to tie the game. We just couldn't make a free throw or a basket. I was pleased with our effort and thought we played with a great deal of energy and enthusiasm."

Bates opened the game on an offensive tear, going on a 16-0 run for the first 6 minutes, hitting six of their first nine field goals, including two three pointers by junior guard Kate Dockery, while holding Amherst to a 0 of 6 shooting performance from the field. Bates still led 20-3 with 11:19 left in the half,

and went into the locker room with a 31-22 advantage, having held Amherst to 28.6 percent shooting from the field.

Amherst opened the second half with their own scoring run, closing the gap to 32-31 in the first three minutes of the second half, and then going up 40-33 with 14:35 left in the game. The two teams then traded baskets with Amherst ahead 51-47 with 2:29 left in the game. Amherst was then able to pull out the win with some clutch free throw shooting down the stretch. They were also aided by the Bobcats' 20 percent shooting from the field in the second half (30.4 percent for the game) and 33.3 percent from the free throw line.

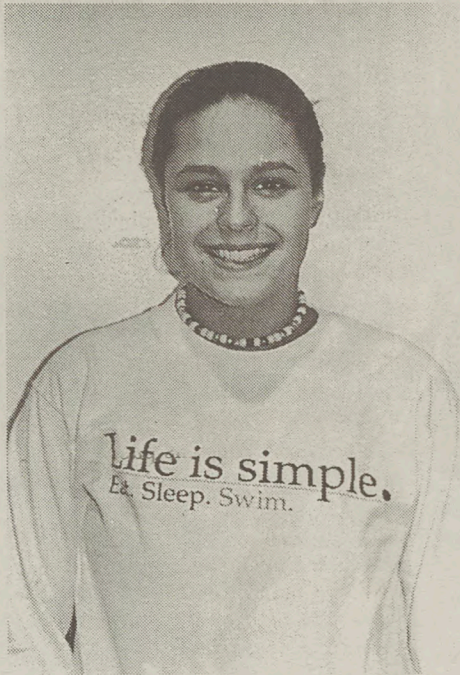
McLaughlin led the Bobcats with 12 points, 10 rebounds, three assists and three steals, and sophomore Carla Flaherty added nine points, three assists and three steals. Dockery finished with a team-high 13 points, and Dubois added eight points, four rebounds, two assists, and two steals. Golobski also added nine points, and four rebounds.

Additionally, McLaughlin, was named as the NESCAC Player of the Year. She also received first-team All-NESCAC selection for the second year in a row. She was fifth in the NESCAC in scoring and eighth in rebounding, while her 45.6 shooting percentage was fifth best. She led the Bobcats, averaging 15.8 points and 8.4 rebounds per game this season and was also tied for the team lead with 13 blocked shots and ranked third on the team with 33 steals.

On the season, McLaughlin's top performances came against Colby when she scored a career-high 26 points in Alumni Gym. Her 19 rebounds against Trinity were also a career-best. She led the Bobcats in scoring 17 times and rebounding 14 times, recording eight double doubles. For her career, she is ranked third on Bates' all-time scoring list with 1,189 points, and eighth on the rebounding list with 626 rebounds.



## Bobcat Of The Week



Megan Ferrari *Erin Mullin/The Bates Student*

Megan Ferrari is the Bobcat of the Week for this issue of *The Bates Student*.

This long overdue honor is given to Ferrari for her performance at the inaugural NESCAC Championships.

The Doylestown, Pennsylvania native lead her team to a 6th place finish overall by winning both the 50 and 100 yard breaststroke.

By winning the 50 yard breaststroke, Ferrari became the first-ever NESCAC individual champion and swam a school record time of 31.38 seconds, besting the previous mark which she set earlier in the year.

Ferrari's first place time of 1:07.68 in the 100 also set a school record, and in the process qualified her for the NCAA Division III Championships by meeting the "B" standard.

Megan also took 6th place in the 200 yard breaststroke, but more importantly, she again met the "B" standard with another school record time of 2:28.49, which she swam in the preliminaries of the meet.

The championships will take place March 9-11 in Buffalo, N.Y.

**Editor's Note:**  
In our next issue, *The Bates Student* will begin its spring sports preview.

## Women's Lax Opens Season With Victories Over Lycoming, Potsdam St.

By MIKE LOPEZ  
*Staff Writer*

The 2001 Bobcat women's lacrosse season opened up with a bang, as the Bobcats gained a pair of blowout victories in Florida. On Sunday February 25th, Bates handily defeated Potsdam St, 21-3, and followed that win up with an 18-2 victory over Lycoming the next day.

After just three days of tryouts in early February, the Bobcats were off to Disney's Wide World of Sports complex in Orlando, Florida. The trip provided not only the chance to play some games and practice in the facilities used by the Atlanta Braves, but also the opportunity for a team carrying nine first-years to grow closer.

Coach Wynn Hohlt was thrilled with the overall experience. She noted, "The week of training was invaluable in terms of team bonding and we were able to get a lot of teaching done as well! It is difficult to have three days of tryouts and then jump into double sessions, but we held up pretty well."

Tri-Captains Erin Flynn, Sara McGrath, and Jen Sall were all pleased with the team's performance. Flynn was particularly happy with not just the lopsided scores, but the teams' attitude, commenting, "The talent, speed, and dedication shown by every member of our team was apparent the minute we

stepped onto the fields."

Both Lycoming and Potsdam St. were overwhelmed by the Bobcat offensive attack and pressure defense. The Bobcats opened a 15-0 lead by halftime of the Potsdam St. game. Coach Hohlt pointed out Jen Sall, who netted five goals and added two assists, as Bates' leader on the field. The senior led a 21-goal attack, the most goals the Bobcats have scored in the past three years. Also contributing to the Bates' win from her attack position was Flynn, a senior who had a goal and an assist. First-years Lori Jessup and Catherine Crosby, each tallied three points.

Also vital to the Bobcat performance were the defense of McGrath, a senior, and sophomores Leora Seri and Katherine Tiffany. "(They) did a great job and helped out Lindsay by not allowing very many high percentage shots to be taken" added Coach Hohlt.

Bates' dominance continued the next day vs. Lycoming as the Bobcats won 18-2. First-year Carrie Smith was the star of the game, leading the team in scoring with four goals. Many other Bobcats made the score book as well. Multiple scorers included Crosby, Jessup, Samara Khalique, Kristy Crawford, and Becky Castle, all of whom are first-years. This core of rookie attackers will certainly provide depth and stability to the Bobcat attack as the season progresses.

Lindsay MacFarlane, a sophomore rookie goaltender, surrendered just five goals in her

first two games of the year. Coach Hohlt noted how MacFarlane's confidence and performance in net seemed to grow with each game.

Looking towards the future, McGrath remarked, "The off-season work has certainly paid off. We have a strong, solid team with a lot of depth and young talent, and we are all looking forward to the NESCAC competition this year."

Flynn added, "The past couple of years have been rebuilding years for the team and Wynn has done a fine job of recruiting a team full of great talent, speed, and skill. We are looking forward to our season and believe that this is the year for Bates women's lacrosse."

The team finished 3-7 last year, but with Bates' attitude and the Florida experience as a base, the captain's look to improve against NESCAC competition. Not only did the Bobcats win both their games, but Potsdam St. and Lycoming both provided Coach Hohlt the opportunity to empty the bench and play everyone. She noted "I thought that our players did a great job in adjusting to different styles of play and working on the things that we have been stressing throughout the week. We were able to play everybody a lot and that helps in the development of the younger players."

In anticipation of the spring, McGrath declared that if the team keeps up its intensity, "we will definitely be a threat."

## Softball Goes 2-4 On Southern Swing

By PAUL ZINN  
*Sports Editor*

The Bates softball team started their 2001 season over February Break, playing six games down South. The Bobcats went 2-4, but that's not what's important. What's important is that Bates played numerous early season contests against tough competition to get ready for the more important games up North later in the season.

Bates did that over break, playing four Division II teams, and they will do that again this weekend. The Bobcats will travel to Maryland to play six games, three against nationally ranked opponents.

"I'm excited and optimistic because not only do we face six teams from out of the re-

gion, but we face three teams that are ranked nationally, which Bates hasn't done for a long time," said coach Gwen Lexow. "It's a great opportunity. When we are back in New England, we'll be ready to go."

The Bobcats will be ready to go because they will have played nearly the same amount of games as other northern teams when that part of the season gets under way.

Even with the tough start to the season, the Bobcats competed well.

"I was very impressed overall," added Lexow. "We were six days into practice. (It's) not too shabby. Especially defensively, we did very well. Offensively, we started to gain confidence as the week went on."

Bates opened the trip with a 5-0 loss to Division II Mercyhurst, before losing to the Dutch National Team 4-0. Against the Dutch

Team, the Bobcats played from an international rubber, which is 3-feet closer than normal. Lexow noted that hurt Bates' offense.

It would improve as the week went on, however. First, Bates knocked off the same Mercyhurst team 2-1 in eight innings. With one out in the eighth, and the teams playing an international tiebreaker, the Bobcats' Kelley Kugel reached first on a fielders choice. She stole second and went to third on an error. Kubel scored on a basehit by Krissie Whiting, who got a complete-game win and struck out eight.

Next, Bates lost to Division II opponent Rollins 6-1. Following that loss, the Bobcats defeated a Division III opponent, the Milwaukee School of Engineering, 9-1. Brooke Tardiff led the offense, going 3-3. First-year hurler Vicki Clark also threw a complete-game victory and struck out four.

The Bobcats would wind up the trip losing to York 6-3.

## Offense Sluggish As Baseball Drops Four Games Down South

By NICK MACINNIS  
*Staff Writer*

The 2001 edition of the Bates baseball team opened its season over February Break, traveling down to Florida for four games. As is usually the case when the baseball team travels south in February, the Bobcats are incredibly disadvantaged because of how little time they have had outside - none, as compared to their opponents, who have been playing on grass year-round and have already played up to fifteen games.

However big the task at hand, though, "the team found the new surroundings a pleasant alternative to the Gray Cage, and [the trip] truly defined the spirit of spring training," according to starting catcher Ben Donaldson. The results however, were not so pleasant for the Bobcats, who were outscored 48-8, in dropping all four games.

In the first contest, Bates played Northwood University and lost 8-0. Three Northwood pitchers combined to four-hit Bates, while pitchers Kevin Walsh and Shawn Kingman were victimized by bad defense, surrendering eight runs, only two of which were earned.

The second game matched Bates up

against Palm Beach Atlantic, a team boasting players already selected in the major league draft. Bates did not prove much of an opponent on that day, falling behind 12-0 after three innings and eventually losing 20-2. Captain Ben Bines was the lone highlight for Bates, going 2-3, and accounting for Baother.

The Bobcats got another shot against P.B.A. the next day and played much tougher, leading most of the way before dropping the game, 6-5. Bates jumped out to an early lead behind a huge day from Drew McKenna, who hit a homerun in his first at-bat to put the Bobcats ahead 3-2. McKenna wasn't done, doubling in the fourth, and scoring Jason Pinkham, who had just hit a one-out double. McKenna later scored and Bates had a 5-2 lead after four. Palm Beach then rallied for one in the fifth, and three in the sixth off of Bates' starter and southpaw Shane Delaney. Ben Megrian came on and turned in a great debut performance, allowing no runs over the last three innings.

A frustrating loss for sure, but at least the team could be proud of its effort, and "hopefully can remember these games throughout the season," commented sophomore pitcher Ryan Weaver, the losing pitcher of the first game against P.B.A. "If we lose the first game of a double-header to Tufts, that does not

mean we will fold for the second game."

Bates lost the final game of the trip, 14-1, to Warner Southern University. Although the team lost all four games, they still can bring positives from the week. For starters, one of the largest rookie classes in school history is going to make an immediate impact.

"A lot of young players were given opportunities to play and they responded," Donaldson added in regards to the first-years, four of whom started at least one game on the trip.

This influx of young talent will help the depth of the team as well.

"I think that is how the team has changed most from last year - we have a deeper bench. And that puts pressure on the upperclassmen to perform - if not, someone else will be there to take your place," commented Weaver.

The Bobcats will now move North and prepare for their next game, March 22nd at Endicott. The NESCAC opener is March 30th against Tufts.

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## Puglisi Claims ECAC Title

By AMANDA BECK  
Assistant Sports Editor

At the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division II Championships held last weekend at Boston University, sophomore runner Kelly Puglisi placed first in the 1,000 meter run to claim the ECAC title with a lifetime best mark of 3:03.41. That time was less than one second shy of the school record of 3:02.57. As a team, Bates took 26th.

Also competing at the ECAC's for the Bobcats was first-year sprinter Catherine Crosby. At the State of Maine Championships several weeks ago, Crosby won the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:02.77. At the ECAC Championships she placed 12th in the 500-meter dash with a time of 1:23.05. The only other Bobcat to compete in this year's ECAC meet was junior thrower Jen Strahle, who took 11th in the 20-pound weight with a heave of 43'09".

At the 22nd Annual Women's New England Indoor Track and Field Championships, which were held at Tufts on February 23rd and 24th, Bates placed 15th in scoring among the 22 teams present. Sophomore Abby Anthony took third place in the 5,000 meter run, clocking in at 17:19.24, only 5 seconds off of a first place finish. Anthony was coming off a double victory at the Maine State Championships where she won both the 3,000 meter run and the 5,000 run. She will be competing in this week's NCAA Championship meet in Wisconsin.

In the 20 pound weight throw, Strahle placed twelfth with a throw of 13.48 meters (44'02.75" ft).

Perhaps the best meet of the season for the Bobcats came on January 27 at the USM Invitational, where they took second in an eight-team field, with five first-place finishes. Crosby won the 800-meter run with a time of 2:30.08, while placing second in the 400-meter dash in 1:03.17. Puglisi captured first in the 600-meter run (1:45.53).

In the distance events, Anthony was victorious in the 5,000 Meter Run with a time of 18:03.33, two minutes ahead of teammate Elizabeth Pagnotta who placed second with a time of 20:03.84. First-year runner Julie Dutton (Londonderry, N.H.) won the 1,000-meters (3:15.82), and the Bobcats also were victorious in the 4x800 Meter Relay.

## Lugers

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prevent some of the social misbehavior our community now endures.

Ice fishing - Boy, oh boy. Nothin' quite like heading out to the lake, drilling a hole, and lowering a hook into that hole. The freezing weather is off-set by the whiskey, and you get to eat your trophy. Eating trophies is good fun.

Ice sculpting - Build a beautiful monument out of ice - swans, eagles, etc., are chisled out of simple frozen water. All beauty fades, and eventually these pieces of art will melt - but here in Maine, your creation might outlast you. Judges would award points for creativity and precision. Perhaps we could arrange some more of those edible trophies that the ice-fishing folks are getting.

Walking to class - this event requires grace and skill. No matter which way you turn here in Maine, the 30 m.p.h. wind is blowing directly in your face, causing your snout to freeze inside of your nostrils. This can be painful. Don't worry about your toes being numb - it's normal. Don't touch the ice sculptures, especially with your tongue. And hope - no, don't hope - pray that your decision to come to Bates and turn down that school in Florida pays off. Because your winter is going to long, dark, and cold - and it's going to last you the rest of your life.

## M. Squash Downs Bowdoin For Seventh At Nationals

By PATRICK BOYAGGI  
Assistant Sports Editor

In the last weekend of February the men's squash team capped off their 2001 season at the National Intercollegiate Squash Racquets Association Team Championships.

The championships, which took place at Yale University, paired the Bates men against a familiar foe, Dartmouth College. In the two teams' previous meeting, the Bobcats were defeated 9-0. Unfortunately, the Bobcats didn't fair much better in the second meeting. In round one of the tournament, the Big Green defeated Bates 8-1. The only victory came from first-year, Chad Mountain, who played in the seventh position and won his match 3-2.

After the team's loss in round one, they moved on to the Consolation Semifinals to face Franklin and Marshall College for the first time this season. Last year, when the Bates men faced F&M, they lost 8-1. This year, however was much different for both teams.

In the most critical match of the year for determining the team's national ranking, the Bobcats came up one match short of a victory, losing 5-4.

"The 5-4 loss to Franklin and Marshall demonstrated the determination of this squad. It was not until late in the match that F&M had clinched the victory," commented

head coach Paul Gastonguay.

The first Bates' point came in the No. 3 position with Eric Lopez winning 3-1. He was followed by No. 6 Ethan Kerr and No. 9 Andy Roberts, who both won 3-0. Also winning for the second time in two matches was Mountain, 3-2.

Finally, Bates ended the championships and their season against NESCAC rival Bowdoin College in the 7th Place Match. Trying to avenge a loss one week ago, the Bobcats capped off their season with a 5-4.

Ben Schippers, Matt Wu, Ethan Kerr, Sam Kieley, and Andy Roberts all produced victories, allowing only one match to go more than four games. The other men on the team all lost in extremely close matches making the final outcome seem much closer than it truly was.

By defeating the Polar Bears, the Bobcats were able to seal the CBB title. They defeated Bowdoin two out of three times and Colby in both meetings. Along with winning the CBB, the men achieved a final national ranking of 15, the highest in school history.

The team will graduate only one senior, No. 1 Sean Doherty. Although this is a great loss to the team, the outlook for next season is very promising.

Coach Gastonguay is very optimistic about the future, "We are a young team and will be tough next year if we continue to work hard in the off-season on the court and in the weight room."

## Men's Lax Drops Season Opener To National Power Whittier College

By PATRICK BOYAGGI  
Assistant Sports Editor

While most Bates students spent their winter break in the cold harsh weather of New England, the men's lacrosse team took their show to sunny California. Unfortunately the team did take some Maine-like weather and were forced to deal with overcast conditions and rain.

Despite the change of scenery, the team's main objectives stayed the same. The Bobcats faced two teams while in California, Whittier College and the University of California Los Angeles.

Yes, that's right, U.C.L.A. The mighty Bruins of L.A. were forced to deal with the Bobcats of L.A. and Bates was able to come out victorious.

The game against U.C.L.A. did not count in the team's overall record because lacrosse at U.C.L.A. is a club sport. However, the team put forth a solid early season performance and got a taste of victory.

The most highly anticipated event of the trip was a game against one of the top tier lacrosse teams in the country, Whittier College. The outcome didn't bode so well for the Bobcats, as they were defeated 13-6.

"It was good to face a team of Whittier's caliber, because we saw the holes in our game and now we know where we need improvement. We'd love to see them again in the NCAA tournament," said captain Chris Buckley.

Regardless of the loss, the trip was a success. The team was able to begin their season in weather suited for lacrosse and get some quality preseason work in. Buckley is optimistic that the time spent out west will give them an idea of what's to come in 2001.

"It gave us a taste for the level of play we'll see. Also, we got a look at a lot of people against a solid team. It gives us a better idea of what we need to expect out of each player."

The team will resume its season Saturday, March 17 against Wentworth College when the men from Wentworth travel to L.A., Lewiston-Auburn that is.

# On The Market

By LYNN WORTHY  
Sports Columnist

It's outrageous, it's ridiculous, and it's a sign of the greed that permeates throughout our society. What is it? The enormous salaries being given to star athletes in this day and age. The money situation for professional athletes is completely out of control, isn't it?

As you look at the news you practically can't help but hear about the contracts being signed. In baseball, this past off-season saw Alex Rodriguez sign the largest contract in sports history, a 252 million-dollar, 10-year deal. Then there are the Los Angeles Dodgers and their starting pitching rotation (five players) that combined will be earning 50 million dollars this season alone. Still in the news, there are players under contracts for 10 million dollars over the next two or three seasons, who are disgruntled and looking for more money. How did things get so out of control?

With times as they are, the sports industry is a multimillion dollar business venture for those individuals in ownership positions. There are television contracts, merchandise sales, sponsors, along with the money that comes in through ticket sales. These players are the driving force behind this money making machine. Today it is more and more common for these players to give up their chance at a college education to play pro sports. They have to deal with no private life and maintain the dedication and physical ability needed to compete at the professional level.

At Bates, there are some who find it a chore to juggle academics and athletics, but many of these professional athletes, they do not have the luxury of being able to get an education and participate in sports. It's becoming more and more common for athletes to leave school early or to give up on college all together just to have a chance at a pro career. The worst part of it all is that after it's all done for these athletes and their playing days are over, they very likely have nothing to move on to.

This is especially true in regards to minorities. When it comes to the ethnic minorities who make up the majority of the pro sports leagues, there is a lack of openings available to them after their playing days. When Dan Marino retired, there was a desk waiting for him in virtually any television studio as an analyst. Gary Kubiak, a long time NFL back up quarterback, retired and then spent two seasons as an assistant at Texas A&M. Following that, he went right into the pro ranks as an assistant with the San Francisco 49ers and from there to the Denver Broncos as the offensive coordinator, a position that makes him automatically viewed as a possibility for head coaching vacancies. On the other side of things there is Doug Williams. He was the first black quarterback to start in a Super Bowl, and he came away with not only a victory but the MVP of Super Bowl XXII. His coaching career was considerably different than Kubiak's. He was the head coach at two different high schools before becoming an assistant at the Naval Academy, and from there on he went to the NFL's world league as an assistant coach. After that, he served as a scout for the Jacksonville Jaguars, before finally getting a chance as a head coach at Morehouse College. In 1998, he took over for Eddie Robinson at Grambling. This is all aside from the disproportionate number of minority coaches in the NFL, NBA, and MLB, not to mention the absence of any owners of color.

If I were an agent for these players, I would implore my clients to go for as much as they can get because they're making enormous sacrifices, while owners are making millions off of their abilities. All the while, the leagues are doing very little to shore up their lives after athletics. They'll still have families to provide for after retirement. Maybe the contracts aren't as outrageous or ridiculous as we might think.

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## Leave The Cell Phone At Home!

By MATT GAGNE  
Sports Columnist

The start of the 2001 Major League Baseball season is less than a month away, but I could care less about Nomar's wrist, the fact that the Yankees will probably buy another world series, whether Ramirez wants to play left field or right, or if Montreal will ever have six or more fans at any given home game. My concern, believe it or not, is cell phone usage.

Ever turned on the television to watch a baseball game and seen someone waving at the camera and talking on the cell phone instead? It's a growing trend, but if you haven't noticed, or if you think it's funny, then you're probably one of them and you could really help me out by jumping in front of a moving bus. Maybe I'm being a bit rash, but saying I'm irritated is nothing but a blatant understatement. Maybe I feel cheated because I can't hear the person talking, or maybe, just maybe, it's because I want to watch baseball, not some girl gabbing on the phone with Uncle Morty from the sticks of West Virginia.

This clearly isn't a discrimination thing because these people come in all races, sexes, shapes, and sizes and I want to smack all of them. Hard. What possesses someone to wave at the camera? It baffles me. Why go to a baseball game if you're not going to watch it? I wish cameramen weren't so easily amused but not showing cell phone users on TV doesn't necessarily address the real problem. Last year I went to Fenway for a Red Sox-Royals game and guess what, that's right, I had the pleasure of sitting in front of one of them - a real life idget. It was a great learning and character building experience, but the whole time I was waiting for the vendor to shove a hot-dog in her mouth.

This is more than a mere pet peeve. I've even considered recruiting pitchers to throw a little chin music at the idgets using their phones. While Rick Ankiel of the St. Louis Cardinals and Chuck Knoblauch of the Yankees have been doing their own things in regards to throwing at fans, I'm looking to recruit John Rocker for five bucks. He's cheap and seems to hate people. However, Don't let this stop you from calling your beloved Morty, but if you do, you're not a real fan; You can't compare to the drunks dressed in garbage bags passed out in the grandstands. But the more I think about it, I'd actually be honored if you would give me a call:

Idget: Wwwwhhhaassssuuupppp?

Me: Yo, watchin' the Sox game.

Idget: I'm there, behind home plate. See me?

Me: Not really, stand up.

Idget: Now?

Me: Oh yeah. Is that you, the one waving at the camera? I'm proud to actually know the goofiest moron I've ever seen. Nice mustard stain on your shirt by the way.

Maybe someday we'll come to realize that baseball and technology don't mix, that Yankee stadium isn't a breeding pool for Star Search, and that Baseball Tonight isn't a forum for Sprint Nickel Night Commercials. If you have the chance to catch any games this spring, do baseball a favor and leave your cell phone at home. Yet, if you must have it, be sure to still enjoy your day at the ballpark One box seat: \$42. One big poofy hand: \$8. Roaming charges: \$9.37. Two hot-dogs, three cokes, and a bag of shelled peanuts: \$12.50. Snipers: Priceless.

## Skiing Places Sixth At Midd.

By PATRICK BOYAGGI  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Bates College Ski Team closed out the 2001 regular season with a 6th place finish at the Middlebury Carnival. The team finished behind UVM, Dartmouth, Middlebury, UNH, and Williams, but still finished in front of 9 other opponents.

This is the 5th straight carnival, which the Bobcats have taken 6th place in. This may seem a little odd. However, unlike most athletic teams at Bates the ski team competes against the same colleges every weekend. Therefore, there is not much room for huge changes in overall scoring, but Bates is consistently beating quality ski programs.

In this particular carnival, the team



Chris Lyons in action at the Middlebury Carnival.

Alana DeNapoli/The Bates Student

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## M. Track Takes 18th At ECAC Meet

By PAUL ZINN  
Sports Editor

In one of their most competitive meets of the year, the men's track team went to the well one more time. Over the past few seasons, the Bobcats have received numerous points from their throwers. Saturday, at the ECAC Championships, throwers' Jaime Sawler and Greg Hurley provided Bates with 13 of their 19 points.

Sawler, who will compete in the NCAA Championships next weekend, took the title in the weight throw. He provided ten points with a throw of 17.19 meters. Hurley took sixth for three points, with a toss of 16.40 meters. The mark was a personal best. Despite that, Hurley just missed qualifying for nationals. Junior Jesse Carney placed 14th in the same event. Sawler also took 14th in the shot put.

"I think having two of the top throwers in New England really helps the team," said

Sawler. "Going into the smaller meets you know you're going to get the points, but it's not a certainty in the bigger meets."

A week before the ECAC Meet, Sawler took fifth in the Open New England Championships, an event that features competitors from Division I, II, and III. That helped the Bobcats finish 20th with seven team points in the meet.

The 19 points were good enough for eighteenth place in the ECAC meet, which brings schools from all over the northeast together. The College of New Jersey won the event with 83 points, blowing away the second-place school Widener, who had just 54 points.

Williams was the top NESCAC school, finishing in fifth place. Following the Ephs were Bowdoin (10th), Tufts (13th), Bates (18th), Trinity (21st), Amherst (24th), Middlebury (24th), and Wesleyan (35th).

Erik Zwick and Kevin Jackson also scored for the Bobcats. Those two seniors have been complementing the throwers very nicely all-season long. Saturday was no different.

Zwick took fifth in the 400 meter dash for four points with a time of 49.68 seconds. The senior missed qualifying for track's premier meet by .08 seconds. Sophomore Stephen Gresham who promises to score in this meet in the near future, took ninth in the 400 meter.

Kevin Jackson was Bates' final scorer. He took sixth in the 55-meter high hurdles with a time of 7.92 seconds.

Other Bobcats competed but were unable to score for Bates. Erik Knackmuhs took 12th in the 1,000 meter dash. He ran the distance in 2 minutes, 40 seconds. First-year Matt Ondra, who has performed excellently in the pole vault this year, took 13th Saturday. Sophomore Brian Luoma placed 18th in the high jump, with a leap of 5 feet, eleven inches.

The Bates' relay teams also competed. The 4x400 team took 9th, and the 4x800 team took 13th.

This weekend, Sawler will head to Wisconsin for the NCAA Championships. His goal is to obtain a new personal record.

## Men's Hoops Ends Season, 13-11

By NICK BOURNAKEL  
Staff Writer

Continued, sustained improvement is the earmark of a winning formula in sport. The 2000-2001 edition of the Bates men's basketball team exhibited just such a characteristic. The Bobcats achieved much despite falling short of their goal to reach the NESCAC tournament. It was a season of adjustment where the Bobcats looked for a winning formula, using numerous players. Veterans and Rookies contributed at various times to lift the team to 13 victories, the most wins by the Bates men in several years.

Despite a slow start and the absence of junior co-captain Alex Wilson, the team had many close contests and split their first six ballgames. During that span, they gained their most convincing of the season over UNE at Biddeford by the final tally of 82-57.

From that point forward, the Bobcat train which had taken some time to build up speed, proceeded to mow down their opponents, winning nine games in a row during the span of nearly two months. Most notably, the 'Cats were able to beat Bowdoin and Colby, both on the road, powering them to an outright CBB title, while completing their first season sweep of the White Mules, a feat unaccomplished by a Bates team since the 1966-67 roundball season. The 76-55 drubbing the Bobcats handed Colby in February would be particularly sweet for Senior tri-captain Rommel Padonou, playing his final game in Alumni Gymnasium.

Despite the nine consecutive wins, the

opening of the NESCAC season versus Tufts would unfortunately mark the beginning of a long season-ending struggle for the 'Cats, as they would lose all of their NESCAC games, with the exception of the Colby showdown. Their 1-8 showing in NESCAC play dashed any hopes of making the season-culminating NESCAC tourney, and with it, the chance for a NCAA bid for this young squad.

All told, it was a season of milestones and achievements, in addition to great single game performances from many different Bobcat players. Amazingly, the Bates men can now boast of having four 1,000-point scorers, with Rommel Padonou, Alex Wilson, Ed Walker, and Billy Hart, each breaking the plateau this season. Spectacular individual games also were not in short supply. On January 26, in a 91-81 loss versus Amherst, Alex Wilson poured in 28 points on torrid 10-of-13 shooting from the floor, while going 7-7 from the free-throw line as he tied his career high. The following day Ed Walker tossed in a career-best 30 points against the Trinity College Bantams, including six three-pointers, and on Groundhog Day against the Polar Bears of Bowdoin, Billy Hart scorched an already very warm Alumni Gym by canning nine threes, en route to a career-best 31 total points.

Looking to the future, things are looking quite bright, indeed. First-year Ramon Garcia was fourth on the team in scoring, averaging 10.2 points-per-game. He saw quality minutes, averaging 23 minutes per game and shot over 40 percent from behind the three-point arc. Sophomores C.J. Neely and Matt LaPointe also had fine seasons, each showing great improvement over their first-year campaigns of a year

ago. And despite the formidable loss of graduating senior Rommel Padonou, whose inside presence, scoring, and rebounding will be sorely missed, the team will remain essentially intact.

Junior Billy Hart had this to say on the recent past and the future of the team: "We had set our sights on the NESCAC Tourney at the beginning of the year and that did not happen, so obviously it is a disappointing ending. Nobody wants to sit at home while the rest of the league is dancing in the tourney and I think this will serve as a motivational tool for us. Every year since I have been here we have ended the season saying, 'next year is our year.' Well, for many of us it is the bottom of the ninth - it is desperation time." Hart continued, "I love our team chemistry and talent-wise we are as deep as any team in the NESCAC. Now comes the tough part; we have to keep the feeling of disappointment with us all summer to motivate us in the weight room and on the court. To truly enjoy success, you must taste defeat. Next year is going to be sweet."

"Overall there were a lot of positives to build on this season," added Coach Joe Reilly. "Obviously we are disappointed that we fell short of our goal to play in the inaugural NESCAC tournament, but the effort and intensity was great all season. We are very proud to be the first team since '67 to have possession of the CBB crown and also to sweep our season series with Colby. Also, our mid-season 9-game winning streak broke a school record. Individually, I am pleased for Rommel, Ed, Billy and Alex for all reaching the 1,000 point club this season."



## Women's Basketball

### Colby 75, Bates 60 (2/28) ECAC Quaterfinal

Bates	FG%	FT%	Pts	Reb	A
Julia Price	0.0	--	0	0	2
Kate McLaughlin	47.4	25.0	19	9	1
Carla Flaherty	0.0	85.7	6	4	0
Lauren DuBois	40.0	--	9	4	0
Katy Dutille	0.0	25.0	1	3	0
Lisa Golobski	0.0	75.0	3	5	1
Lynne Anitnarelli	25.0	--	2	4	2
Laura Nafe	80.0	--	9	1	7
Marcy Grossman	100.0	100.0	9	1	1
Kim Martell	33.3	--	2	1	1
Kim Hoffman	--	--	0	0	0

Colby	FG%	FT%	Pts	Reb	A
Bianca Belcher	63.6	87.5	21	3	5
Mandy Cochrane	50.0	--	6	4	1
Jen Hallee	42.9	--	9	4	1
Carli Parisella	28.6	0.0	4	5	1
Sarah Walsh	27.8	71.4	15	14	4
Jasmine Ashe	25.0	--	5	0	1
Katy Lawson	80.0	50.0	9	2	3
Christine O'Donnell	66.6	--	4	4	0
Caitlin Bourque	0.0	--	0	3	
Kate Chuprevich	0.0	50.0	1	2	0
Carrie Morin	0.0	50.0	1	1	0

### Amherst 57, Bates 53 NESCAC Tournament Semifinal

Bates	FG%	FT%	Pts	Reb	A
Julia Price	-	-	0	3	0
K. McLaughlin	25.0%	60.0%	12	10	3
Carla Flaherty	25.0%	-	9	2	3
Kate Dockery	38.5%	0.0%	13	1	2
Katy Dutille	0.0%	0.0%	0	4	0
Laura Nafe	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	1
M. Grossman	100.0%	0.0%	2	1	0
L. Dubois	30.0%	50.0%	8	4	2
L. Antinarelli	0.0%	-	0	7	1
Lisa Golobski	66.6%	0.0%	9	4	2

Amherst	FG%	FT%	Pts	Reb	A
S. Walker	44.4%	0.0%	8	12	0
S. Bozorg	33.3%	50.0%	7	5	7
C. Taylor	41.6%	50.0%	12	11	2
S. Bergman	50.0%	0.0%	2	1	0
S. Russell	37.5%	100.0%	16	7	4
H. Putnam	0.0%	83.3%	5	6	1
B. Diamond	50.0%	0.0%	2	4	1
C. Farrell	66.6%	100.0%	5	4	0

## Men's Squash

### Dartmouth 8, Bates 1 NCAA Championships

1. Hamed Anvari (D) def. Sean Doherty (B) 3-0
2. Andrei Prokopiw (D) def. Ben Schippers (B) 3-0
3. James Judah (D) def. Eric Lopez (B) 3-1
4. Bill Reisner (D) def. Matt Wu (B) 3-1
5. Scott Judah (D) def. Sam Huleatt (B) 3-2
6. Jesse Nisselson (D) def. Ethan Kerr (B) 3-0
7. Chad Mountain (B) def. Brad Doline (D) 3-2
8. Chris O'Connell (D) def. Sam Kieley (B) 3-1
9. Philippe deRichemont (D) def. Andy Roberts (B) 3-0

### Franklin and Marshall 5, Bates 4 NCAA Championships

1. Arjun Krishnan (F&M) def. Sean Doherty (B) 3-0
2. Mihir Kapoor (F&M) def. Ben Schippers (B) 3-0
3. Eric Lopez (B) def. Shloka Melwani (F&M) 3-1
4. Shahzeb Zakarai (F&M) def. Matt Wu (B) 3-2
5. Will Dore (F&M) def. Sam Huleatt (B) 3-1
6. Ethan Kerr (B) def. Dave Galbraith (F&M) 3-0
7. Chad Mountain (B) def. Scott Iason (F&M) 3-2
8. Hassan Ahmed (F&M) def. Sam Kieley (B) 3-1
9. Andy Roberts (B) def. Greg Romero (F&M) 3-0

1. Aisha Shah (B) def. Liz Pilkington (M) 3-0
2. Kristen Brush (B) def. Amanda Knappman (M) 3-0
3. Kate Hagstrom (B) def. Becky Belcher (M) 3-0
4. Liz Gailun (M) def. Katie Percarprio (B) 3-0
5. Liz Funston (M) def. Katie Austin (B) 3-1
6. Lizza Franyo (M) def. Ellen Humphrey (B) 3-1
7. Sze Wei Ang (B) def. Jane Wilson (M) 3-0
8. Britt Cosgrove (M) def. Molly Graham (B) 3-0
9. Talbott Randall (B) def. Chrissie Fuld (M) 3-1

### Bates 5, Bowdoin 4 NCAA Championships Seventh Place Match

1. Wasif Khan (B) def. Sean Doherty (Ba) 3-1
2. Ben Schippers (Ba) def. Jaime Shea (B) 3-1
3. Greg Clement (B) def. Eric Lopez (Ba) 3-1
4. Matt Wu (Ba) def. Laurence Delasotta (B) 3-1
5. Tom Costin (B) def. Sam Huleatt (Ba) 3-2

6. Ethan Kerr (Ba) def. George Hubbard (B) 3-1
7. S. Tre-Thomas (B) def. Chad Mountain (Ba) 3-2
8. Sam Kieley (Ba) def. Andrew Holman (B) 3-2
9. Andy Roberts (Ba) def. Matt Nowak (B) 3-1

## Women's Squash

### Amherst 8, Bates 1 NCAA Championships

1. Aisha Shah (B) def. Katherine Giese (A) 3-0
2. Roopali Agarwal (A) def. Kristen Brush (B) 3-0
3. Vanessa Champion (A) def. Kate Hagstrom (B) 3-0
4. Susanna Burke (A) def. Katie Percarprio (B) 3-0
5. Tara Kenney (A) def. Katie Austin (B) 3-1
6. Catherine Alburger (A) def. Ellen Humphrey (B) 3-0
7. Lindsey Snyder (A) def. Sze Wei Ang (B) 3-1
8. Emily Stark (A) def. Molly Graham (B) 3-0
9. Mary Ford (A) def. Talbott Randall (B) 3-0

### Bates 5, Middlebury 4 NCAA Championships

1. Aisha Shah (B) def. Liz Pilkington (M) 3-0
2. Kristen Brush (B) def. Amanda Knappman (M) 3-0
3. Kate Hagstrom (B) def. Becky Belcher (M) 3-0
4. Liz Gailun (M) def. Katie Percarprio (B) 3-0
5. Liz Funston (M) def. Katie Austin (B) 3-1
6. Lizza Franyo (M) def. Ellen Humphrey (B) 3-1
7. Sze Wei Ang (B) def. Jane Wilson (M) 3-0
8. Britt Cosgrove (M) def. Molly Graham (B) 3-0
9. Talbott Randall (B) def. Chrissie Fuld (M) 3-1

### Bates 5, St. Lawrence 4 NCAA Championships

### Fifth Place Match

1. Sarah Kreiner (S) def. Aisha Shah (B) 3-2
2. Gigi Tuten (S) def. Kristen Brush (B) 3-0
3. Kate Hagstrom (B) def. Consuelo Pierrepoint (S) 3-1
4. Alex Rowland (S) def. Katie Percarprio (B) 3-1
5. M. Hall (S) def. Katie Austin (B) 3-2
6. Ellen Humphrey (B) def. W. Glawischnig (S) 3-2
7. Sze Wei Ang (B) def. Mary Anne Patterson (S) 3-0
8. Moll Graham (B) def. Beth Graydon (S) 3-0
9. Talkbott Randall (B) def. Jess Davie (S) 3-0

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# Women's Hockey Finishes Season With Best-Ever Record

By STEVE HALLAS  
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The women's hockey team wrapped up their groundbreaking 2000-2001 season this Sunday with a win over the University of New Brunswick at Saint John's club team, 6-5. Corin Pennella clinched the final victory of the season in the waning minutes of the third period with her game-winning goal.

Bates' final record for the season was 11-8-1, which is by far the best mark in the seven-year history of the club.

Coach Denny Bourgoin was excited about the results this season. "Our eleven wins this season are about equal to our total number of wins in the past three seasons."

In their first home game in over a month during the first weekend of February break, the women's team tied Boston University 2-2, after losing to them the week before.

The following weekend featured Saturday and Sunday games versus Chatham College, a women's culinary school from Pittsburgh. Chatham was able to outmuscle Bates on Saturday, 4-2.

Chatham played physical hockey because of their size advantage, and Bates had to adjust to the style of play. The next day the Bobcats were able to overcome the size disadvantage and beat Chatham, 6-3.

This weekend's games against UNBSJ were a repetition of last week's series against Chatham. The team dropped the first game 6-2, but came back on Sunday

with a 6-5 win on Pennella's last minute goal.

Coach Bourgoin summed up the weekend well. "The games this weekend were great. Sunday was the better of the two. Saturday they were nervous about playing the Canadians (UNBSJ) for most of the first period but were able to readjust and outplayed them in the third. We scored two goals to their one, which carried over into Sunday's game."

Saturday, the first period ended with Bates down by two goals. The team didn't score until the 11:58 mark of the second period when Lauren Bonenberger slipped a shot past the goalie and banked it in off of the far post to put Bates within one.

UNBSJ answered with four goals that went unanswered, two coming in the final two minutes of the second period and the other two in the first half of the third session.

Senior forward Laura Merino answered, going on a personal scoring rampage in the second half of the third period. She scored her first goal of the game with 11:13 remaining in the period, with a low-hard shot that snuck through the goalie's legs after she skated past a number of defenders. The second occurred at the 16:20 mark on a rifle shot past the goalie that banked in off the far post. Her personal effort wasn't enough to recover the game, but it gave the team a momentum swing that helped them win Sunday's game.

The second game had an entirely different tone from the beginning, as Bonenberger scored in the fifth minute with assists from Anna Felton and

Pennella.

UNBSJ evened the score with 8:27 remaining in the first period on a wrap around.

Captain Mandi Swan put Bates up 2-1 at the 11:30 mark with a shot from the corner that squeaked through the goalies' legs, but the game was tied a minute later as one of the opposing players put a rebound by goalie Lindsay Gary.

SooAe Shaneyfelt and Erin Firman scored the next two goals at 15:47 and 17:26 of the first period. Shaneyfelt strike was assisted by Swan and Susan French. She scored on a breakaway and beat two defenders in the process. Firman fired a one-timer past the goalie following a perfect pass by Merino to finish the scoring for the period.

The beginning of the second period was played evenly, until Shaneyfelt scored unassisted on a break away at 4:22. UNBSJ scored the next three goals, including one on an excellent slap shot from the point, to tie to game at 5-5. With twelve minutes left in the second period, Gary had a great glove save. She robbed an opposing player on the breakaway of a sure goal and the lead.

Captain Pennella, playing in her final game at Bates scored the game-winning goal at 17:54 of the third period, with a wrist shot from about fifteen feet out.

She said "It felt really good to end my last game of my senior year with a game winning goal."

All five seniors played the last shift of the game, which lasted the final two minutes and preserved the one-goal lead.

Pennella and Merino played on defense, Swan was at center, and Mollie Chamberlain and Firman were on the wings for their last shift at Bates.

Coach Bourgoin will be sorry to see this year's senior class graduate, especially the two captains Mandi Swan and Corin Pennella. "They were great leaders for the team, they set great examples of themselves for everyone else."

The team was helped out all season by the efforts of their great trainer Adam Rives.

The 11-8-1 record marked the best season in the seven-year history of the team. The highlight of the season was the four game win streak that the team put together, including victories over UCONN, Salve Regina, and MIT in December and January.

Of the teams eight losses, two were in overtime and three were to ECAC varsity teams, including USM and Colby, two nationally ranked teams. The top scorers for the season were Liz Schlifman with 20 points, Pennella with 19 and Merino with 18.

This season has been a bit different than other seasons according to Bourgoin, who said, "We played more club teams (this year) and had better schedule. We did fairly well against ECAC teams."

When asked about the team's future, Bourgoin speculated "We'll probably join a club league (like the men's team) in a few years. There's not enough interest in the administration to bump us up to varsity, but that doesn't mean we can't be one of the best club teams."



**Congratulations to the  
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of the  
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*Megan Ferrari  
Swimming*

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## Colby Too Much For W. Hoops

By AMANDA BECK  
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The Bates women's basketball team capped another strong season, finishing their season with an overall record of 18-9. Their season ended in the Eastern College Athletic Association Division III Quarterfinals on Thursday night when they fell to 5th ranked Colby, 75-60. Colby (20-7) was led by sophomore guard Bianca Belcher with 21 points and five assists, and sophomore center Sarah Walsh, who had 15 points and 14 rebounds to help end Colby's nine game losing streak to Bates.

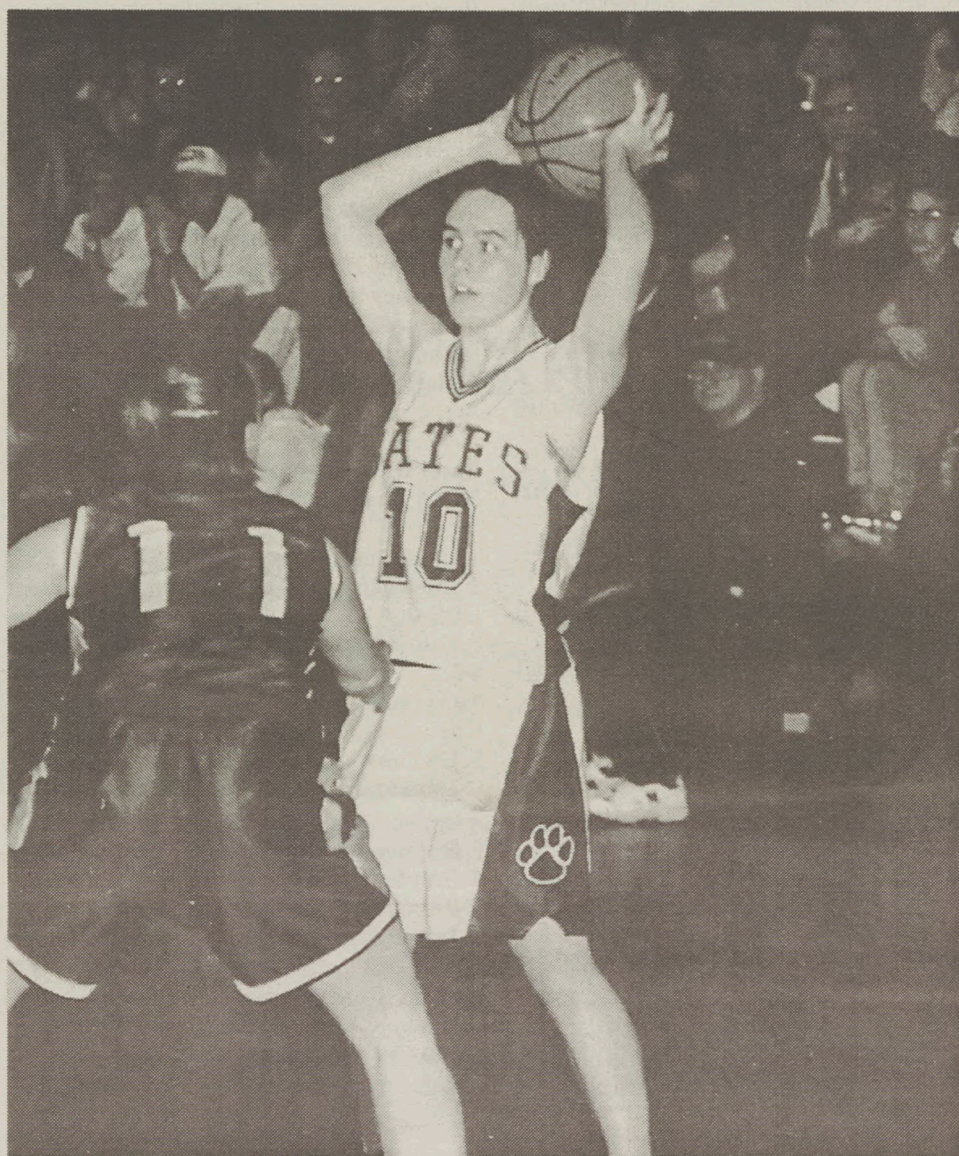
Colby	75
Bates	60

"Although the crowd was great and tried to help us, we just were very flat and didn't play with the intensity necessary to beat a quality opponent," said coach Jim Murphy. "It was a disappointing way to end the season."

Bates led midway through the first half 17-11 before Colby went on a 19-4 scoring run to go up 30-21 with two minutes left in the half. The teams then traded baskets and Bates went into the locker room down 37-27 at the half. Colby began the second half on fire offensively, scoring 10 of the first 12 points in the half and taking a 47-29 lead with 14:56 remaining. Bates, which trailed by as many as 24 in the half, cut the lead to 12 with just over a minute remaining, but could come no closer. Colby was also aided by a 48-36 edge on the boards, and Bates' 38 percent shooting from the floor.

Senior co-captain and forward Kate McLaughlin led the Bobcats with 19 points and nine rebounds. First-year forward Lauren Dubois added nine points and four rebounds, and first-year guard Laura Nafe had a fine all around game with nine points, seven assists, and two steals. Sophomore guard Marcy Grossman also chipped in with 9 points for Bates.

Prior to the ECAC Tournament, the Bob-



Julia Price looks for an open teammate against Williams.

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cats participated in the NESCAC Tourney, where they were seeded 4th. In the opening round, the Bobcats defeated 5th ranked Williams (12-13, 4-6 in NESCAC), 64-53. Despite a 16-5 lead in the first half and Williams

shooting 23 percent from the field, the Bobcats went into the locker room down 33-27 at the half, hurt by Williams' 37-21 rebound-

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## Where Have All The Lugers Gone?

By ANDY STANTON  
Sports Columnist

Here I sit, preparing my weekly column, to be presented in the sports section of our student newspaper. It is March 5, 2001. It is snowing buckets outside. Spring, my friends, is nowhere in sight. Keep the frisbee in the closet, and don't wear those birkenstocks anywhere - because it is never, ever, going to be warm again.

Yes, I know, we are in Maine - and cold, snowy, long (ridiculously long) winters are the status quo. But that doesn't mean I have to like it. Given the fact that we have eight feet of snow and ice on the ground, I couldn't help but ponder the assortment of winter sport offerings here at the College. I find our winter athletic programs are desparately under-valued. We have basketball, swimming, squash, skiing, (club) hockey, and track. But given that it snows until June, I must demand a more comprehensive program of winter sports. Here are a few.

Biathlon - This fascinating sport involves skiing and shooting a rifle. These skills should be emphasized and developed in our students here. If Maine ever becomes a battle ground for Armageddon, and the forces of Good are pitted against evil, we will need winter-fighting skills. Skiing while shooting will be especially useful, although, mere rifles might not be effective against the manifestations of Satan and his minions.

The Luge - I don't know about you, but laying down on a slab of fiberglass that goes 100 m.p.h. on ice really appeals to me. The luge course we need could be constructed on Mt. David. An additional bonus to having a luge squad would be provided to the Dean of Students. Any Batsies who can't behave themselves could be forced to travel at break-neck speed on an inadequate sled in a bad-fitting spandex jumpsuit. An addition such as this to our code of student conduct might

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## Women's Squash Takes 5th In Division B At Howe Cup

By PAUL ZINN  
Sports Editor

In their opening match of the Howe Cup, the women's squash team lost a tough match to Amherst, 8-1. The Lord Jeffs were a team that the Bobcats had hoped to beat earlier this year at the Williams Invitational. It didn't happen then, and it didn't happen at NCAA's.

Bates	5th Place
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However, Bates rebounded beautifully with 5-4 wins over Middlebury and St. Lawrence. That allowed the Bobcats to place fifth in Division B and 13th overall in the tournament. The 13th spot was exactly where Bates was ranked to start the tournament.

The win over Middlebury was especially satisfying as it came against a team the Bobcats also lost to in the regular season, de-

spite having high hopes for a victory. Unlike the Lord Jeffs, the Bobcats gained revenge against the Panthers.

Against Middlebury, Bates controlled the top three spots. No. 1 Aisha Shah, No. 2 Kristen Brush, and No. 3 Kate Hagstrom all posted three-game victories. Shah didn't drop a point. Brush sandwiched a 9-0 second game between 9-3 and 9-5 victories. Hagstrom won 9-4, 9-5, 9-2. No. 7 Sze Wei Ang defeated her opponent in dominating fashion, winning 9-1, 9-0, 9-1. No. 9 Talbot Randall provided Bates' fifth point. She lost the opening game 9-6, but rebounded to win the next three by scores of 9-4, 9-3, 9-5.

No. 5 Katie Austin and No. 6 Ellen Humphrey each lost in four games, while No. 4 Katie Percarpio and No. 8 Molly Graham each lost in three games.

That victory put Bates in the fifth-place match against St. Lawrence, where the Bob-

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## Ferrari, Hastings Qualify For NCAA Championships

By SEAN HURLEY  
Staff Writer

Paced by NCAA Championship qualifiers Andrew Hastings and Megan Ferrari, the men's and women's swim teams turned in hard fought 6th place finishes, respectively, at the inaugural NESCAC Championship meet.

Bates (M)	6th Place
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Ferrari led the Bobcats by winning the NESCAC Title in both the 50 and 100 yard breaststroke while finishing 6th in the 200 yard breaststroke. Breaking her own school records in all three events, Ferrari qualified for the National "B" cut in both the 100 and 200 yard fly, and will be going to Buffalo, NY to compete in the National Championship this upcoming weekend. She also became the first ever NESCAC champion as she won the inaugural meet's

first individual event. Ferrari took over a second off of her season-best time in the finals of the 100 breaststroke, earning her the 16th seed in the nation.

Bates (W)	6th Place
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"Coach came over to me after the 100 in the morning and told me I swam well, so I knew right there that I was going to have to swim even better than that at night if I was definitely going to make Nationals. The team had an incredible performance at NESCAC's."

The women had a banner day, overall, as senior captain Pamela Murchie broke another school record in the 50 yard butterfly when she finished 5th overall and then added two 14th place finishes in the 100 and 200 yard fly. Fellow senior captain, Gudrun Mirick, made it to two finals and took 5th in the 200 yard and 8th in

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