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Grades Take Heavy Toll

by Karen Olson

One fourth of the freshman class received academic warning after their first semester at Bates this year — approximately 90 out of 361. Figures are not yet completed for the other three classes; however, 12 students have been dismissed and a larger number placed on academic probation. And the women are definitely outstripping the men — all 12 dismissals were males, and only about 26 of the 90 freshmen were female.

"Both Dean Carignan and I know that freshmen have not done as well as in some past years. We suspect we'll find certain causes in some correlational studies we are working on," says Judith Isaacson, Dean of Students. "I have interviewed several students, and some of these causes will be obvious from the records. We hope to establish certain patterns — between high school records, three-year students, pursuing a BS degree without proper preparation, advanced placement credit and subsequent entrance into high level subjects, and perhaps not enough prerequisites for harder courses."

Although academic warnings have increased this year, the dismissal rate has gone down: 12 this year compared to 14 last year.

Why are the women doing so well? The competition, both at Bates and other colleges, is tougher. There are much fewer places for women. Dean Isaacson estimates that if applicants were picked solely by test scores and academic ability, way over half the student body — perhaps as much as 75 or 80 percent — would be female.

And yet why should any freshman — male or female — be doing unusually poorly?

"In some cases I can say point blank that students just had not been involved in academic development. We had cases of final exams where a student just turned in a blank sheet of paper," says James Carignan, dean of students.

"I'd say that it's possible that Bates College is more challenging in certain departments than it has been in the past. It's also possible we have fewer 'gut' courses," Dean Isaacson adds. "But this results in better academic preparation for our students. I see that the pressure must have some causes, and maybe we will have to counsel students more about their choices or set up new prerequisites."

Another problem may be lack of preparation for mathematics and science. Or freshmen may have unrealistic goals — such as a pre-med program when it's the humanitarian aspect of medicine rather than the scientific side which attracts them. Or perhaps the almost total freshman-upperclassman integration in dorms and extra-curricular activities is somehow involved. Dean Isaacson is looking into all these possibilities.

However, Dean Carignan does not believe the situation is as grave as it may look: "We're always trying to be particular about admission, and I see no trend downward. I have no indications yet that the average cume has changed. We haven't reviewed any more people this semester than in the past."

He continues, "Many of the students who are dismissed return to Bates on academic probation — four students will this semester — and most students on academic probation are able to pull themselves back up. Some of them go back to other colleges and universities."

"Academic warnings are just that — academic warnings. They only mean that to get enough quality points to graduate, a student will have to improve," stresses Dean Isaacson. "As for a student who gets dismissed with a zero average or an upperclassman who will not be able to complete his major, I want to help guide them to another college. But if a person has a personal trauma or just doesn't apply himself, they may be able to come back and succeed."

Last semester's statistics are still not complete. Some deferred grades are not yet counted for, and the Academic Standing Committee will meet Monday.

IS RA DEAD?

(As a result of the nature of Monday night's R.A. meeting the Student dispenses with the journalistic convention of the news story and instead welcomes comments on the following subjective view of the meeting.)

by Chris Zenowich

The Representative Assembly has been viewed by the Bates' student body as something of a joke. In fact, to cover an R.A. meeting for the paper was enough to create that impression on a reporter. The meetings seemed a burden to the members (this was reflected by high absenteeism) and their legislation seemed, for the greater part, to be trivial (this was reflected by the predominance of the body's role as a fund source and lack of felt-importance concerning its role as a vehicle for community improvement.) As the impression of the R.A.'s absurdity has been strengthened, apathy on the campus has grown. Since being a community (something which Bates professes to be) implies the interaction and cooperation of the parts which comprise it, with the growth of student apathy Bates ceases to be a community. Thus, the failure of the R.A. is in turn a manifestation of the failure of Bates as a community.



youth travel grounded?

Through the sponsorship of the National Student Lobby and Continental Marketing Corporation, the COALITION TO RETAIN AIR DISCOUNT FARES (CRADF) has been formed.

On December 7, 1972, the Civil Aeronautics Board announced the results of their Domestic Passenger-Fare Investigation: "that youth standby, youth reservation and family fares are unjustly discriminatory and that family and youth reservation fares are also unreasonable." The Board did defer cancellation of these fares pending further hearing on the question of an adjustment to normal fares.

The purpose of CRADF, in the words of Russell Lehrman, President of Continental Marketing Corporation, a youth fare card sales concern, "will be to alert every traveler affected, advise them that they may lose from 25% to 33% air fare reductions if they don't act now, and provide them with a vehicle to express their views so that they will be heard."

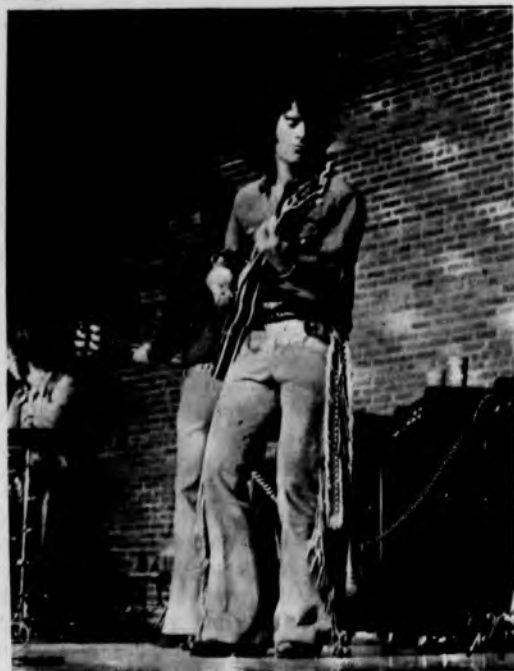
An open appeal is being mailed each college newspaper in the form of an ad that can be placed by the editor as a service for his readers. The ad will carry a tear-out letter, to be signed by readers, appealing to Congress to act on legislation that can pave the way for continuation of these discount fares. The letters will be submitted to the CRADF Office in Washington, D.C. where they will be systematically sorted by Congressional District, counted to measure response, and finally forwarded to the proper Congressmen.

National Student Lobby Leaders will then go into action. They will visit the members of the House and Senate Commerce Committees in an effort to get at least one Republican and one Democratic sponsor for necessary legislation from each committee. They will work with staffs of the

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Monday night, President Larry Wood announced to the assembly that he was exercising his executive authority, and requested a closed meeting (i.e. exclusion of reporter and visitors), so that the Assembly could discuss internal problems. His request was defeated, 19-12, on the grounds that anything which the Assembly could and should castigate itself for, the students could and should know about. At that point, the R.A. put itself through a long overdue self-inspection. It was agreed the organization lacked credibility with the students. Discussion proceeded in an attempt to find solutions to this problem. It was pointed out that though the Faculty Relations Committee had no trouble being listened to, the Residential Life Committee had been thwarted in its attempt to get locks for all doors on campus. The college, it seems, believed it could not afford to convert all the lockless doors at once. Yet it was noted that the school was able to pay for a new ceiling in Milliken House and hallway carpeting in first floor Page. Where, then, are the school's priorities?

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Dynamic Tom Rush

Winter Carnival Blues

Well, we almost had Mahavishnu. But the powers that be decided that Tom Rush would be mad if he missed his turn in the Jamie Brockett, Gordon Lightfoot ceaseless cycle of Winter Carnival entertainment at Bates. Up until Tuesday the chances were considered good for John McLaughlin's Mahavishnu Orchestra — a fine choice to break the monotony of the never-ending string of hackneyed folk and blues concerts which characterize every Winter Carnival. But, as usual, Chase Hall and the Concert Committee spent half the year making up their minds, and expected to book a high-class group four weeks before the gig. The very fact that Rush could be signed at this late date is proof of his dynamic popularity.

Personalities aside, it is not so much a question of who will draw the whole campus to a concert, for it is folly to believe that any one group would please everyone, Mahavishnu included. But it would be nice to establish some variety. After all, one is supposed to be well-rounded by the time the strains of Pomp and Circumstance invade our bucolic campus. Repetition and variety being mutually exclusive, it would seem that the cultural side of this campus does not subscribe to the dogma of its academic counterpart.

The real question remaining, it seems, is why get so hyper over a specific weekend that long ago lost the direction that its name would seem to indicate. Instead of trying to cram a specific annual weekend with events that seem trite anyway, why not arrange the schedule around the availability of a top-rate, but affordable, performer, and thereby alleviate the dearth of things to do between Sadie and Carnival and the end of the semester? Nothing less than a full evaluation of social conventions and priorities is called for, and until then *Student* headlines will not pay lip-service to a dying tradition which allows second-rate performers to survive.

EFB

Roadblocks to fair rooming

If you are a student interested in moving to an off-campus residence, or even to a single on campus, look before you leap. That is: look at all the hassles and confrontations you are going to have to deal with before you leap to living on your own. There will be many detours in the road and you must take them as they come.

Detour No. 1; College policy is to fill all beds on campus. The number of enrolled students above the available beds determines the number of students who can obtain permission to live off campus. There is then a priority list, first serving merit scholars and those students living at home, followed by choice on a seniority bases. After this, there is no set method of determining who can or can't move off campus; it is actually a very subjective process and as in most cases, the more you bitch, the better your chances are.

Detour No. 2, and No. 3; There exists the complication of scholarship removal and nonavailability of campus jobs to those living off campus.

Detour No. 4; There is a lack of advanced standing for freshmen who enter Bates as Veterans but are treated under the same categories as the freshman just out of high school.

Detour No. 5; As for on campus people, if your roommate leaves or flunks out, you are subject to rooming with anyone else the college chooses as your roommate.

Detour No. 6; The singles route? There are just not enough of them to go around. Seniority also applies here unless one can prove one's insanity and incapability to live with others.

It has been suggested by a subcommittee of the RA in discussing the above problems that graduated fees for room and board be determined based upon residence on campus. That is, a student who lives in a single would pay a higher fee than the fee paid by a student living in a triple. Although appearing to radically solve the problem of whom on campus will obtain singles, it would be a discriminating practice, limiting the chance of those students receiving financial aid ever to obtain singles.

The subcommittee also suggests Senior standing for Veterans or older students entering Bates. These students would then have the same eligibility for obtaining off campus living conditions as any other senior. This is a definite step in the right direction.

As for the other detours met by students trying this route, Batesies are finding themselves lost on an old dirt road. It is clear that some guidelines must be set up to absolve the conflicts of rooming, to let singles be made available to those who really need them, and to let off campus living be an honorary consideration instead of a deterred option.

LCR



by Karen L. Blomquist

The timing of what I have to say about the Representative Assembly could not be poorer than this week. Monday night was the first breast-beating session of the semester for the Assembly, and to choose that night to submit my resignation can only be viewed by others as sour grapes. Instead, however, it was a decision made after a year and a half with the RA, and three and a half years of involvement with Bates politics. The point of this letter is simply to express my view as a former insider who now wants to stand apart and comment.

To say that there is a leadership vacuum on this campus is no exaggeration. Whether it was in the days of the Ad Board, the Committee on College Governance, or the inception of the RA, there have been the same few committed students who have accepted the challenge of getting things together here, and then have found themselves highly ineffective. I'm not any more sure of why this happens than was anyone before me. I am certain, however, that the blame belongs not solely with Lane Hall, or with the Faculty or with Maintenance; they may share in it, but so do the students.

Monday night, the RA chose to put itself through a self-inspection. All well and good, except that it's only one more in a long line of such examinations. Too many such examinations. We've complained about our lack of credibility for

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so long that even that statement is incredible. Monday night did offer two insights to me, though. First, it seems obvious that RA members feel no commitment to the Assembly, nor have they ever. They come when intramurals or exams or movies don't inconvenience them. Because of this discontinuous attendance and overall apathy, we are an uninformed and unprepared body. Major issues like the STU pass us by.

In addition, we think in paradoxes when it comes to our power. We are convinced that the power is there for us to take, and yet we decide to make our first unifying issue a "small" one, door locks. We are unable to transcend petty practicalities, and see the lock issue as merely a symptomatic manifestation of the over-riding problem of lack of concrete definitions of the college's residential philosophy and policies.

For as long as I have been at Bates, it has been a few individuals who have inaugurated change — parietals, coed living, pass/fail, STU opposition. I am not convinced that a representative body cannot be more effective than a few random students. But that body must have the concern and the information and the fire of those individuals. And because of its size, it must have a firm structure. In two years I have rarely seen any of these in the RA. My suggestion, then, is that before we storm Lane Hall demanding locks or respect, we candidly and openly tighten up our own domain.

I resent the rejection of my resignation by the Assembly, as if it were a flighty move. I will not allow my demise to occur because of absenteeism; I'm going out the front door. I will, therefore, again submit my resignation to this body, in the hope that the idealism which engaged so many of our members Monday night will overcome my (and others) cynicism, and that there will be change.

Unveiling the College Club

While preparing to write this article on the College Club, I was amazed to note that not a single student around at the time had the slightest idea of what that organization is or does.

Upon talking to Dean Lindholm and Dave Welbourn, one gets the idea that this general lack of knowledge is brought on not so much by student ignorance as by the fact that the College Club is a low-key body which prefers to work behind the scenes.

Founded in 1891 by a group of Alumni, its purpose was and still is "To take an active interest in current affairs at Bates College; to encourage and to stimulate work in literary and athletic lines; and to promote in any way that may seem desirable the general welfare of the institution." While it may not seem "low-key" from this description (taken from the College Club Handbook), it must be remembered that it is a "service group", and as a result will concentrate more on the less noticeable things on campus. For instance, the Club was behind the renovation of the C. Ray Thompson room in the Gym, which is used as a lounge for coaches, referees, and other visitors. Also, they make sure that the trophy gallery in the Gym is kept up to date.

Perhaps the most important function, according to Dean Lindholm, is in the area of recruiting. (or "Student Promotion", to use a euphemism.) The College Club provides funds to be used in offering scholarships for incoming students. In addition, they serve as representatives of the College in recommending students whom they feel might benefit Bates. This, according to Dave, is one of the ironies of this situation: Many students, while not knowing anything about the group, do not

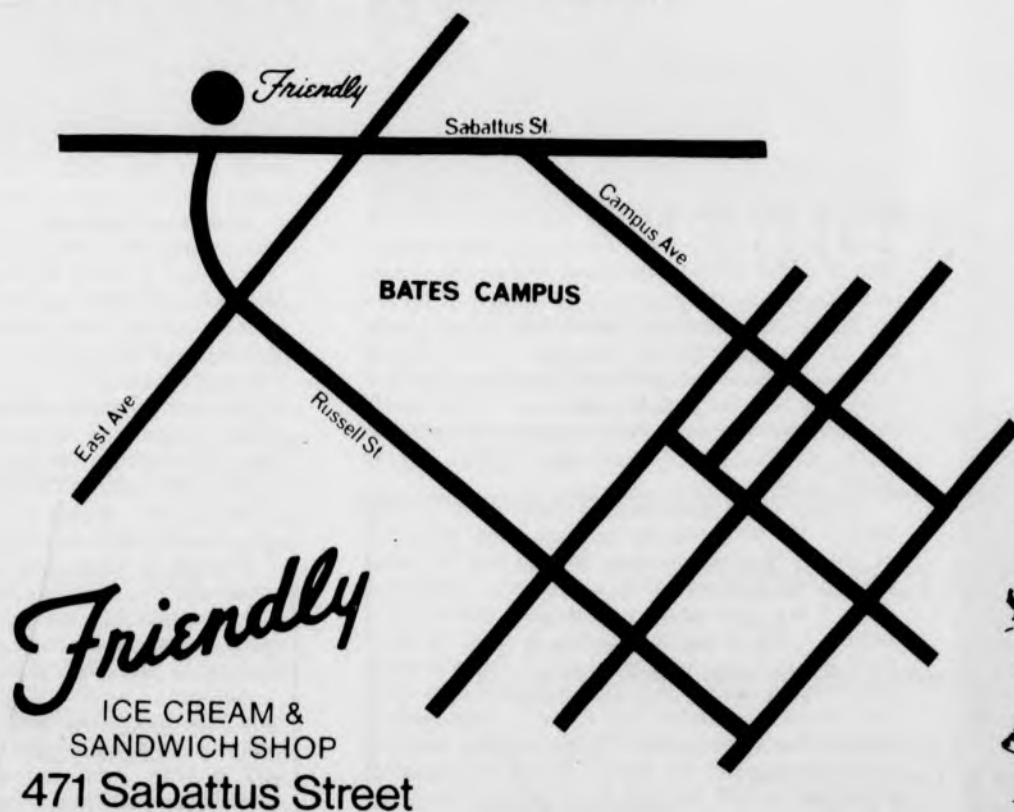
realize that it is through the efforts of the College Club that they are Batesies. Evidently, the Admissions Department trusts the judgment of Club members in their recommendations.

In terms of membership, the rules specify that no more than twelve people may be chosen from any given class; six of them may be named as juniors. This is not a fixed figure, however; a class may contain less. Later on, members may be chosen from the Alumni.

Members represent a diverse section of the Bates community. From the Class of 1970, for instance, the members were John Amols, Mike Atkinson, Charles Kauffman, Dave Lentz, Wayne Loosigian, Steve Mortimer, Peter Murray, Fred Russo, and Jeff Tulis. Juniors elected last Spring were Jeff Day, Randy Erb, and Brad McGrath. Dean Lindholm stated that the key to College Club selection is that the members aren't chosen on a basis of personal distinction, but on one of loyalty and promise of future service to Bates. Members are chosen because the selection committee feels that they will contribute when called upon as alumni. While the organization tends to work as a group, individual efforts in the way of recruiting are an integral part of the formula.

So, while you may be unaware of the College Club's activities for a little while, chances are that there are few areas of Bates which are unaffected by this service group. The Club has, of late, been interested in making its presence known among the students, and co-operation between these people and the Student Body could only help the efforts of both.

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MEMORIES - a pause in my life



I. A Thankful Reflection

I am thankful for this pause in my life because it has given me a chance to experience. For I truly appreciate and love all those opportunities to be a part of the noisemaking sessions with the Gardner, the Adams, the Tapper, the Press, the Brown, the Gould, the Cicco, the Byrne, the Seibel, to name a few. I appreciate the opportunity to have experienced "poetry," as I vainly fumbled around with words to bring together a meaning that I failed to really understand.

I also appreciate the "athletic" scene, for it showed me how bad an athlete I really was. Football: I remember when I first met Mr. Hatch (you know, the football coach.) It was in the Commons and he approached my table and said, "Who is this, Roscoe, your father? Yuk, Yuk, Yuk." Later, I told the coaches my name was John Jenkins (and by coincidence it really was), but how it got changed to Jackson Jenkins beats the hell out of me. Like in practice: "Jackson, get that ball." Naturally assuming that Jackson would get the ball, I didn't react to the command; or "Jenkins, intercept that pass." Assuming that Jenkins had intercepted the pass, I was ready and waiting to throw one of my famous "look-out" blocks for him, but he never got the ball for some strange reason. As things "progressed" I learned the unofficial title of "The Bobcat Cowboy" (that is, I rode the pine.) I rode so much that I used to carry my own special pair of tweezers to the game, so I could pull out splinters during the team's time-outs. Things got to the point that I stopped expecting to play, and would suit-up just to look pretty for the fans. I remember how I used to spend hours and hours psyching myself up for the pre-game warm-ups. I must admit that for every home game (the trips were for team players, not members) I was the prettiest thing on the sidelines. I would casually walk to the sidelines and sit at my



reserved seat on the 50-yard line and wait like the rest of the fans for the game to begin. I knew that I was sharp. I would have on a newly-pressed uniform that had never been worn before (in a game, that is) with new shoes (imitation Adidas) with tape on them to resemble spats. I had on white knee socks and gold silk mohair pants with razor-sharp creases. I had gold wrist bands and matching elbow pads and, depending on whether it was cloudy or not, I would wear a set of white wrist bands or pads. As the team would slowly jog onto the field, I knew in my heart that all those cheers from the fans were for me, and as I assumed by 50-yard line seat, I would feel like a Roi-Tan (a crowd pleaser.) I knew that all those thousands of fans had come for many miles just to get a glimpse of the eighth wonder of the world, "Live and in Color." On a good, sunny day, I would take onto the field with me a bottle of Sea and Ski or Coppertone so I could enrich my tan while watching the game. Sometimes I would bring out a beach chair, put on my sunglasses, lay back and put in the earplugs of my concealed radio (hidden under my winged Wilson shoulderpads) and sip on a bottle of Coke, because things do go better with it.

On the other hand, riding the pine had its drawbacks. One day I was sitting in the training room's whirlpool with a football player (I was a football team member, but he was a player.) The coach walked in and asked him what was wrong. The player responded, saying "Oh, it's just a sprained ankle, it's the same thing old John has." The coach said, "Well, I know yours is from the game," and he looked at me with surprise and



concern and asked, "What happened, Jackson, you fell off the bench?" And a suggestion was made to buy me a harness to decrease my chances of injury from falling off the bench. A strange phenomenon that I could never understand is that every time Roscoe was in the game and he made a good run or he scored, everyone would flock to me, wake me up and pick me up, cheering "Yeah Roscoe, Yeah Roscoe, Yeah Roscoe!" Another drawback was that you had to cautiously and nonchalantly fall off the bench in order to get your clothes dirty, so that you'd have that "played in the game" look.

Things don't stop here. We now want to "run track." My introduction to track came, believe it or not, at football practice. We had just run what seemed to be our 34th consecutive 100-yard dash. I lay face down in the grass and all of a sudden I felt someone standing in front of me. I slightly lifted my eyes and I saw 2 funny-looking shoes staring me in the face. I lifted my eyes three feet above the shoes and I saw a head with a smiling face on it saying, "John, are you thinking about coming out for track?" Dazed and shocked, I pinched myself to see if I was asleep. Five hours later, when I was able to catch my first breath, I learned that this man was the one, the only, the ninth wonder of the world (for I'm the eighth),

the infamous Mr. Walt Slovenski (the people's choice.) This man was and is everything people say, and then some. Why, do you know, at one time this man gave me a bag of garbage to eat, under the guise of a hamburger? Not to mention a long bus trip to U. Vermont, that I halfway made, and Joe Grube and Joe Bradford are my witnesses. Regardless, I must say it's been quite an experience being a part of that team. I guess a lot of things can be summed up in this crazy poem:

"You Get a Funny Feeling When..."

In Track

You get a funny feeling when you're running as fast as you can, and some wise girl on the side yells out so everyone can hear, "He, he, he, look at the fat boy in the back."

You get a funny feeling when you come out of the starting block and you look up, and you see all your competition 20 yards ahead of you in the 60-yard dash.

You get a funny feeling when you're running a race and you are coming in (in last place) and a finishing judge asks you, "Is this a new race?"

In Football

You get a funny feeling when you're walking off the field at the end of a game, and people congratulate you, saying "You really played a good game," and in reality you didn't even get into the game to bring the other players water.

You get a funny feeling when you even ride the pine in practice.

You get a funny feeling when you look at the team roster and your name isn't listed.

In School Experience

You get a funny feeling when you walk into an

exam and you could swear you're in the wrong one.

You get a funny feeling when you just know you did well on a test until you get it back.

You get a funny feeling when you know Mr. Lindholm has made another mistake.

You get a funny feeling when you try for yourself and for those who have faith in you, and you don't make it.

You get a funny feeling when you really think you're sure about something, and you find out that you're not sure about anything.

You get a funny feeling when you develop a closeness with people who have become dear to you, and suddenly that attachment is severed.

You get a funny feeling when you don't even know why you're feeling funny.

I can honestly say, now, that you do get a funny feeling when the opportunity to truly love someone is ended before it ever got started.

Anyway, I am grateful for the opportunity to have experienced this pause in my life, and maybe everyone to some extent needs a pause of some sort in their lives. But anyway, it has been a rewarding, gratifying experience that I do appreciate.

I tried it and I liked it, but now business goes on as usual. Humbly yours, John Jenkins

State of the Union

Lewiston Peace Talks

by Bob Thompson

With the current negotiations between the North Vietnamese and the Americans at an impasse, perhaps what is needed is an entirely new site complete with a new atmosphere. Paris does not seem to be the "in place" for negotiations either now nor in the past. Certainly it can't compare with the Hague, Geneva and Vienna in the annals of great treaty sites.

After all, with the Paris night life you can hardly blame Henry Kissinger for taking advantage of a golden, i.e. blonde, opportunity on the town. Also, if you happened to be Le Duc Tho and had just embarked from Hanoi (not the most peaceful and tranquil place to be) wouldn't you need a few tall cool ones to calm your shell-shocked feelings?

Thus it is a major contention that the entire atmosphere of the peace talks is greatly injured by the entertainment and enjoyment that Paris has to offer the negotiator and their staffs on both sides.

As an alternative, the peace talks should be moved from the city of fun and frolic to a city with less social distraction. Where might you say would such a city exist? Why, of course right here in Lewiston, Maine, 04240. Why this semi-Stoic, anti Epicurean and totally cynical city wasn't chosen for the peace talks in the first place is blatantly obvious. It is too good!



Where else in the world would one find such a spot, except 7/8 of the way to the summit of Mount Everest? Lewiston would be ideal for the talks.

Henry (man about town) Kissinger would be about Lewiston in about six seconds, returning back to his Swan Motor Court suite crying for the talks to come about. Let's face it, culturally, Lewiston has only a limited assortment of tidbits to offer as compared to the filet mignon of the cultural center, Paris. How many times can he dine



in Steckino's or the Steer House? How can he survive on the Lum's German hot dogs boiled in Narragansett beer?

Le Duc Tho would be hard pressed to find any Oriental cuisine what so ever (when's the last time you had Vietnamese or Chinese food or any rice but Uncle Ben's in Lewiston). Certainly his boredom of Lewiston's social life couldn't help but speed up the peace talks, regardless of the directives from Hanoi, Peking or Moscow.

Yes, Lewiston could be the great equalizer, i.e., getting the parties down to serious negotiations. And where could one find a better site for the talks but the Hotel Holly? A settlement would be guaranteed if not within days, within hours or even minutes. Nothing brings people down to earth in seeking a settlement more than adversity and the Holly's atmosphere personifies adversity.

So Washington and Hanoi, if you want a settlement (we're not guaranteeing perpetuity or fairness) send your negotiators to the New Hague of the West - Lewiston, Maine. Lewiston's powers over the psyche would have both negotiators crying with haste - PEACE IN OUR TIME!



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For those seniors who are interested in working toward their Masters in Education, Mr. Bryant from Antioch Graduate School of Education will be on campus on Friday, January 19, to interview any interested students.

Those seniors who are contemplating a business career are reminded that representatives from R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Proctor and Gamble, New England Life, and IBM will be recruiting and interviewing on campus within the next two weeks. All interested students should inquire for appointment times as soon as possible at the Guidance and Placement Office.

R.A. (continued from page 1)

Perhaps the R.A. has no right to have its committees work for locks. But, since the agency which accredits Bates would refuse to do so if there was no student government, it would seem the school should respect the R.A., if only for this reason. Thus, to retrieve its credibility, the R.A. must achieve respectability in the view of the administration.

Karen Blomquist, Vice-President of the R.A. and Head of the Residential Life Committee, resigned, listing as cause "frustration with the powerlessness and inabilities of the students on this campus." Though the assembly voted not to accept her resignation in hope she would reconsider, her complaint seemed the pith of the reason for the R.A.'s lack of credibility.

To gain the student body's support, the efficacy of the R.A. must be seen, and for this to happen, the administration must come to accept the legitimacy of the R.A.'s proposals. Indeed, Bates too must accept the student government as an indispensable part of the school. Only then will Bates truly regain the status of community.

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committees, airline representatives, senior citizens and other groups interested in preserving the discount fares.

On February 28th a National Student Lobby Conference will be held, with students from all parts of the country in attendance, to consider this problem.

At that time, the delegates will visit with their own legislators to urge positive and final action to retain these important fares.

In January, 1968, CAB examiner Arthur S. Present ruled that discount fares limited to persons 12 to 21 years old are "unjustly discriminatory" because age alone isn't a valid distinction between passengers. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Present received mail from college students by the sack load. Their expression of opinion was so overwhelming that the CAB ruled that airline youth fare discounts don't unjustly discriminate against adults. The board put off any decision on a petition to abolish the discounts until a study of whether the fares were reasonable in relation to carrier costs was completed.

Originally youth fares were challenged by National Trailways Bus System, a trade association of bus companies, and by TCO Industries, Inc., formerly Transcontinental Bus System, Inc.

Over \$300.-million is spent by young people on youth fare tickets annually. Each year over 1-million youth fare cards are bought by young people who believe that they are entitled to its benefits until age 22. If the fare is abolished, privileges of the card would be revoked.

A number of state, student and senior citizens and persons from such organizations have endorsed CRADF. Following is a partial list of endorsements: American Association of Retired Persons, California State Universities and College Student President's Association, City University of New York Student Senate, Continental Marketing Corporation, Handicapped Students Organization,

by Ralph

Well, kids, here it is second semester, and it's cold enough to freeze the eyeballs off a brass monkey, as it were. For those of you who, in judging from the quality of my past "columns," concluded that there was no way I wouldn't flunk out — close, but no cigar. I managed to hang in there with a few bunnies. At any rate, the new year is always a time for reflection on the past year and of resolution-making for the new year. It sort of chokes me up to think about all the good times. Maybe if I stopped swallowing my tongue...?

Some of the high points of last year are worth remembering. What about the time the gnome decided to take a midwinter swim in the puddle, but forgot to take off his jeep? And another useless Winter Carnival, whose prospects look gloomier every year — Tom Rush, please give me a break. Remember Dean Isaacson's battle with the Budget Committee, the Pass/Fail fiasco, the Short Term Proposal? Words cannot express how absurd these things were.

David Turner — Coordinator — The High School Project, Michigan Higher Education Students Association, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Timothy Higgins — President — National Student Association, National Student Lobby, New York City Urban Corps, University of California Student Lobby, Wisconsin Youth Caucus, plus some 70 other state student organizations.

A special AIR HOT LINE has been set up to receive telephone inquiries for up-to-date information on this issue. Since CRADF is a non-profit organization, collect calls cannot be accepted. There is; however, a number in Houston, Texas for Western callers and another number in Washington, D.C. for Eastern callers. Please telephone the nearest number if CRADF may be of service.

MEALTIME

Some things of the year past continue on into a new year. Witness the continuing competitive prices of the Bates College Bookstore. They take factory reject shirts, stamp cut "Bates" on them, and sell them for the low price of only \$4.00. And Commons — what can you say about tuna fettucini on a bed of fluffy rice except that it sounds like something out of a Fellini movie. Now, Women's Awareness — I really shouldn't dump on them so much; after all, they aren't really bad kids. As a matter of fact, I think I will resolve to celebrate one day of this coming year as National Women's Awareness Day — April 1. All of these things transcend time — they live on in our minds and hearts and kidneys. Unfortunately, we cannot say so much for the Young Republicans and Democrats, who seemed to peter out rapidly after the election. Such a shame.

Don't get me wrong — I'm looking forward to the New Year: to seeing how the RA is going to do; to seeing if food in Commons is going to improve to a minimal standard; to seeing if the Bookstore is going to continue with such outrageous policies as requiring drop slips for return of books; to seeing if the Gnomes are going to stage their long-awaited coup (it's supposed to be a secret, but their plans involve something like piling up snow around Lane Hall and making giant snow sculpture of an obscene street gesture.)

One thing that you can be sure of, though — I will continue to search for the inner causes of Bates happenings in the objective manner to which you have become accustomed. I may be close to the most irresponsible, good-for-nothing person you will ever not want to know, and if this column has not been down to my usual low standards, I resolve to be more ignorant, crass, crude and otherwise reprehensible in trying to achieve that low standard that I know you all desire.

I'll be Ralphing you!

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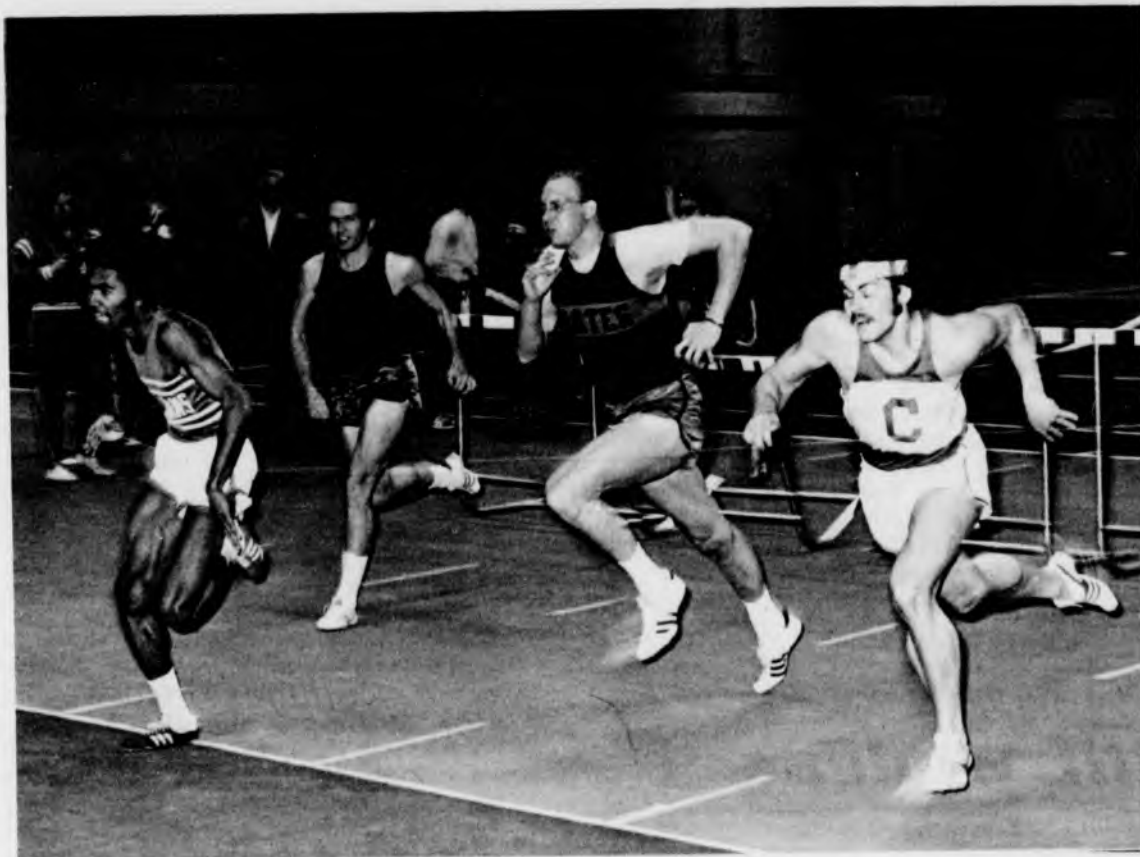
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VACATION SLOWS RUNNERS



60-yd Hurdle Finals- (Left to Right) Mike Reed (Williams), Blake Whitaker (Bates), George Young (Bates), Fiftal (Colby)

On December 8, 1972, the Bates College track team traveled to Orono to meet the University of Maine Black Bears. As it turned out the Black Bears became black flies as they nit picked their way to a stinging 60-49 triumph. Although Bates was the loser there were some fine individual performances turned in. The best individual effort of the night was that of Hank McIntyre. Hank's contributions consisted of a 1:12.9 600 (which he led all the way) and a 49.6 anchor leg of the mile relay. Hank's 49.6 "split" is even more impressive when you consider the fact that Maine had already won the meet. Other performances of note in the close meet were Larry Wood's wins in the shot and hammer. Joe Grube's quick second (4:22) in the mile and Bruce Wicks' equally swift second in the 600 (1:13.3). The freshman class showed great promise as Tom Wells and Bill Bardaglio took firsts in the pole vault and high jump respectively. Bob Cedrone also looked great with his second place finish in the shot (46'9").

Bates meets Maine again at the State Meet on February 10. With improvements in times and distances, the final results could well be different.

Bates started the New Year off with a bang by competing in the Eastern Relays at Colby last Saturday. Although Bates did well, they showed the effects of the twelve days of Christmas plus New Year's eve. Times and distances were not really up to par but this is to be expected. In fact, rumor has it that Bates was the unofficial team victor in the seven team competition. This can be attributed to first place finishes by Tom Wells, Bill Bardaglio and Larry Wood.

Bates sprints into action again on January 13 when they meet Dartmouth and Colgate at Dartmouth.

Intramural B-Ball Action Heavy

With the beginning of the second semester came the opening of the 1973 Intramural Basketball season. Action was heavy over the past week, with complete schedules in all three leagues. This year's A-league competition proves to be as tough, if not more so, than any previous season. One of the big reasons for the great competition seems to be the smaller number of A-league teams (6), thus the talent is not so diluted as in previous years, providing the league with some very capable teams. Tournament time should therefore provide a fine grade of competition this year.

In the two A-league contests this week, Adams outran the Hedge-Roger Bill team 55-37, with Gary Sinclair pumping in 15 points for the victors. Bob Keyes was the game's high scorer, pouring in 17 points for HRW. In the only other contest, JB, defending champions of last year, outlasted a determined Middle five 45-36. Dave MacNaughton sparked the JB attack with 22 points. Sam Huey led the Middle effort with 18 big points and a host of key rebounds.

In the B-league action, ten contests were scheduled with nine completions and one forfeit. Chase-Pierce defeated Adams 33-24, while Hedge-Roger Bill took South, 37-26. North overpowered HRW II 45-26, as Middle II squeaked past Herrick-Wood 37-35. JB I defeated Middle I 51-37 in a high scoring contest. JB II took the night off as the Page team failed to show. In further action, Adams dropped its second of the

season to a victorious HRW I team 35-23. HRW II continued the winning ways, sneaking past South 40-37. North outlasted Herrick-Wood 31-28 in a squeaker. Middle II completed the week's action by defeating JB I 30-25.

The C-league schedule was heavy but action was light with only 3 of the 6 contests being played. The North quintet upheld North's perfect record this week by sneaking past JB I 25-23. JB II trounced Page 42-12, while the Milliken-Herrick-Wood team slaughtered the off-campus team 37-13.

Although the present scene is dominated by basketball, other events will complete the intramural winter schedule. Handball and paddleball tournaments will start January 29, if enough support is given. On Feb. 11, the annual indoor track meet will be held at 2 p.m. Russ will experiment this year by offering a badminton tournament. Sign-ups will be held Feb. 14 along with one on one and three on three basketball. Three on three will be continued from the fall competition, only with dorm points being awarded to the top dorms. The annual Cage Softball League will wind up the intramural winter season with sign-ups Feb. 14. A foul-shooting contest will be held Feb. 8-9 to determine the sharpshooters on campus. All in all, there seems to be quite a complete schedule of sports for the upcoming months.



Hank McIntyre in action.

Skiers Start Division I Competition

Shortly after first semester finals, the Bates Bobcat Ski Team donned their team parkas with the big red "Bs" and began on-the-snow training in preparation for their first year of competition in Division I, among the best collegiate teams in the east. Training was held at well known areas such as Sugarloaf and Gunstock, and at out of the way places with names like Royal Mountain in Johnstown, New York; and Sterling School in Craftsbury Common, Vermont. Intensive training was mixed with a number of open meets which gave team members an early start in a season which is climaxed by four consecutive weekends of carnival competition, including the Dartmouth and Middlebury Carnivals.

In the alpine events, the team has been competing in Maine State Alpine Series races. Alpine skiers include Tri-captain Steve Mathes, Peter Williams, Jim McGuire, Mark Hofmann, Nort Virgien, Bill Smith, Jay Babula, and Mike Quinlivan. Under Steve's able leadership the alpine team has gotten a great deal of work in giant slalom and slalom courses, especially at Royal Mountain during the second week of Christmas vacation. The race results have indicated that the team is tightly packed and has more depth than in the past.

The jumping contingent is definitely the

smallest on the team, consisting of Tri-captain Wayne Lariviere, Nort Virgien, Al Maxwell, and frosh Andy Desmond. These brave lads have flown off some large jumps to date and are gaining experience with every week. Wayne and Nort finished 2nd and 7th in a recent meet among some Division I competitors. Andy trained at home in Minnesota and although Al has been down with mono, he'll be back on the slabs soon. Under Coach Flynn's guidance this quartet will be the most improved part of the team this season.

The Cross Country skiers are now being coached by Dick Trafton, a former Dartmouth varsity skier whose extensive knowledge of the sport is a big plus for the team. The team is led by Tri-captain Charlie Maddaus, Court Lewis, and Mark Hofmann; all of whom have turned in some good performances recently in open competition against some of the best skiers in the country. Jim McGuire, Bill Smith, and Eric Smeltzer have also skied well and will improve as the team gets more time on the snow.

This weekend the Bobcat skiers will travel to New England College for alpine events and Hanover, N.H. for nordic competition. Each meet becomes more important to the team as they approach the championship meet, to be held at Middlebury, in hopes of improving their ranking of 9th in the east.



Mark Hofmann approaches a gate.

skaters still winless

by Stan Fischler

The skaters, despite the use of a "ringer" for the first time in recent games, were unable to enter



the league win column this past week. In the only contest, Michael's Hamburg House was the victor by a 4-1 margin.

Michael's took a first period lead, but after this unfortunate occurrence it took the hustling second line only sixteen seconds to tie it up. (Tom Cronin got the goal, with assists to Bruce Fisher and Bruce Kittredge.)

In the second period, however, Michaels scored twice to put the game out of reach, then added one near the end of the game.

The big news for Bates fans was the debut of Coach J. P. Doyon as a Bates player. Teamed with Prof. Price on defense, he helped keep the score down in a league which now features unlimited use of L&A Twins players.

So, while we lost, it should be noted that this was probably the best first-game-after-vacation in the history of Bates hockey. If the team keeps skating the way it has been, Wednesday nights should be interesting for the next few weeks.

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