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IMPROPERLY INSULATED PIPE RESPONSIBLE FOR FLOODING IN DANA

by Tom Vannah
Senior Reporter

Thursday, December 14, 1978 a pipe in the attic of the Dana Chemistry Building burst, flooding much of the floor space in Dana. The pipe served as a feeder pipe to the sprinklers in the building. Fortunately, little damage occurred; however, the incident caused great concern.



Flooded lab
(photo by Boon Ooi)

The sprinkler system in Dana was installed fourteen years ago when the building was erected. Enclosed from the inside, the pipe was not properly insulated, and the heat in the building was prevented from warming the pipe. Apparently, suggests Mr. Bernie Carpenter, Vice-president of Business Affairs at Bates College, the water in the pipe froze, and caused the pipe to break.

Because the same pipe has

been exposed to fourteen Maine winters, it is interesting that the pipe, which Carpenter claims did not contain anti-freeze as did the pipe on the opposite side of the building, lasted as long as it did. "It was freaky," said Carpenter. The pipe, suggested Dean Carignan, must have frozen on several earlier occasions. "It had been colder in the nights before the pipe broke than it was that night. Bernie Carpenter suggests that the constant thawing and freezing of the water in the pipe probably caused metal exhaustion.

The pipe broke shortly after 5:15 in the afternoon, and the fire department arrived soon thereafter, aiding Bates' maintenance crew in working on the broken pipe and in dealing with the large volume of water pouring into the building.

Dr. James Boyles, Chairman of the Chemistry department, claims that "surprisingly little damage was done." The chemicals stored in the building were untouched by the water and the few highly sensitive instruments which did get wet were, says Boyles, undamaged. The estimate of the cost of damages lies in the area of two hundred dollars. Mr. Carpenter suggests, however, that the effects of the flooding "will be seen for many years to come."

The fire department helped maintenance in the clean up activities. Maintenance spent

time after the incident checking and rechecking the pipe to make sure that the system is safe. Says Carpenter, "All is back to normal."

With a building as new and as highly touted as the Dana Chemistry building it is of concern when a problem as potentially major and damaging as a flood occurs. To insure that a



Cleaning up in Dana
(photo by Boon Ooi)

similar problem does not occur again, the school plans to install an air pressure sprinkler system. The pipes will be filled with air thus removing the possibility of damaging the pipes when they get cold. When the air pressure falls below a certain level a pump is activated and pushing the water out.

"We were lucky", says Carpenter regarding the flooding. "Two hundred dollars is surprisingly little damage."



Ice Storm Bombards Bates

(photo by Boon Ooi)

Educational Policy Committee Report Due This Month

by Jon Marcus
Senior Reporter

The faculty Educational Policy Committee will submit a final report to the faculty this month after its year and a half study of curriculum and degree requirements at Bates.

A preliminary study was originally submitted to the faculty last spring for discussion. "It is clear that the faculty Educational Policy Committee believes that the present distribution requirement does not adequately insure that the Bates degree means a student has studied in the ways which

the faculty consider important," said Dean Straub in September. The EPC also was to make recommendations on how better to assist students in their own improvement of writing skills. Their completed study will serve as a basis within the faculty for a number of weeks during February. After approximately three to four weeks of discussion the Committee will finalize a legislative proposal which will probably go to the faculty in early March.

"I'd rather not deal with specifics in terms of what might be in the final report," Dean Straub said this week. "There will be a chance for students and faculty to read it and discuss it before it goes to the faculty."

The major part of the question to be considered is whether or not the present distribution requirement "adequately assures the faculty that the student has the kind of education the faculty wants him to have." Dean Straub projects that "there will be recommendations to change the present distribution requirement. In my judgment the changes which will be coming out will not be revolutionary but rather evolutionary."

When the report is released, members of the EPC will consult with students, which is one reason for the month-long deliberation period. The RA's own Committee on Educational Policy will also have some input. Other student input came through letters written by the EPC to honors graduates for their evaluation.

The upcoming report will also include proposals on the question of physical education

Science Departments Employ Safety Precautions For Dangerous Chemical Waste Disposal

by Kristen E. Anderson
Senior Reporter

Over the past year, the method of disposing of potentially harmful chemicals in the Bates science buildings has been the focus of intensified concern.

In the past, chemicals have been dumped down the drains leading to the Lewiston sewerage disposal system. Before Dana Chemistry Building was erected in 1965, the chemicals were often the source of plumbing problems. The old chemistry building, now Hedge Hall, had lead pipes that could not handle the strong chemicals over a long period of time. The current chemistry building was outfitted with special Pyrex plumbing to alleviate the problem; since then, however, the amount of chemicals being flushed through the system has been greatly reduced due to environmental concern.

Philip Wylie, Asst. Prof. of Chemistry and safety officer, explains that more sophisticated analysis has concluded that chlorinated hydrocarbons (such as carbon tetrachloride and chloroform) are more dangerous to the environment than previously thought. Chloroform, for example, is now regarded as a carcinogen. These chemicals are now being collected for future disposal, whereas in previous days - as recently as last year - they may have been flushed down the drains.

Wylie notes that for the last year, any flammable, dangerous, or unknown chemicals have been turned over to the Lewiston Fire Dept., which burns them in a controlled fire. He is not particularly pleased with this method, as some inorganics are not destroyed, but says that at this time it is the only local alternative to long term storage.

As for the non-flammables, such as the chlorinated hydrocarbons, he says that the sewerage disposal system cannot take care of this kind of waste. Therefore, the department is careful to avoid disposing of such waste in the system.

Bob Thomas, Asst. Prof. of Biology, stressed that the science departments deal with very small amounts of any type of harmful chemical. "We probably don't dispose of much more than regular households do, with their Drano, etc." He is mostly concerned about experiments with toxins. Special precautions are taken for students working with harmful chemicals. The chemicals are then either collected for professional disposal, or diluted and washed down the drains. He says that dilution of these chemicals is a very effective safety precaution.

The disposal of radioactive materials is another source of concern. Bates has a contract with a Massachusetts firm, Interex, that professionally disposes of the radioactive materials the science departments collect. Interex provides big drums in which materials are deposited. Thomas admits that some material is lost, but not enough to be environmentally dangerous. He stresses that the radioactivities of these materials is quite low. The biology department also has a Hot Sink, in which any lab dishware having traces of radioactivity, is flushed for a whole day with water.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulates the procedures for disposing of radioactive materials. An individual must be able to demonstrate his ability to handle these materials before being

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EDITORIAL

With the beginning of a new semester, the *Student* has undergone a number of significant improvements. Efforts toward these improvements were initiated with the intention of increased professionalism and a higher quality of journalism. The most easily recognizable change is a physical reorganization in the structure and headings of the newspaper. This reorganization was undertaken in order to conform to basic journalistic rules while making the *Student* easier to read. More importantly, the content of the newspaper has begun to undergo a change. During the ensuing weeks, the staff of the *Student* will concentrate their collective efforts on providing detailed explanation and coverage of a number of issues vital to campus life. In addition to continued arts and sports reporting, there will be a strong effort to place a major emphasis on news and investigative reporting. It is the opinion of the editors that reporting implies more than a simple recounting of readily available information. The staff of the *Student* hopes to supply its readers with answers to the many questions about various aspects of Bates College that have previously remained unanswered. A number of featured news briefs columns will also constitute a portion of the newspaper's reporting, adding short items about Bates, Lewiston, and the world to each week's news coverage.

ROBERT COHEN

Commentary

Crowded Classes Continue

Again this semester, students and faculty are suffering from and the administration is ignoring — the problem of overcrowded classes. Never before has the incidence of these large sessions been so noticeable, despite complaints by students and numerous commentaries in this newspaper earlier this year.

Quoted in one such first semester commentary was a seemingly hypocritical description of Bates College displayed prominently in the College Catalogue and other college literature: "Today Bates remains a relatively small, co-educational liberal arts college," it reads, "devoted to the pursuit of knowledge and to the dignity of individual persons." Yet freshmen and, this semester, even upperclassmen, fall prey not to "relatively small" classes, but to overflowing sessions that fill up the Filene Room to the extent that students are forced to sit in the aisles. These same students find their "pursuit of knowledge" forestalled in the interest of jamming as many bodies as possible into any available space and "the dignity of individual persons" also sacrificed in that interest, despite the grudging willingness of a few professors to spend valuable class time trying to learn names.

This overcrowding is a hypocritical fault of a college that rests on a "small school" reputation, despite the fact that this reputation is displayed effectively before prospective freshmen year after year, while the classes simultaneously become larger and larger. These same applicants, if accepted, make a commitment to spend four years of undergraduate study here, and make the additional substantial financial commitment on top of that. Yet, upon their arrival, they discover that they've signed up for a class that doesn't even fit into any available classroom. And this semester, the unlucky freshmen have been joined by a substantial number of upperclassmen trying

to fill their requirements.

Many obvious disadvantages stem from this large-scale problem. A lack of rapport between students and teachers yields a lack of inclination on the student's part to join in class discussions, complete homework assignments or, indeed, to attend class at all. The former result decreases class participation; the latter furthers that end, as students feel their absence in a class of more than a hundred, in some cases, could not possibly be noted. Nor is homework completed, as students feel their extra efforts on assignments would be futile if teachers cannot even take the time to acknowledge individual excellence.

First semester overcrowding also brought about hardships for the faculty, as can be most easily seen in the fact that teachers had no chance to make individual comments on corrected final exams. This also holds true throughout the semester itself when papers and exams must be returned late, allowing little chance for students to realize and improve upon their errors before the next paper is due. Teachers, too, must sacrifice their own time to correct papers and even conduct extra classes. Several notable teachers who will be leaving when the year ends have been stuck with unwieldy classes so big that extra sessions have become necessary; indeed, it seems that teachers bear an even bigger brunt of the additional load than do students. Worthwhile programs that may have been developed by faculty committees take a back seat to the extra work and the college community, as a whole, suffers.

Meanwhile, back in spacious Lane Hall, administrators continue to ignore pleas that the practice of overcrowding classes be curtailed. They quietly continue to send out the contradictory "small school" literature to prospective freshmen and rake in tuition fees from

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Letters to the Editor

BEHAVIOR

To the Editor:

Recently, one of the windows in my room, as well as another window in the dorm, was broken because someone on campus felt like playing with a BB gun. Shortly thereafter, the newspaper published the figures concerning the amount of dorm damage done this semester. It frightens me to think of the carelessness and irresponsibility that pervades many aspects of campus life. Contrary to public opinion, this is a college, not an animal house. What has happened to the student who is more than a machine cranking out grades and fulfilling requirements in a minimal amount of time so that the remainder of his time may be spent mindlessly and often destructively? Isn't one reason why we are here to learn to value, respect, and live with other human beings? How can we profess to belong to a community which is theoretically dedicated to the enlightenment and liberation of the human mind and at the same time tolerate the thoughtless and wasteful way of life made clear by the amount of dorm damage that occurred this semester?

Andrea Simmons

COURSE EVALUATIONS

Dear Sir,

This week, students will be filling out evaluations for the courses taken last semester, and it is now time to express extreme concern and disappointment in last semester's lack of student effort. During Registration week, many complaints were

The Randy Reports

Where Have You Gone Chuck Fairbanks?

by Tad Baker
Senior Reporter

On New Year's Eve I witnessed a death. This death was not, surprisingly enough, a highway fatality or other alcohol related incident. I am referring to the much lamented demise of the New England Patriots football team. I was "fortunate" enough to be sitting in the stands as the Houston Oilers crushed the latest edition of the Foxboro Follies by a tally of 31-14. The game was somewhat of a tragedy-comedy. Most fans did not know whether to laugh or to cry, so instead they spent their time getting beer refills. What could be more hilarious and tragic than having the quarterback of the most powerful offense in the AFC play so badly that the longest completed pass was thrown by his halfback. Most of my time was divided between training my binoculars on the Patriots' cheerleaders and watching the police trying to break up some really exciting fights in the stands.

It seemed like the return of an era, the Clive Rush Era. Surely Grogan resembled the great Mike Taliferro at quarterback, and don't ask who Mike Taliferro was. As we left the stadium it began to rain and I could not help

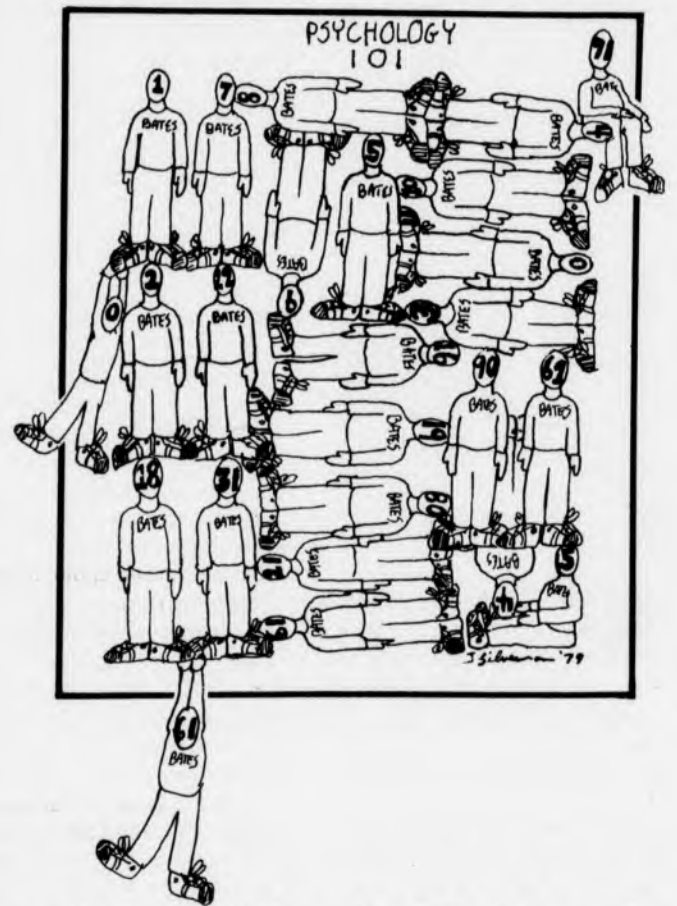
received concerning the fact that the Course Evaluation booklets were not published. The cause of its absence was very simple, no student involvement.

Compiling the booklet requires a lot of effort and if left to one or two people, it is an enormous project. We were extremely pleased with the number of students responding with the improved forms, but that was to be the end of student cooperation. Numerous notices and ads, as well as other forms of recruiting, were attempted, but to no avail. After spending many weeks devising the new forms along with a computer program for tabulation, we were upset to find that no one would aid in sorting forms, compiling comments, or typing. The workload

for preparing the booklet has been drastically reduced with the use of computer tabulation, but people are still needed. We refuse to devote many weeks to accomplish this task alone when, with aid, it can be done in a few days.

Without student involvement, this program will unfortunately be lost. Disappointment expressed last semester clearly testified to the fact that both students and faculty value this service. It is an important program, but it will be discontinued should student cooperation not improve. If students want the evaluations they must also be willing to give of their time. It is very unnecessary to forego this service

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BATES BRIEFS

Bates junior Kurt Jepson was a passenger in a car involved in a head-on collision with a moose last Thursday evening in Bethel. The car struck the moose while travelling approximately fifty miles an hour, smashing both the front and rear windshields. Kurt escaped with several minor cuts. The moose, however, was not so lucky.

* The New York String Quartet will conduct a Workshop tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. in Chase Lounge. The Quartet, brought to the Lewiston-Auburn area by APL and LPL, agreed to come to Bates at the request of the music department.

On Friday, January 5, at approximately 11:00 p.m., a hit-and-run accident occurred on Frye Street involving a Bates student's car. The car was parked in front of Pierce House at the time. Reports of a yellow Datsun pick-up leaving the scene of the accident heading down College St. away from campus were called in to Security immediately by a student who witnessed the accident. Minutes later, the incident was confirmed by the owner of the hit vehicle.

* For those waiting for books to arrive at the Bookstore, several orders for books were placed weeks ago, but due to mix-ups by the publishers,

problems with the mail during the Christmas season, etc., they have not yet arrived. For one Anthropology course, for example, the correct books were ordered; however, when the box arrived and was opened, it contained 50 cookbooks.

* On Saturday evening, January 6, during a party held in Chase Hall, obscenities were scrawled on the walls of lower Chase Hall in black crayon. Chief of Security, Chet Emmons, remarked that students should realize the impact of such actions and not be afraid to report them when witnessed. As Mr. Emmons said, "It doesn't cost us. It costs them (all of the students)."

Plans Changed For Mountain Avenue House

by Tad Baker
Senior Reporter

The house owned by the college at 40 Mountain Avenue is currently undergoing renovation. When the work is finished, it will become the new home of Bernard Carpenter the Vice-President of Business Affairs for the college. Originally the college had planned to use the building for extra faculty office space. This would have helped to alleviate the current faculty crowding in Libbey

frustrating process which involved seven separate meetings with city officials. Eventually it became apparent that a variance was not forthcoming and the college gave up its attempts. Mr. Carpenter went on to claim that in fact the city had been understanding and cooperative in the college's quest for the change, but that they were not in the practice of making exceptions to the zoning ordinances.

More faculty office space is in



photo by Elizabeth Kohen

Forum which is adjacent to the Mountain Ave. property.

The college gave up the plans for offices when they ran into zoning problems. The Libbey Forum side of Mountain Avenue is zoned Residential 1, which restricts buildings to single family dwellings. In order to get offices put into the house, a variance would be needed from the city of Lewiston. Mr. Carpenter said that it had been a

the planning stages, but will probably not be a reality until the completion of the current capital campaign. At that time, the basement of the library will be opened up, thus freeing other space on campus for offices.

Mr. Carpenter and his family will be moving from their house at 226 College Ave., a large thirteen room dwelling which will eventually be used as a dormitory.

WORLD NEWS CAPSULES

A French oil tanker Betelgeuse exploded at the Gulf Oil terminal in Bantry, Ireland. The number of deaths is estimated to be 50. At the time of the explosion, the tanker had unloaded about two-thirds of her 31 million gallons. The cause is unknown.

* Over 700 foreign officials and advisors have fled into Thailand as fighting continues in Cambodia. A "liberation" group calling itself the People's Revolutionary Council of Cambodia has announced the formation of a government in

which their leader, Heng Samrin, will serve as President.

* United States officials have advised the Shah of Iran to leave the country temporarily in order to maintain stability in Iran. This advice marked a turning point for the Carter Administration, which for weeks had resisted suggesting that the Shah should leave.

* Court-ordered busing plans will be reviewed by the Supreme Court. The decision to review long-running school desegregation battles in Columbus and Dayton, Ohio, will

allow the Court to clarify recent ambiguous rulings about how much and what type of segregation a judge must find before he can order busing or other remedial action.

* Richard Nixon was in the news once again this week. The former president has been nominated for a Grammy Award, the music industry's version of the coveted movie Oscar. This nomination came about for his recording of "The Nixon Interviews with David Frost." Frost was also nominated for that work.

DATELINE: LEWISTON

200-250 Lewiston residents were without power for an extended period of time early this week due to the heavy ice storm that struck the city last weekend.

* People applying for zoning variances in Lewiston (this includes Bates College) will now

have to prove undue hardship as the invalid zoning ordinance will soon be brought into compliance with the state law.

* An Oxford airport organization called Planes and Pilots, owned by Hamilton and Sons of Auburn, is considering taking over air flight service for the Lewiston-Auburn Municipal

Airport. The company would offer flights to and from Boston twice a day 5 days a week. A concrete proposal should be drawn by February 1.

* 72% of the 1979-1980 Lewiston school budget will be used for reimbursements and other salary related expenditures.

CROWDING

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smothered students.

A semester of unprecedented overcrowding at Bates is about to be continued throughout another semester despite increasing resentment toward the practice. Perhaps this semester this most vital issue will be resolved; hopefully, the many upperclassmen now in overcrowded sessions can contribute toward this end. The small-school feature should not fade more and more into the past. It should, instead, be revived - and soon - and be continued into the future as the positive asset of Bates College it once was.

Jon Marcus

computer program, compile written comments and type up pages. If many people devote half an hour each to help out, this could all be easily done, with no strain on any few.

This semester, an additional sheet is being distributed with the form, requesting student involvement. All that is necessary is a small amount of time from many students and there is really no reason for another semester without the booklet. The benefits of this service far outweigh the effort required. We do thank those who have helped in the past and hope for their further assistances. Please return those forms and/or contact anyone in Campus Association to help out. Student assistance is needed immediately.

Thank you,

Debbie Ellis

Debbie Burwell

Campus Service Commission

Campus Association

EVALUATIONS

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as a result of apathy.

Student involvement is twofold. First, the forms must be completed for each course and returned. This task involves, at most, a few minutes. Secondly, people are needed to help run the

RANDY REPORT

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for the loss. Finally, my mother (who understands football about as well as I can read ancient hieroglyphics) interrupted us. "Why blame Fairbanks?" she

said. "He can only do what the coach tells him to." Needless to say this statement nearly started World War III.

The Patriots are only the latest disappointment for the terminally beleaguered New England sports fan. The Red Sox took almost two months to die this year, as they feebly lingered on into October. The collapse was slow and painful. At least we should thank the Pats for folding quickly. Since October the Red Sox have apparently sewed up their collapse for next year by getting rid of Tiant and Lee and replacing them with the venerable Stan Papi. Stan who?

The Celtics are so terrible that we don't have to worry about their collapse. Celtics fans spend most of their time these days trying to figure out how they can equate Marvin Barnes with Celtic Pride.

Meanwhile, the Bruins are so badly battered that they are trying to get group rates at Mass. General Hospital. As usual, this year the Bruins have proven that they can beat every team except Les Canadiens. Perhaps we could convince Montreal to form its own league.

Whoever coined the phrase "wait till next year" must have been a New England sports fan. Who else would be masochistic enough to wait till next year just so that he could say wait till next year again?

SMITH HALL SEWAGE CLOG INCONVENIENT

by Janet Silverman

During the evening of December 11, Richard Bursaw, one of the three residents of Smith North 11 (the only room in Smith with a private bath and shower), was taking a shower when suddenly sewage began pouring out from the drain of the shower. Within minutes, the floor of Room 11 and the hall outside were flooded with sewage. Gil Morin of Maintenance attributed the problem to a "plugged up sewer."

The flood wreaked havoc not only in the basement room, but in the rest of Smith North as well. The residents of North could not use the showers, sinks and toilets for a day and a half. This necessitated the inconvenience of using facilities elsewhere on campus.

Steven Gillespie, another resident of the room slept that night in another room, while roommates Richard Bursaw and Camden Pierce chose to remain in the flooded and odor filled room.

According to Patrick Thibodeau, Smith maintenance man, it took maintenance two days to clean up the mess. The floor was washed three times, and the men were provided with new sheets and pillowcases.

Al Johnson, Director of

Maintenance, described the situation as the result of a "plugged up sewer drain," which necessitated calling Roto Rooter because "we just couldn't do it with our equipment." It was a six inch sewer line that was plugged up. The unidentified matter clogging the lines was "eventually pushed through the main line." Johnson added that plumbing accidents, whether they are caused by clogged, frozen, or broken pipes "could happen with any sewer line on campus," and could happen at "any time."

Note: As the *Student* prepared to go to press, the residents of the Smith North basement became victims of another flood. This most recent accident was caused by a broken pipe, filled with clean water, discovered by students at 4 a.m. on January 10th.

The water flooded not only the rooms of students residing in the basement, but the conference room, lounge, kitchen, laundry room, and bicycle storage area as well. Maintenance arrived to clean up the basement in the morning, removing the flood water but leaving some students with soaked personal belongings which had been on the floors of their rooms:

COMPUTER CENTER TO OPEN DESPITE PLANNING CONFLICTS

by Jon Marcus
Senior Reporter

The new Bates computer center is progressing on schedule this week after the recent arrival of the \$283,000 computer itself. The unit is being stored pending completion of an air conditioning system for its new quarters in the basement of Coram Library. The computer will be activated February 1st and final construction should be completed over the winter break.

Room 6 in Coram will house the new terminal center while the new computer will be located in the newly renovated basement complex. A machine room, seminar room, service room and new offices will also be located in the basement.

In a recent development, current Administrative Applications Specialist Donald Smeaton, Lane Hall computer programmer, has been named as operations manager of the computer complex.

The computer center renovations will add two ports to the existing six Dartmouth network terminals and add eight local ports. "We're tripling our capacity in one fell swoop," explains Gordon Wilcox, director of the center. "One of the reasons we're expanding our Dartmouth ports is in anticipation of heavy usage during March and April." Mr. Wilcox sees two reasons for the projected heavy usage. The first is the fact that students are finishing their theses and honors projects at that time. The second reason, he believes, is that instructors introducing classes to the computer system "get on the bandwagon in the spring rather than in the fall." However, despite the expected added load, the new computer is not expected to be used fully this spring while instruction on its

operation begins. A cause-sponsored faculty workshop will be held under a National Science Foundation grant this summer to give the faculty an opportunity to become acquainted with the new local facilities.

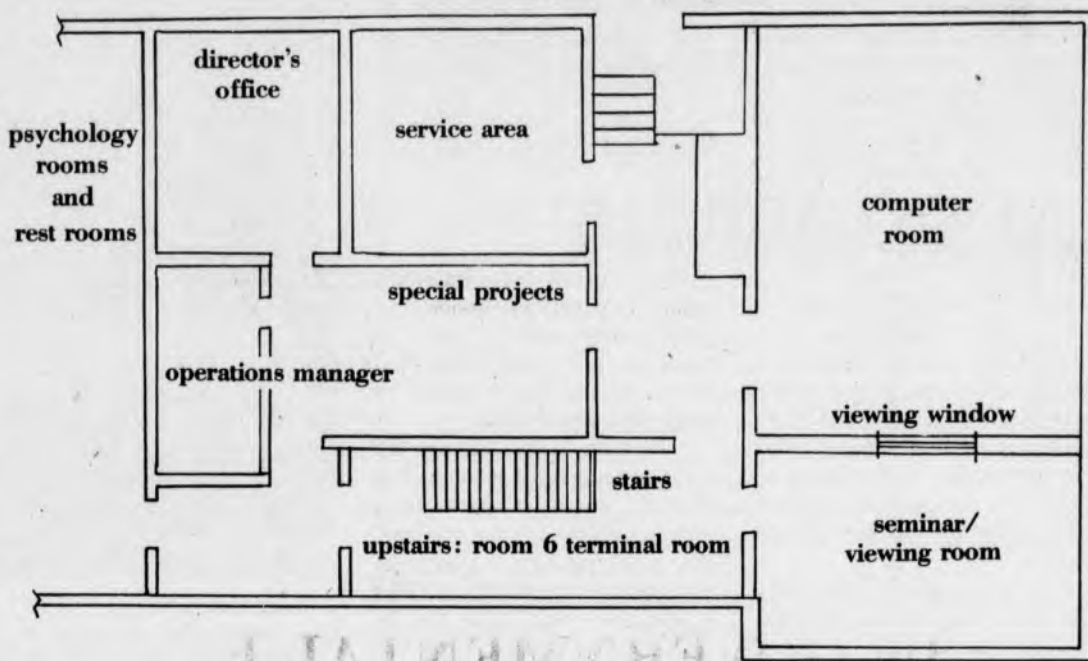
planned dry sciences building was vetoed, there was no prospective home for the computer complex. The only remaining large amount of space was under Coram, where it was decided that the center would be

psychology - no other department was in any way involved with this." In addition, Dean Straub believes "we did not have many options other than putting it where it's going. I'm sure in the designing of the basement of

deed, much effort was put into strengthening existing fixtures. The plumbing problems in Dana Chemistry, the newest building on campus, and in Smith Hall contribute to the question of whether leakages or breakdowns may occur, damaging the expensive new equipment. Director Wilcox, however, is confident that no such breakdowns will occur, as sensors that will cause automatic equipment shutoff in the case of smoke or fire, water, high humidity, or extreme temperature have been installed. The computer will be set upon a raised platform floor and surrounding pipes, which conduct steam heat throughout the building, have been sealed in insulated fiberglass. Yet some others still have their doubts and believe that damage to the \$283,000 system is likely because of these engineering difficulties. Dean Straub acknowledges that "there were differences of opinion on design. The problem was an immediate need to expand space. I was not in on the engineering of things, (but) my understanding is that colleagues are reasonably satisfied."

Despite conflicts and problems, the new computer center is scheduled to be in operation within three weeks and in full swing by March. To quell other possible fears of faculty, Mr. Wilcox adds "we're going to make the local computer available for public use after winter break" to all departments. Still, if the behind-the-scenes conflicts and compromises were any indication, the new complex will not be greeted with complete enthusiasm by everyone. Some still believe problems in development will expound themselves as operations begin, possibly with unhappy consequences.

NEW BATES COMPUTER CENTER (Coram Basement)



The development of the computer complex was not without its conflicts and compromises, and now that the project is nearing completion several sources have begun to discuss those developmental problems. Most importantly, and quickly admitted by all involved, was the problem of location. Originally, the space used by the old partitioned computer center was to have been used by the main library when it expanded, necessitating a move. This was compounded by the fact that an NSF grant was to be used for computer expansion. When a

set up. Those involved, however, do not hesitate to admit that there was opposition to the proposed location. Most vehement opposition came from the psychology department, which now occupies Coram. Compromises granted one psychology classroom to the complex in exchange for which two new psychology classrooms were constructed in the basement. "As I understand it, there were some differences of opinion in the committee," says Dean Straub, who worked with the group. "The agreement about space was made with

Coram there were differences of opinion and probably compromises." Director Wilcox agrees that a compromise was made in this area, and acknowledges one other problem. "The project has been guided by the faculty Committee on Computer Services. The only question that has reached me was whether too many games were being played on the computer."

Other sources, however, believe that the basement is not structurally sound to support the computer. This seems to be supported by the fact that, in-

Student Role On Faculty-Student Committees Unclear

by Joline Goulet
Junior Reporter

The general lack of feedback from student members of faculty-student committees prompted the *Student* to inquire about these students' roles. Several student committee members were interviewed and it was learned that, for the most part, roles seem unclear. Two of the students interviewed were veterans of more than one committee. Both expressed a feeling that their work on one committee had been more valuable to and more favorably received by faculty members than on the other.

Students were asked whether they were treated as equals by faculty members. All answers

were positive, although one student said he sensed some resentment aimed at him by one of his faculty counterparts. When asked if she thought her opinions had any real effect on decisions, a young woman explained that the degree to which students can influence decisions depends largely on the type of committee. Some committees are largely deliberative, and student input is very valuable here. But she feels that the subjects under discussion by a committee should receive greater publicity.

Carl Straub, Dean of the Faculty and chairman of the Educational Policy Committee, commented quite candidly that there is no statement which spells out the particular duties of

students members of faculty committees. He explained that several years ago the faculty decided to allow students to serve on certain committees, to function in the same manner as members of the faculty. Dean Straub stressed the idea that these students are full voting members. They are not necessarily representing the student body, but study and discuss issues, as well as vote on them, as individuals. As

full members of the committees, students are responsible to the faculty, not to the student body. The dean said with emphasis that committees deal with nothing confidential, but that timing must govern communication of a committee's decisions. As faculty committees, it is only fitting that they inform all faculty members before the rest of the college community.

Dean Straub feels that "by and large, students serve faculty

committees well." He is disappointed, though, by the "surprisingly little interest" most students show in serving on one. The work, he feels, is often time consuming, and not always interesting. He suggests that perhaps the process by which members are selected might be reviewed, and that perhaps a mechanism is needed by which student committee members could solicit opinions of their classmates.

Bates College Undergoing Reaccreditation

by Brad Fuller


A committee from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges will visit the campus during March 11-14 to consider Bates for reaccreditation as an institute of higher learning. This reevaluation process occurs at all New England colleges and universities every ten years, and the last time Bates received reaccreditation was in the winter of 1968.

Because the NEASC considers Bates an "established" school, the agency is allowing the college

to evaluate itself in a limited number of areas where "external judgment and criticism are desired or likely to be useful. As a result, President Reynolds established a Steering Committee last spring with the following members: Chairman of the academic divisions, the Vice-president for Business Affairs, the Librarian, the Acting Dean of Admissions, the Associate Dean of the College, the Dean of the Faculty, and students Diane Georgeson and Chris Howard.

The Steering Committee met during short term and selected three areas where "external judgment and criticism" was

seen to be needed. The areas selected included the question of "general education" and how the degree requirements should be shaped for all students regardless of their majors, the quality of student life "as conditioned by the residential and extracurricular aspects of the College," and admission policies. Dean Straub indicated that reports in these three areas will be submitted by the Faculty Educational Policy Committee, the Faculty Committee on Admission and Financial Aid, and an ad-hoc committee on residential life chaired by Professor Kolb.



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WOODROW WILSON VISITING FELLOW TO KEEP BUSY SCHEDULE

by Kristan Hauser



Mrs. Gene D. Dahmen

Mrs. Gene D. Dahmen, a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow, will present various seminars and discussions during her stay, starting Sunday, January 14. Mrs. Dahmen practices law in Boston and is particularly interested in divorce, child custody and domestic cases, education, medical and hospital problems, sex discrimination in employment, and other women's issues.

Her seminars, discussions, and lectures reflect her interests. Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Hirasawa Lounge, Mrs. Dahmen will lead a panel discussion entitled "Violence in the Family: Legal Remedies?" which should be an engrossing and potentially pertinent subject. Margaret Rotundo, Assistant Director of the OCC will be Moderator, with State Senator Barbara Trafton,

David Beaulieu, '79, Frank Ficarra, '79, and Catherine Kimball, '80, on the Panel.

Mrs. Dahmen is also giving a series of three seminars on "Government Policy and the Family" Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons from 4:00-5:15 in Hirasawa Lounge. Those interested in attending should register with Professor Hodgkin in 16C Libbey Forum, or with Mrs. Sylvester in 302 Lane Hall.

Monday the 15th at 7:30 p.m., a careers discussion sponsored by the Legal Studies Club entitled "The Practice of Family Law" will be held in Skelton Lounge. Mrs. Dahmen will speak and all are welcome.

Tuesday the 16th at 6:30 she will lead an informal discussion on "Prison Reform" in Skelton Lounge, sponsored by New World Coalition and the Government Club. As a member of the Boards of Directors of the Crime and Justice Foundation

and the Prisoners' Rights Projects, Mrs. Dahmen will bring first hand insight to the problem.

Attention pre-meds! Wednesday the 17th, Mrs. Dahmen will discuss "Medical Practice and the Law" in Hirasawa Lounge, sponsored by the Medical Arts Society.

Mrs. Dahmen will attend numerous classes during her visit, including education 242, 362; Sociology 210, 217, 231, 318, 324; and Psychology 210.

Any person who is interested in meeting Mrs. Dahmen should take advantage of the office hours she is offering in 223 Chase Hall. They are as follows: 10:00-11:30 the 16th; 2:30-4:00 the 17th; 4:00-5:00 the 18th; and 9:00-11:00 the 19th. Her own experiences and ambitions in law school, as a practicing attorney, and as a working mother can provide an interesting, often amusing backdrop for discussions.

JB RENOVATION MONEY TIED UP IN GOVERNMENTAL RED TAPE

by Jeffrey Lyttle
Junior Reporter

For almost half a year, construction of the gym has been under way. It has gone almost unnoticed to students. Yet, there has been more visible con-

struction taking place on campus. John Bertram Hall, for instance, was still being renovated when students came back for classes this fall. As of late, Bates College has been caught in an embarrassing and

very annoying situation. Namely, half of the money appropriated for renovation of J.B. has not yet been received. The source from which the college is getting this money is from HUD, in Manchester, N.H., in the form

of an accordant loan (there is only 3% interest on the loan and the college is allowed 40 years to pay it back).

Judy Marden, Liason Officer for College Functions, explained the situation in which the college is stuck. "It's government red tape, basically." Bates applied for a loan of \$453,000 in August of 1977. After a great deal of financial review Bates was notified of their reservation of funds. "We've never done this before," stated Ms. Marden in reference to the application of a

loan from HUD. The office in Manchester is "in limbo" since it is moving from its present location to Boston; which is a reason for some of the delay in receiving the appropriation. Also, HUD repeatedly requested additional information, which became another factor in delaying the overall process. "Right now it looks like we'll get the money in four to five weeks," Ms. Marden added. "Since everything is so chaotic at HUD, it makes me think that Bates is very efficient."

Campus Service Commission Meeting Student Needs

Campus Service Commission functions, in general, as a sponsor and coordinator of volunteer service for the college community. Various programs are designed specifically to meet the need of the students and to make campus life less inconvenient. Included in these are such services as the Used Bookstore, campus mail, ice-cream and magazines for the infirmary, coffee during finals, course evaluations, and bus transportation for vacations. The Freshman Guide is a special booklet provided to incoming students to aid their getting to know their new college and community. Campus Service also provides diversionary programs such as the Poster/Print sale, Experimental College, Ballroom Dancing Lessons and the Annual Library Sale. Finally, as an ongoing service on behalf of the campus, a Foster Child Sponsorship is provided.

Campus Service Commission functions successfully only to the extent of student involvement and willingness to help. Although successful in the past, this year's commission wishes to encourage student participation, particularly underclassmen, in an effort to insure continuity and encourage the idea that college life is more than academics. While updating current programs, the Commission looks forward to creating new

programs as well as reactivating forgotten services. These include The Christmas Craft Sale, Off-Campus Coordinator, Sign Language Clinic Senior Junk Sale, expansion of the Experimental College, and a Plant Clinic. The purpose of this years commission can be stated as a

commitment to improving campus communication and expanding involvement so to better utilize campus talent. This can be achieved only by increasing the students' knowledge and awareness of Campus Association and its many worthwhile programs.

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- 11:00 a.m.** *Augusta To Bates Torch Run*
- 6:00 p.m.** *Film Festival Begins*
- 6:30 p.m.** *Bonfire & Skating Party*

FRIDAY

- 9:30 p.m.** *Gong Show*

SATURDAY

- 8:00 a.m.** *Dorm Breakfast & Cartoons*
- 10:00 a.m.** *Traying & Tobogganing Competitions*
- 11:00 a.m.** *Mount David Slalom Course*
- 12:15 p.m.** *Cross Country Ski Race*
- 1:30 p.m.** *Snow-Snake Competition*
- 2:00 p.m.** *Cross-Country Ski Obstacle Course*
- 2:30 p.m.** *Snow-Shoe Race*
- 3:00 p.m.** *Alaskan Blanket Toss*
- T.B.A.** *Dinner & Sherry Hour*
- 9:00 p.m.** *Winter Carnival Ball*

SUNDAY

- morning** *Snow Sculpture Judging*
- evening** *Coffeehouse/Concert, Chuck Kreuger*

by **Tim Lundergan**
Senior Reporter

This year's Winter Carnival will center around the post-war 1940's. There will be a formal dance and a revival of the crowning of a carnival queen and her court. Also, the Film Festival will present a number of classic flicks, including Casablanca, which sets the tone of the Forties, and Deep Throat, which does not. The Winter Olympics will include a number of innovations as well.

Some students, particularly those trying to think up a subject for a snow sculpture, have wondered why the committee chose the Forties as its theme, since, with the very notable exception of World War Two, nothing much seems to have happened then. However, the Chase Hall Committee wanted to bring back the formal dance. The Fifties were eliminated as a theme because they are often chosen for nostalgic events. (The Hubcaps, for instance, have already held a Fifties dinner-dance.) The Twenties and Thirties are already covered by Casino night. This left the Forties or the Teens. The Forties won.

The Forties featured the tail end of the Big Band era and the beginning of the post-war baby boom, some wierd fashions in clothes and some classic cars. The committee is hoping for a lot of snow and a considerable amount of inventiveness among sculptors this year. It's suggested that anyone who is stumped for an idea could take a look at old Life magazines.

This year many of the organizers want to emphasize events which will involve active participation rather than just being presented to students. In addition to the snow sculpture contest, the Outing Club will be running the Winter Olympics. In addition to contestants, people who would like to help set up, run, or judge events are very welcome. This year's Gong Show would also like to feature more acts than it has in the past, and it is not too late to sign up.

The cost of all the events will come to about fifteen dollars. Hoping to partially offset this, the Chase Hall Committee sent parents a list of events and prices, offering them a discount price of \$12.50 if they wanted to pay for their offspring's weekend. About forty of them did. They may still do so up until Thursday the 18th.

The traditional Augusta-Bates torch run will once again signal the beginning of Winter Carnival Weekend, Thursday, January 16. All interested runners please sign up outside the B.O.C. booth in Chase Hall.

This year, for the first time, the Winter Olympics will include both individual and team competition. A five-three-one point system will be employed and a trophy will be awarded to the team which accumulates the most points. Ribbons will also be awarded to the first three finishers in each event.

Streets, dorms, houses, or just

a group of friends are invited to form teams. However, teams may be no less than five persons and no greater than ten persons. Each team must be formally entered in the competition during the week of January 16, Monday through Friday. The B.O.C. booth will be open during both lunch and dinner hours for this purpose.

Make this year's Winter Olympics the best yet. Sign your team up, don your hat and gloves, and pray for snow!

On Thursday, January 18th, the Winter Carnival will kick off as usual with the annual Augusta to Bates torch run. This will start at eleven in the morning. Last year fifteen runners took part in the relay of over fifty miles. The Film Festival will begin on Thursday at six, although times for individual movies have not yet been scheduled.

At 6:30 p.m., a bonfire will be lit behind Roger Bill. A free skating party on the flooded tennis courts will include music and hot chocolate. Irish coffee will be provided for the price of 25 cents a drink.

The Film Festival will last Thursday and Friday nights from 6:00 p.m. to midnight, then Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to midnight and on Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The cost of individual tickets will be \$1.25. A weekend pass will cost \$4.50.

A Forties atmosphere will be provided by "Casablanca." For those of you who have somehow avoided seeing it so far, it stars Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid, Dooley Wilson, Claude Rains, Peter Lorre and Sydney Greenstreet. Besides not containing the most famous of movie lines, it shows Humphrey Bogart involved in a love triangle in wartime French North Africa while avoiding some Nazis.

In another feature movie, Woody Allen manages to send up sex books, Italian movies, medieval life, and horror movies, to name just a few, in "Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Sex *(But Were Afraid To Ask)." Gene Wilder is at his best as a doctor whose career is ruined when he falls in love with a sheep. Also not to be missed is Tony Randall as the head of mission control in the brain of a male out on a date, or Allen as an unsuspecting visitor in a mad scientist's sex clinic.

Another parody is Mel Brooks' "Blazing Saddles," a backhanded salute to Westerns from the man who gave you Young Frankenstein and Get Smart. It involves a black sheriff sent to clean up a town, and somehow involves Madeline Kahn, Gene Wilder, and Alex Karras in some hilarious roles. The campfire scene has become a classic of low comedy.

An epic has also been provided in "Doctor Zhivago," one of the most popular movies ever made. The elaborate production features Julie Christie, Omar Sharif, Alex Guinness, and Tom Courtney, and is set in late Czarist and Revolutionary



The Queen and her Court — 1943

Winter Carnival 1979

Russia. A classic of another sort, "Deep Throat," is also coming. It is the movie that made Linda Lovelace and Harry Reems famous.

For those of you who prefer violence, "Dirty Harry" allows Clint Eastwood to dress normally while he shoots people. Actually, it's one of the best Eastwood movies, concerning a cop who continually breaks the rules.



And for those of you who prefer suspense to violence, try Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho." This 1960 black comedy stars Anthony Perkins and Vera-Ann Roberts. You may never shower again.

In addition to the Film Festival, the Gong Show will take place on Friday night. The show proved very popular last

year. This year, admission will be \$1.00. The acts will compete for the first prize, which will be either dinner for two or a keg of beer, depending upon the number of people in the winning group. Contestants include such acts as "The Wild and Crazy Guys" and "The Booze Brothers." The Gong Show is tentatively scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m. Those interested in



performing may still enter. Saturday will begin with "dorm breakfast" in Fiske featuring not just food but free cartoons and some Little Rascals shorts. This will last from eight to eleven.

In the afternoon, the Winter Olympics will take place. They will include a number of events besides the usual traying and

tobogganing competitions. These two traditional events will start at 10:00 a.m. on Mount David, behind Rand. (B.Y.O.T.)

At 11:00 a.m., hard core whitewater enthusiasts may wish to try their luck on land in a Mount David slalom course. The Outing club will provide contestants with aluminum Grumman canoes and wooden paddles. The course will not be especially complicated.

At 12:15, people with skis should meet at Hathorn to take part in the cross-country ski race. This had originally been scheduled to start at one from Hathorn, but construction of the

new gym has not only eliminated the woods but the path through them which was part of the route in past years. Assuming an alternate route cannot be

arranged on campus, contestants will board a bus and the race will take place at Thorncraig. At 1:30 p.m., participants may try their hand at "snow-snake." This prehistoric Indian game from Michigan involves sliding, pushing, or throwing a ski through a groove made of snow. This year's track will be 150 yards long. Last year's winner was Glen Matlock, who tossed his ski 95 feet under adverse

conditions (very sticky snow). This game is apparently popular in Canada, where throws of a quarter of a mile are common and

the record is rumored to be almost half a mile.

At 2 p.m. on the Quad, a cross-country ski obstacle course will be set up and a race held. The

exact obstacles have yet to be decided upon.

At 2:30 p.m., a snow-shoe race will occur on the Rand field. This will involve teams of three who must run a relay. Each team must pass along the runner's snow-shoes, so skill putting snow shoes on and off will have equal importance with speed and the ability to walk in snow-shoes.

Finally, at 3 p.m., an Alaskan Blanket Toss will be held in front of Coram. This is an ancient Alaskan custom honoring victors of sporting contests, who are tossed up in the air from and land on a blanket. The Lewiston Fire Department has provided the Outing Club with a fire blanket for this purpose. The event will not be restricted to winners. Anyone wishing to be tossed may do so.

Note: Trial runs and practice for traying, tobogganing, canoeing, and the snow snake will take place one hour before event time.

Saturday night will be highlighted by two events, the pre-dance formal dinner and the Winter Carnival Ball. The dinner will cost four dollars. Organizers wish to emphasize that this will be no ordinary Commons meal. For openers, the price includes both wine with the dinner and a sherry hour afterwards. Both will be accompanied by a piano soloist.

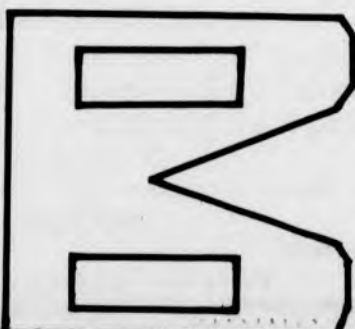
Director of Food Services Craig Canedy has promised a meal that will be better than any

that could be bought in a restaurant for the same price because the Chase Hall Committee will not have to pay any overhead costs. The dinner will include a flaming main course and a very special dessert.

The Winter Carnival Ball will begin at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday night. In keeping with the Forties big band theme, Room Full of Blues will be performing. The dance will cost four dollars and include an open bar as well as the live band. Final voting for the Carnival Queen will take place during the dance, and she will be crowned at 11:00 p.m.

On Sunday, entries in the snow sculpture contest will be judged. The panel will include three faculty members, two students, and an employee of Bates College who is not a member of the faculty.

Rounding off the weekend will be a coffeehouse/concert with Chuck Kreuger, who recently released an album. The time has not yet been set for the concert, which will be in Fiske and cost \$1.00.



Inside The Maintenance Center

by John Aime

The Maintenance Center on Andrews Road is the headquarters for the small army of about 110 maintenance men and women. In it is based all security, groundskeepers, painters, carpenters, stockmen, watchmen, engineers, and various other maintenance people whose job it is to keep up all the physical properties that Bates college owns. The central heating units and major electrical facilities are housed there, also.

Al Johnson, who helped to build the maintenance center in the early '60s, is the director of maintenance, and he was very helpful in explaining what goes on in the building which was opened in 1964. Foremost is the heating of a major part of the campus from the boilers that are in the basement of the maintenance center. These boilers heat the larger dorms which are nearby, as well as heating buildings as far away as J.B., Cheney, and Rand. The houses farther away are all heated and lighted individually.

The electrical needs for most of these same buildings is handled by the three 12,000 volt transformers in the maintenance building. The library, Coram, Carnegie, and Chase Hall all rely on electricity from the transformers below the library.

Elsewhere in the maintenance center is area for repairs to college property such as fur-

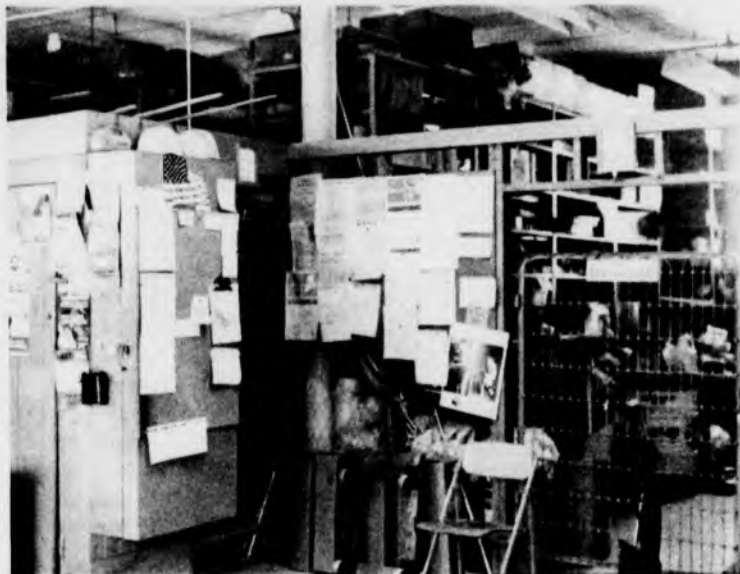


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Storage area in maintenance center

niture. They are carried out by the carpenters and painters on the staff. The rest of the building, including the underground fallout shelter, is used mainly for storing equipment or students' personal belongings.

Mr. Johnson said that things were terribly crowded at the maintenance center. When it was first opened, the space seemed "endless," but now the department is experiencing "growing pains." He noted that the electrical shop is particularly bad. The electrical staff has increased from two electrician/plumbers in 1964 to four full-time electricians, and the differences in the technological aspects have taken up all the available space.

When asked if the department was efficient, Mr. Johnson replied, "We think so, (although) others might not." He said that the maintenance departments enjoyed a "fairly decent reputation on campus" even when Smith runs out of hot water. Relations with students over all, according to Mr. Johnson, is "fairly good, except in the damage system area." Mr. Johnson tries to keep an economical eye on his operations by doing things such as hiring outside contractors to supplement his work force over vacations, thus cutting down on men with little or no work to do. NOTE: The office hours for the maintenance center are from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Class Overcrowding Presents Problems

by Jim Smith
Junior Reporter

Bates College boasts a student/faculty ratio of 11 to 1. So why are people taking courses which are standing room only in the Filene Room? It is easy to find people, mostly in the Freshman and Sophomore classes, who have yet to take a course with fewer than fifty people. Granted, class size really does not matter in a lecture, but large classes do not promote the sort of intimate student-teacher relationships which people expect at Bates.

There are a variety of reasons for finding overcrowded classes. One, as in the cases of English 208 and History 104, is that Professors Bromberger and Ackerman are leaving Bates after this year, and many people want to experience their teaching methods while it is still possible. At least half of those who signed up for Mr. Bromberger's section were refused admission, and Mr. Bromberger was still forced to use his own time and divide his class into two sections so as to render it teachable.

Another problem resulting in large classes and many people being moved to a section of a course for which they did not register, is that people all sign up for a popular professor, leaving an unpopular professor who is teaching the same course with an empty classroom. What then happens is that people are moved to a section taught by that professor whom they wished to

avoid. This is, of course, a very touchy subject, and little can be done about it at the moment. Whether or not a teacher is being avoided by students, thereby creating a problem of enrollment for other professor's classes is considered when giving tenure.

Batesies will most likely find themselves in a large class situation if they are taking an introductory course. Many people take these courses because they are relatively easy and therefore can be used to fulfill distribution requirements quite nicely, and they are prerequisites for other courses in the same subject area. Many departments have decided not to section their introductory courses in order to concentrate on the upper levels, giving people majoring in the subject individual attention.

Limiting enrollment in these introductory courses would end overcrowding, but no one has the power to authorize such a policy change as there is no precedent for it. A proposal to submit the idea to the appropriate committee for study while allowing the enrollment in introductory courses to be limited until the committee comes to a decision was voted on in the January 6th faculty meeting.

While big classes attract much comment and attention, it is a fact that 39.6% of all classes last fall had fewer than ten people. There are even some courses with as few as two people registered, and the percentage of

classes having ten or fewer people has steadily risen over the last six years. Freshman Seminars offer first year students an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with a member of the faculty because their enrollment is limited to fifteen.

For now, the average student can only drop out of that section into which he was forced. Registering early may or may not help. Switching sections is nearly impossible, but with hours of work, a time conflict, and the appropriate signatures (Dean Carignan's being the most important) a person might get into that section of the course for which he or she signed up, and paid a lot of money for the privilege of taking.

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The Maine Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) recently announced that it will ask the 109th session of the Maine Legislature to repeal the sales tax on textbooks this year. This one measure could save students as much as \$150,000 each year, according to PIRG estimates.

According to PIRG spokesman Rob Burgess, none of the tax reform proposals presently being discussed will be of aid to students. "Present tax reform discussion centers around tax breaks on property and income, things which students rarely have much of," Burgess said. "With a projected state revenue surplus of \$20 million, for the second straight year, this measure will not hurt state revenues, and could be of significant benefit to Maine's students," he added.

Burgess pointed out that Massachusetts and Rhode Island already exempt text books from the sales tax. Further justification for repeal of the Maine tax, Burgess said, stems from the fact that taxing text books is directly at odds with the State's avowed policy of aiding college level students. "To offer financial aid, and then to tax textbooks, seems to be giving with one hand and taking with the other," Burgess said.

PIRG will be asking Student Government organizations around the State to endorse the repeal of the textbook sales tax, and to contribute funds to the effort. "The University of Southern Maine Student Senate has really kicked this off by allocating \$540 to the repeal campaign. We hope other Student Governments will follow suit," Burgess said.

PIRG will also be looking for student volunteers on each campus around the state. According to Burgess, students are needed to help with research, campus organizing, and the lobbying effort that will be needed to repeal

the tax. Students who wish to help may contact PIRG at 780-4044 and ask for Rob Burgess. Those who can't volunteer can still help by filling out the short questionnaire below and returning it to PIRG.

Maine PIRG is a student funded and directed, non-profit Maine corporation, which works on general consumer and public interest problems. Conceived by consumer activist Ralph Nader, the Public Interest Research Group idea was to apply students' educational experiences to real life problems to seek resolution of those problems. There are PIRGs presently operating in some 23 states. Maine PIRG began its operations in 1973, and presently has one active chapter at the University of Southern Maine, in Portland.

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How To Build A Snow Sculpture

by Sam Rodman

It's almost Winter Carnival time again which brings to mind thoughts of the torch run from Augusta, the fabulous film festival, and the formal dance. There is one part of the weekend, however, which never seemed to get off the ground last year in most dorms. This was of course, the snow sculpture contest.

Due predominantly to lack of interest, few dorms got it together and created those frozen forms which have been such a prominent part of the carnival in the past. Dorms, if they had a sculpture at all, rarely got beyond the first stages. Although these huge heaps of snow could be transformed, with a little imagination into almost anything from a pyramid to life size replicas of prominent deans, they really don't compare to the finished product which adds to the spectacle of the weekend.

Not only can one derive personal satisfaction from having helped create a snow sculpture, but working together with a bunch of people from one's dorm can be a lot of fun. The process, as well as the end product, is something which can be enjoyed by all those involved. The more people involved, the more fun it becomes and the opus is com-

plete. Sometimes the best way to draw people in, is to have a dorm party. In this way, everyone can take part and have a good time as well, but unless someone takes the initiative, the sculpture contest might end up with disappointingly few pieces of art.

Before you run out and try building your own snow sculpture, you should know a few basics. The *Student* consulted the highest authority available on the subject, John Elsesser, who, along with Dave Trull and Jeff Wahlstrom, organized last year's keg winning sculpture of Goofy for Wentworth-Adams. John's directions are easy to follow. "The only things you need are snow, water, and a temperature below freezing." He suggested building a solid base and then pouring water on it and letting it freeze overnight. Then, pile up as much snow as is needed for your particular sculpture and, in John's words, "chipping away everything that doesn't look like it."

At this point only one thing is missing, a substantial amount of snow. One must remember, however, that this is Maine, and chances are there will be plenty of snow to make this a great year for snow sculpturing. The theme this year is the Forties, so go to it!



The Hubcaps: Bill Doyle, Doug Johnston, Dave Bailey, Bob Behringer, Jim Fitzgerald, and Rob Cohen

photo by Melissa Weisstuch

Hubcaps Appear On Television

by Lori Borst

Another facet of the Bates community became noteworthy over Christmas vacation. The Hubcaps, our own flashbacks to the fifties, eclipsed the public eye when they appeared on the Holiday Star Telethon for Cerebral Palsy on December 30 and 31.

The telethon, which was a nationally televised event, carried segments of local programming. WMTW-TV, Channel 8 in Poland Springs, Maine, was in need of local talent to fill their time on air. In mid-December, Jean Weymouth of the Cerebral Palsy Center in Augusta contacted Rob Cohen, leader of the Hubcaps, asking them to audition for the telethon. The sole available audition time came on Saturday, December 16, the last day of finals week. The group, which hadn't played together for a month, hurriedly arranged rehearsal times around finals schedules. Saturday morning arrived finding two Hubcaps in 8:00 finals after which a last minute rehearsal was staged. The musicians then piled themselves and their equipment into cars and headed for Channel 8 studios.

The studio itself is housed in the servants' quarters of the old Poland Springs Hotel which dates back to the nineteenth century. Upon arrival, the band members quickly unloaded equipment and wound their way through the narrow hallways to the broadcasting room. The audition was held by Townsend Southerland, producer of the telethon. Mr. Southerland's specialty is producing telethons all across the nation. While the band set up and prepared to perform their rehearsed numbers, Southerland requested a list of the Hubcaps' repertoire from which he randomly chose songs for the group to audition. Despite this sudden turn of events and the absence of one group member with a finals conflict, the Hubcaps auditioned well. Southerland offered the greasers the job as house band for the full 21 hours of the telethon. Due to the proximity of the performance to New Year's

Eve, the offer was declined. Arrangements were made for the Hubcaps to play between 11:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. on the night of December 30.

On the 29th, band members from Maine, Massachusetts and as far away as Ohio congregated at Cohen's house for last minute rehearsals. Finally, it was the day of the 30th and the Hubcaps were ready for their television debut. They arrived at Poland Springs early only to find the studio locked and empty. Preparations for the telethon finally began when the sound man from Denver, who had never been in a television studio, arrived three hours late. Spectrum Music of Main Street, Lewiston, provided equipment for the group for only \$20; equipment which would normally run \$120 in rental fees.

Five minutes before scheduled air time, a sound check still had not been run on the sound system. Once checked, nothing worked and the Hubcaps' appearance was postponed until the system was readjusted. With the instruments ready and the musicians greased with three tubes of Brylcreem, the camera finally turned and the tri-state region saw the Hubcaps. Once on the air, performing such old favorites as Dion and the Belmonts' "Runaround Sue" and Chuck Berry's "Johnny B.

Goode," the group proved to be a success. After their first appearance, the Hubcaps were asked to remain for a second set. The phones started ringing with viewers making provisional pledges. One promised a donation if someone could name the artist who originally sang "Runaway." (It was Del Shannon.) Another pledged if the Hubcaps would perform "Runaround Sue" again. Other local viewers called in just to talk to band members. Two Bates students pledged money to the cause, and local high schools called with job offers. The most interesting call of the evening came from Damariscotta from a Mr. George Harrison with an English accent who complimented the musicians and remarked that he hadn't heard that music for a long time. Our sources revealed that George Harrison of the Beatles does indeed have a house in Damariscotta. Studio reaction to the Hubcaps was infectious with the telephone operators clapping and swaying to the beat of the music. Townsend Southerland offered to mention the Hubcaps to a friend of his who is an agent in New York.

One member of the Hubcaps, when later asked his impressions of the evening, remarked, "The place was like a circus, but it was a unique experience."

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October Vacation And Limit On Course Size Among Curriculum And Calendar Committee's Work

by Melissa Weisstuch
Senior Reporter

A calendar for the 1979-1980 school year which provided for a short October recess was proposed to the faculty last March by the Curriculum and Calendar Committee, but was voted down. In April, two proposals were brought before the faculty by the Committee. The first proposal scheduled an October break to begin on Friday, October 12 at 4 p.m., and end on Wednesday, October 17 at 8 a.m. Thanksgiving recess would be shorter than in the past, starting on Wednesday, November 21 and ending on Monday, November 26 at 8 a.m. The winter semester would begin on Thursday, January 3. February recess would be of the usual length, and the last day of exams would be April 16. The short term would begin on April 23 and end on May 30.

The faculty also instructed the committee to lengthen the winter term. On this revised calendar, the winter semester would begin on January 7, with Short Term beginning on April 28 and ending on June 6.

The long October weekend, had it been passed, would have been an experimental break, occurring after 5 1/2 weeks of classes. All college facilities would have been open for use. On April 10, 1978, according to the faculty minutes, "it was voted to amend the calendar by deleting 'Fall Recess, October 12 (Friday) 4:00 p.m. - October 17 (Wednesday) 8:00 a.m.' and to change the Thanksgiving Recess so that it starts November 16 (Friday) 4:00p.m."

Professor of Sociology Sawyer Sylvester, Chairman of the Committee explained that the October break was proposed "because there had been some feeling on the part of faculty and

also on the part of students, that there was a rather long period there in the first semester without any break at all." He could offer no definitive reason as to why the faculty voted down the proposal, adding, "We may have been mistaken in how strong the faculty felt about it. It could have been any one of a number of reasons."

Dean Carignan noted that while the idea of an October break is desirable, "Bates' schedule is incredibly tight." However, it was suggested that during an October break "students would take off for the whole week. Bates can't afford that because of the calendar."

The crux of the matter is to fit in the six week short term while still allowing graduation to take place early in June. Assistant Professor of Art David Smith, a member of the Committee, stated that "far too little work takes place in Short Term that makes it worth shortening the other two semesters," providing less time to cover all materials listed in course syllabi.

A frequent complaint on campus has been that Christmas vacation was too short. According to Dean Carignan, the reason Bates students return to campus on January 3, much earlier than most other colleges, is because each semester must include 40 Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes. However, the calendar never quite meets this requirement, giving us about 38 or 39 such days in recent years.

In December, the Committee submitted the following legislation to the faculty for approval:

"Introductory courses shall not ordinarily be limited in enrollment, except where the nature of the course requires facilities which are themselves limited, such as laboratory or

studio courses. This shall not preclude limiting the number of students in any one section of an introductory course, providing that enough sections of the course are offered to accommodate students who wish to register for it."

Dean Carignan explained that this proposed legislation is not saying that classes must be large, but that "introductory courses must be open to all students." He added, "No one can be excluded" from an introductory course. The department involved in each case may create several sections of an

introductory course if it chooses to do so."

Professor Smith cited the fact that the "problem (of large class size) came into existence" when Bates dropped requirements such as Freshman English and Cultural Heritage. He added that the current system provides "equal opportunity to get into major departments," and that students "flow the way they want."

Professor Sylvester recalled that a faculty member came before the committee last year asking permission to limit the

size of certain introductory courses. The committee decided that it "didn't have the authority to either approve or disapprove." Therefore, it could "offer no jurisdiction over the question." He added that if class size were limited, freshmen would have a "narrow choice" in course selection. In addition, students who are unable to take an introductory course in a department will not have the prerequisites necessary for other courses. This would in fact delay the time at which a student could take an upper level course.

Lewiston-Auburn Airport To Cut Back Service

by Jon Marcus
Senior Reporter

Citing an apparent lack of passenger response to its local routes, Air New England recently made drastic cutbacks in its scheduled runs at the Lewiston-Auburn Airport.

The cutbacks, which took effect Tuesday, fall within the restrictions of the Airline Deregulation Act of 1978. This act, approved in October, says that any city on a carrier's route at the time of approval must be guaranteed air service for ten years. Thus, the Auburn facility has, in the recent action, been stripped to the minimum level of compliance, and must by law remain at that level for the next ten years.

The Air New England cuts mean that no more weekend flights will be available and two non-stop weekly flights have been suspended. Cut were the 7:10 a.m. and 9:50 a.m. Saturday departures for Boston and the 3:50 p.m. and 7:10 p.m. Sunday arrivals from Boston. Also

dropped were the 7:10 a.m. non-stop flight arriving in Boston at 8 a.m. and the 6:20 p.m. non-stop flight arriving in Auburn at 7:10 p.m.

The service cuts leave the twin-city area with only two round-trip flights to Boston each week, both of which make stops in Portland. In February,

however, action may be taken to resume some of the curtailed services when the L-A Airport Commission's board of directors attends a regional meeting of the Civil Aeronautics Board in Boston to discuss the cutbacks specifically and the deregulation act in general.

CHEMICAL DISPOSAL

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allowed to purchase amounts of them beyond a certain level (50 microcuries, for trivia hounds). Several Bates professors have licenses from the NRC.

One such licensee, George Ruff, Assoc. Prof. of Physics, has made it a department policy to never use radiation in an open source. An open source, such as an animal carcass that has been injected with radioactive materials, presents too much of a problem, disposal-wise. He has, in the past, used this method, but has discontinued its use as being altogether too hazardous. Instead, sealed sources, such as materials sealed in stainless steel, are used - and are checked every six months to make sure they are not leaking radioactivity.

Ruff notes that one of the disturbing things about regulations regarding radioactive waste is that it is primarily a legal and political problem. Therefore, there are gaps as to what the regulations cover. Only materials produced in a reactor are of federal concern. Those materials that occur naturally, or are produced in a cyclotron, are not under regulation. Although the science

departments deal with them in a similar fashion, it is not because they are required to do so by law.

The regulations, in fact, are merely a means by which the college turns the problem over to someone else - such as the disposal firm, Interex. None of the professors interviewed were sure what was done with the material once it left the site. Their role is to keep track of the material so that it can be collected and then transported.

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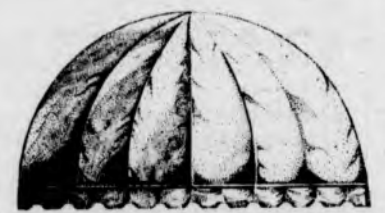
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Bobcats Up Record To 2-3

On Friday, December 1, 1978, the Bates basketball team met Babson, away in a losing effort 51-63. John Kirby was leading Bates scorer with 12 points. On Saturday, 2 December, Bates came home to play the University of Southern Maine. Although losing the close battle by a score of 60-62, Bates played much tighter basketball. After a loss to Brandeis away 62-73, Bates defeated top-ranked Tufts at Bates 75-62. Mike Ginsburg

led the team both in rebounds and in scoring. Basketball Coach George Wigton noted that the team played in creasingly well and although "our record is 1-3, we improved in every game. If we can continue this we should have a real fine team." Coach Wigton was proven correct, as the Bobcats defeated a team from the Paris School of Business last Monday night. The Paris team is on a tour of Northeastern business and industry. Bates played well in the 73-61 victory.

Howard Receives Coveted Award

Chris Howard, a senior linebacker at Bates College, has been awarded a scholarship for graduate study by the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Committee. The award is given to those athletes who excel in the classroom as well as on the field.

Howard is the first Bates athlete ever to earn this accolade and is one of only eight football players in Division III to receive such a grant. He led the Bobcats with 59 tackles and received the Norm Parent MVP trophy for his outstanding play at middle linebacker. Chris is also an excellent student. An English

major, he has made the dean's list for five consecutive semesters.

Bates athletic director, Robert Hatch, in a letter to Howard said, "This is, of course, a great honor to you personally but also to your college. We are all proud of your accomplishments on the field, in the classroom, and in extracurricular activities."

Howard, also a candidate for Academic All-American, is from Haverill, Massachusetts. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Howard and graduated from Haverhill High School in 1975. (B.C.N.B.)

Men's Track Team Off To A Strong Start

On December 9 the Bates College men's track team defeated Bowdoin in a dual track meet for the first time in the last six years. The meet, held in the Clifton Daggett Gray Cage, was the first win this year for Bates. Bates lost their earlier meet to Holy Cross. The final score of the

Bowdoin meet was 78 $\frac{2}{3}$ -57 $\frac{1}{3}$. On January 6, Bates placed second in a tri-meet in Hanover, New Hampshire. Competing against Dartmouth and Holy Cross, Bates had several fine performances. Ed O'Neil placed first in the 400 with a time of 53.6 seconds. Bates also won the two

mile relay with a time of 8:04.4. Tom Cloutier and Greg Peters came in first and second, respectively, in the 1,000 meter, while in the 800 meter, Jay Ferguson, placed third.

With a record of 2-2, Bates track looks forward to a match against Colby at Waterville.

WOMEN'S TRACK TEAM SETS TWO RECORDS IN SEASON OPENER VICTORY

Teammate Julie Thornton set a new record in the shot with a put of 31'3". Thornton placed second in the event. Although these were the only record setters, the team played well and the meet was marked by several fine performances.

Sue Simpkins, clearing the bar at 5'2", won the high jumping event while Deanna Henderson

placed first in the 40 yard hurdles in 6.6 time. Allyson Anderson went on to win the 440 by turning in a time of 1:03.9.

On January 10, Bates travels to Cambridge when the Bates women's track team will meet Harvard in their next meet. The team is looking forward to repeating their performance of December 8.

Hockey Team Hopes For Successful Season

In the Central Maine Youth Center, on Friday, January 5, the Bates College Hockey club defeated the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy by a score of 8-4. The club is composed of about twenty-five people ranging from Freshman to Seniors. Dick Brooks, president of the club claims that Friday's game was the "best game we have played."

Goal scorers were Ed Botchard with 2, Defense man Steve Dillman, David Thompson, a

defenseman responsible for the winning goal and the next goal; Tom Reynolds, Chris Ridder, John Sweetland also scored for Bates. Bates came back to tie twice during the game. In the first two minutes of the opening period, M.C.P. scored twice. Bates tied the score in the second. M.C.P. then took a 4-2 lead and once again Bates tied the score. The last period proved to be Bates' strongest as they scored four goals and went on to win 8-4.

On Wednesday, January 10th,

the club travels to Bridgton Academy, and on January 21st, they meet for an alumni game in the Central Maine Youth Center. Dick Brooks suggests that "this year's schedule is better suited for the team." Although he had hoped for a better than .500 season, Bill Quigley, a key figure on the team is sidelined by a shoulder injury.

Says player Pat Murphy, "our last victory just goes to show that the team is starting to jell and is going to play rock'em, sock'em hockey."

HOWARD HOUSE AND ADAMS VICTORIOUS IN INTRAMURALS

by Dave Trull

The men's first semester Intramural season came to an end on the last week of the semester with the championship games in Cage Softball and Volleyball. Howard House was victorious in the Cage softball

competition, while Adams took the volleyball.

In the Cage Softball final, undefeated Howard went up against once beaten Off-Campus. Howard raced out to an early lead scoring in each of the first four innings. They scored 3 runs in the first with a two-out rally, three in the second on John Casey's 3 run homer, a single run

in the third, and then 4 in the fourth when they batted around. But Off-Campus fought with 2 in the second and then 5 in the fourth, on Dave Ellenbogen's 3 run sacrifice fly and Peter Weimersheimer's home run. Howard iced the game with 3 in the last inning on consecutive doubles by DeMazza, Fryer, and Casey, as Off-Campus was held

at bay for the last 2 innings. This was Howard's third team championship of the year.

In volleyball, undefeated Adams played second place JB in the finals. Adams came from behind to nip JB in the first game 16-14. JB stormed back and took the second game 15-2. Then Adams regained control and crunched JB by the same 15-2

score in the third game. Captain Brent Harwood's team brought Adams its first team championship of the year. Turner House came in third place behind JB.

Basketball now takes over the Men's Intramural Spotlight. A large turnout of teams is expected, with play in A, B, and C leagues.

Skiers Looking Forward To Fine Season

The Bates skiing team, which started practicing early in the fall, opened their season on Monday, December 31 in Farmington, Maine. The team arrived at training camp at Rand Hall on December 27 and skied for three days at Sunday River.

At Farmington, racing on Titcomb Slope, the women's team, led by Coach Connie Dunlap, a 1978 graduate of the University of New Hampshire, turned in several solid performances. Taking places at the race were Cheryl Willey, Patti Lane, Katie Marsden, and Sue Pierce. Also competing for the women's team were Micko Sugimoto and Cathy Richmond.

The Bates men's team captured the top three positions after the first event of the five race Maine College Alpine series. Bates' Craig Houllas, emerged at the top of the pack with a combined time of 86.69 seconds

following three runs of the slalom event. Teammate Jeff Andrews placed second with an 87.51 combined time and Chris Menzel placed third with a combined time of 89.81.

The skiers are looking forward to a fine season. On January 7, the slalom event at Pleasant Mountain was cancelled due to poor snow conditions. Several skiers were invited to the Holiday Classic, held by the

Federation of International Skiers, where they did well and three jumpers, Dave Frost, Zane Rodriguez, and Scott Smith, placed at Brattleboro in a club open meet. The carnival season begins on January 26 and 27 at E.S.A. Nordic/Alpine Competition.

Coach Flynn told his team that he feels that they can take fourth place in the NCAA Division Skiing.

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Security Team And Night Watchmen Efficient In Protecting Campus

by Karen Florczak

Did the security system at Bates work? Were you ever curious about just who those men are who carry the walkie talkies and seem to casually walk about the campus at night, locking doors and checking basements?

Only the men in uniform are actually Bates security personnel; the other men who lock the dorms are night watchmen and fall under the jurisdiction of maintenance rather than security.



photo by Boon Ooi

Chet Emmons is the chief of the Bates security squad, and has been working here at Bates for almost eleven years. Prior to coming to Bates, he spent 22 years with the Maine State Police. He feels that Bates is "a fairly quiet campus," and that the majority of the crimes on the campus are thefts. Students just leave their rooms unlocked or their windows unlocked," observes Emmons. "It's no wonder that they have things stolen." Emmons feels that Bates has an adequate number of men on the security force; should any large scale troubles arise, Bates has access to the city police department who also regularly patrols the streets around the campus. He feels that Bates has more coverage than a lot of other small colleges, citing Colby as an example: "They are a ways out into the woods; I imagine it would take a while for the town police force to respond to a call."

Harold Williams is the man you will most likely see driving around the campus in the Bates Security Car at night. He has been here at Bates for four years; before that he spent twelve years in the state police reserves. He has also been active in the Auburn police reserve for the past five years, is a member of the Masons and is presently running a barber shop in Auburn for eight hours a day in addition to working an Bates' security force. He manages to get "around four to five hours of sleep a night." He feels that the students "have quieted down a lot," and that it was much rowdier when he first came here. He feels he has a good relationship with the students. "I try to treat everyone equally," he says. "I believe that if you're fair, students will realize it and understand. I'll go out of my way to help someone, as well as I'll tag them..." He did have a very out of the ordinary experience at Bates last summer, after the entire student body had gone home - he found a person (not a Batesie) asleep in the hallway at Mitchell House. When he woke the fellow up, the fellow did not believe he was in Maine and swore he was in New Jersey, so Harold "gave him a one-way ticket to New Jersey."



photo by Elizabeth Kohen

Frank Schufeldt works at the security base station - Concierge during the night. He's been at Bates for the past seven years, and remembers a few incidents that took place. "I remember when the puddle dipping tradition began," he said. "I was on, St. Patrick's day around four years ago - those students weren't feeling any pain at the time." He also remembers the night some students took all the sheets from J.B. and walked around the campus pretending to be members of the Klan. He feels, though, that the students are definitely getting better.



photo by Melissa Weisstuch

Ernie LaBrie just began working for the Bates Security system this summer. Before that, he worked with the Lewiston police in their detective bureau and juvenile division. He is the "relief man for Frank and Harold," as he puts it, checking on the game room, Chase Hall and the Library, in addition to relieving Frank Schufeldt at the base station.

In addition to the security team, there are four night watchmen patrolling the campus. As previously mentioned, these night watchmen come under the jurisdiction of maintenance rather than security. Their main job is to lock the buildings, to check the furnace, to make sure everything is in proper working order, and to report any damage they see. By having these night watchmen, the college can keep its insurance rate down. (The insurance companies will give lower rates, if they know the buildings are routinely checked a number of times each night.)

Unlike the security men who randomly drive around the campus, following no set route, the watchmen have a schedule they must follow. Each watchman makes four two-hour rounds per night, punching his clock at every station at which he must stop, to verify the fact that he stopped there at a specific time. If an insurance company has any questions as to whether the buildings were being

adequately checked, it would only have to check the time clock dials of the watchmen. When locking dorms the watchmen also call in their time to the base station, so it can be written in the log.

It is not the job of the watchmen to respond to complaints and reports of trouble; that is in the hands of security. If any trouble or potential trouble is spotted by a watchman, he would call security, who would then send a car over.



photo by Boon Ooi

Linwood Martinbus has been a watchman for almost ten years. He feels that the majority of the students here are great, and that the only time that problems occur is when they're drunk.

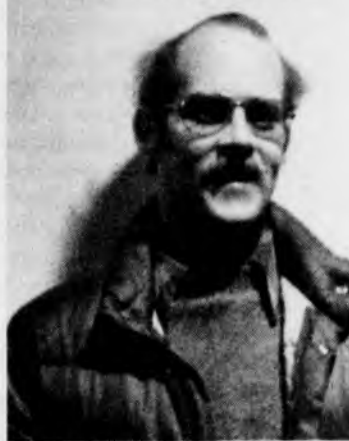


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Paul Groleau is the newest night watchman. He has been at Bates for one year, and so far has had no unusual experiences to report. He feels that the campus is fairly quiet.



photo by Boon Ooi

Donald Klemanoky has been at Bates for almost eight years. It's been pretty routine here for him - looking out for fires, locking doors, changing fuses, letting students into their rooms when they've locked themselves out, and checking out strange noises. "If anything unusual happens," he says, "we report it to security and they take over."

Robert La Chance has been working at Bates for 5 years. Nothing out of the ordinary has happened to him on the job, and he feels this is a pretty quiet campus - and that the students



photo by Elizabeth Kohen

At Bates Paper Waste A Problem

by Jeffrey Lyttle

For the academic year 1977-1978 over 1.5 million sheets of 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper were used by the Secretarial Pool in Lane Hall. Paper is the foremost mode of communication between the administration and students. Hardly a week goes by that a student does not receive mail from the Office of the Deans of the College or the Registrar's Office. What many people do not realize is that paper is becoming a very expensive commodity and, from an ecological viewpoint something that is being used without thought. Additionally, the careless use of paper also is inefficient in terms of cost, time and labor.

James Weston, Business Manager of the college, explains that although the conservation of paper through more efficient use is one of his main concerns when it comes to the annual consumption of paper, it (conservation) is not an easy task. He explained that many times, there are deadlines to be met, and the time and trouble of condensing the piece to be printed would be prohibitive. "We keep a sample of everything that has gone out" to try and see in what areas there can be a savings. Another effort that was made by the Business Office for increased paper efficiency was the purchase of a new offset press for the Mail Room. "We are doing a lot more printing 'in house' than in past years," Mr. Weston noted; but even so, with all these efforts there is "no reason to expect that the amount or cost of paper should decrease." In other words, even with an increase of efficiency, the cost would remain the same due to the rising cost of paper.

There are many ways that one can cut down on paper, usually without cutting down on the content of the matter. The best way of reducing the amount of paper used is to print on both sides. Most material that is printed by the Secretarial Pool is done in this fashion. From this suggestion, one could criticize many teachers for only running tests through the mimeograph on one side. Although it is possible to print on both sides using the mimeograph, a problem arises in the fact that once paper has been separated from its original pile, static electricity gets between the sheets, thus resulting in the malfunctioning of the mimeograph. Another way for paper savings is to use 12 pitch

are much better this year than last. He watches to make sure that students walking home alone at night are all right, and that if something doesn't look right, he'll call security.

The security team and the watchmen coordinate their efforts to make this campus safe for everyone.

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requirements. That is one issue, Dean Straub notes, on which there is a wide range of student opinion, most "critical of the way the requirement has been carried out in the past."

type characters instead of 10 pitch, thus fitting more words per page than with 10 pitch. Many times, where a specific format is not necessary, margins can be widened. Coordination of publications, such as is done with the Newsletter, save an incredible amount of paper and time spent in printing of material by separate offices and groups. Another paper saver utilized by the Bates Newsletter is the use of legal, or 14-inch, paper. Since the cost of legal size paper is less per thousand and more can be printed upon it, it makes printing much more efficient. A major decision in the printing of any informative publication is how long a description should be made. One suggestion made by Mr. Weston was to have the Bates Newsletters in a stack outside the mailroom. Those who want a copy could just take one and those who don't, need not, thus saving a lot of paper.

On the campus, there are two Copy Centers; one in Lane Hall and one in the Library. For the academic year 1977-1978, 576,818 copies were made. Further investigation reveals that of both centers in which one can make copies on 11 inch and 14 inch paper, only 10% of the paper used for copying is of the 14 inch variety. In the Library Copy Center there are three copying machines, all three of which can make copies on 14 inch paper. It also happens to be that in the Library one of their copiers, a Xerox 4000, is capable of copying on both sides but because of the 14 inch paper feature, copying on both sides is eliminated.

When asked about the area in which paper is being abused the most, Mr. Weston replied, "In every area that we're using paper we could probably use it more efficiently. Everybody is guilty of that in some degree."

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