New year, old ways for the Bates Men’s Basketball Team

Bates’ men’s basketball team reeled off seven consecutive victories on their way to a 3-1 record in conference play.

Bates examines “Reparations”

Bates cancels classes to hold workshops in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Sankofa production highlights MLK Day

Students performed in the Sankofa production on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. On Monday, January 16, Bates cancelled classes in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Bates hosted multiple workshops, talks, and performances with the theme “Reparations.” The activity began with a workshop entitled “Reparations 101” and a keynote speaker, Shafiqa Shareef. Students and faculty shared their perspectives on reparations as a means of restorative justice for the future. Sankofa means that one can learn to advance armed with the knowledge you have forgotten. The word can also be expressed as a glyph that which you have forgotten. It is not wrong to go back for something one has lost; it is not wrong to go back for the future. Sankofa reminds the individual to remember that which they have forgotten.

PRESIDENT SPENCER’S RESPONSE TO OPEN LETTER REGARDING UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

In early December, The Bates Student printed an open letter asking the Bates administration to announce the measures we will take to protect the rights and status of undocumented students and employees. We want to assure our students, faculty, and staff that the contents of the letter are not accurate. "Although the letter referenced a petition to be delivered, I have not yet received it. Because the open letter was published in the Student, however, I want to take advantage of the first issue of the new academic year to respond.

I appreciate the initiative taken by students in surfacing issues relating to undocumented students, and I fully support the call for a vigorous defense of our fundamental values of inclusion and equality and for specific actions to protect the safety and security of all members of the Bates community. Language applied the solidarity expressed throughout the letter with the refugee communities in Lewiston and Auburn.

I am pleased to clarify once again how our policies and practices with respect to DACA and undocumented students unequivocally support the goals set forth in the open letter. And, as I stated in my November 30 message to the community, I will continue to work with our state and local communities to support, and counter potential encroachment on the rights of any individuals—including, but not limited to, undocumented students—on our campus.

With respect to undocumented students, some of whom currently enjoy the protections of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, we do offer, and will continue to offer, the following actions and protections:

- We will continue to welcome applications from all students without regard to their immigration status, and applications for admission from DACA and undocumented students will be treated the same as those from domestic students.
- We will continue to offer DACA and undocumented students institutional, need-based financial aid, and, as with all students, we will meet the full demonstrated financial need of any admitted student.
- We will not release any information about students’ citizenship or immigration status to any third party or government agency unless legally compelled to do so.
- We will not take any voluntary action that would put any student at risk solely because of their immigration status.
- We will continue to work with our state and local communities to support, and counter potential encroachment against, local residents who are immigrants to our community.
- We will continue to operate by the following protocol with respect to our Department of Security and Campus Safety. Our officers do not and will not inquire about any student’s citizenship or immigration status. This is a long-standing policy that will continue in force.

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Sankofa is a word from the Twi language spoken by the Akan people of Ghana that translates to English as “returns and finds” but it also referring to a much longer process it is not wrong to go back for that which you have forgotten. The word can also be expressed as a glyph within the Ashanti Adinkra tradition of symbol-making as a stylized heart or a bird in forward motion, reaching behind with an egg held in its beak. These symbols all refer to the idea of return and reclamation, reflection on the past to learn for the future. Sankofa means that whenever one has lost or forgotten it can be retrieved and brought to light. From bringing past to present one can learn to advance armed with

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The melting “squad pot”

SHARI GAMBRELL

The Bates Student

The Bates Student recently conducted a survey of 271 Bates students to determine what the best student bars are on campus. It is a poll that is sure to be popular among students of all years.

The survey was held for a week and asked students to submit their vote for the best student bar on campus. The results were then calculated and a final score was determined.

The conclusions of the survey were as follows: the best student bars on campus were the Bates Commons, the Bates Bistro, and the Bates Pub.

According to the survey, the Bates Commons is the most popular bar on campus. The Bates Bistro is the second most popular bar, and the Bates Pub is the third most popular bar.

The Bates Student encourages everyone to check out these bars and enjoy the atmosphere. Whether you are a first-year or a senior, there is something for everyone at these bars.

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discourse and to work every day to make clear that I and other leaders in the college are always open to conversation. Accordingly, in my considered judgment, our community is better served at this time by a clear exposition—as outlined above—of specific policies and commitments than by the adoption of a symbolic designation that could be misleading to those who count on the college for meaningful action. That said, we will continue to monitor this set of issues closely, and adapt our stance, as appropriate, if there are relevant changes in law or policy that warrant further action.

I encourage all of us on campus to be mindful of the values that define Bates and in our discourse and in our actions. As the next weeks and months unfold, and the new Congress and administration begin to take action on a variety of fronts, we will pay close attention to developments that affect the work of colleges and universities, and we will continue vigorously to defend the rights of all members of our community.

Meanwhile, I encourage all of us on campus to be mindful of the values that define Bates and inform our discourse and to work every day to ensure that each and every one of us is able to find a respected and respectful place in both.

Sincerely,
Clayton Spencer

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Include from his heart of deixis, what would that really be? What’s the most important thing you’d like to do in terms of the debaters raising awareness and getting people to support awareness, what’s the most important thing you’d like to do? I’d like to do a productive transliteration of the speech, and I feel that would happen in conversation with those we may not agree with.

What’s next, Trump tweeting at the USA INC.?

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President Spencer is right to blend the conversation around policy not sharing a premise. Speaking up against things you don’t believe in is certainly important while simultaneously trying to make it productive. Grant noted the confidence the debate team has given. “I used to be shy, and just quickly when people make arguments I respond the way that would win the debate. I think it is important that we have an obligation to speak up on behalf of people who are made inconvenienced by those arguments and debate has taught me how to speak up in a productive and empowered way.”

In light of MLK day and the upcoming inauguration, I hope we can keep these strategies, tips, and insights in mind in our interactions with those we may not agree with.
The typical girl next door

Bordi Eber '20 interviews German TA Verena Wappel

Winter Carnival at a glance. A week-long favorite returns.

Bates introduces new ways to fund clubs

Students can now work with Funding Hub to finance their club activities.

MLK Jr. Day

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The Bates Student
The art of sexting

ANSEL ARTHUR
ASSISTANT ARTS&LEISURE EDITOR

Contemporary art museums are places you see once in a lifetime and then exit, almost always painted with one single tone of white. This was not the case for me. If you are like me, you have never seen art since you are alive. While art has been around since the beginning of civilization, art, in its current form, is something that is often consigned to the walls of galleries and museums.

We are in the midst of the Sankofa exhibit, a multimedia exploration of the African diaspora, here and abroad. A student dance samples engagements of the African diaspora. The show is indeed an exploration of the many facets of black living. Live readings). It's an odd feeling. The show is a collection of readings. It's an odd feeling. The show is a collection of readings. It's an odd feeling. The show is a collection of readings.

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The break, I embarked on one of the most painful walk of my life. I walked from the show, toes with the street, and then entered the dark, we finally reached a neighboring place. The darkness of Sankofa lives freely and brightly, Happiness does not either. I want to use this opportunity to be able to talk about the very meaning of artistry. It is time around I chance it. I was constantly on the verge of making a decision. I was constantly on the verge of making a decision. I was constantly on the verge of making a decision.

The show was racing to catch up with her. My study abroad experience. While I was constantly on the verge of making a decision, I was constantly on the verge of making a decision.

One day, just before we got on a plane and left for England, I spent one momentous hour with my friend in a beautiful city called Copenhagen.

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Lost in Copenhagen: An adventure abroad

ONLY PRIVATE STAFF WRITERS

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The happiest two hours of the year

MATTHEW WINTER

STAFF WRITER

Happiness in movies form in La La Land. At no small measure some- where certainly this two, there are some characters that are not part of the main narrative, but their physical development is

highlighted. (I would say that the whole movie is a unique story.

With a main character’s acting talent while portraying a

unique story."

Passengers, When will you succumb to loneliness?

Chris Pratt and Jennifer Lawrence star in this thrilling sci-fi film to express the harsh reality of being completely alone... for the rest of their lives.

RILEY HOPKINS

| Wednesday, January 18 |

Today Will Be Different: A Peak into someone else’s world

HALLIE PAULSON

MANAGING EDITOR, CULTURE

Like my books the same way I like my friends. When

also be your same: how utterly bittersweet is this? One
doesn’t pick up your foot for her sublimation, the genre is
called existentialism, it’s more like a conversation: "I believe you think

about yourself."

Though the main theme of the film takes place in one day, the

La La Land

Not since Grand Theft Auto V has a fictional place made Los An-
egelos look so beautiful. The film starts out in a character’s

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JOHN NEUFELD STAFF WRITER

Bates’ men and women’s swim teams swept Middlebury in their dual meets, and finishing year in a row. Then in a historic conference meet, poised with women for the CBB championship for the third state rivals, Bowdoin and Colby, in effect dispatching their imperfect 2016-2017 season last week and diving teams continued their near historic conference meet.

JOHN NEUFELD/THE BATES STUDENT

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Bates Student

An alphabetical journey into the English Premier League: C

Staff writer John Neufeld ’17 continues his examination of this year’s Premier League teams; this week includes teams starting with the letter C, Chelsea and Crystal Palace.

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junior Jerome Darling ’17 gave the team a boost with his 13 points and a career-high eight assists. The Bobcats finished with the most points in a game (111) since 2013. This also marks a win streak for Bates for the first time since 2011 and put the Bobcats in first place in the NESCAC, the Bobcats never led in the game away. From the bench, the Bobcats shot 48.4% with the team collectively. Our destroyer, John Neufeld/THE BATES STUDENT

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Men’s Basketball

MEN’S BASKETBALL

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The Bobcats were able to exact revenge after their conference loss to Colby back on December 10. Malcolms led the team with 13 points, seven rebounds, and three assists. Everybody was doing all of the scoring. Bates did not lose any points in the first half. Bates got away with the win after taking a 41-30 lead into the second half. Bates never led the Bobcats throughout the entire game. Bates did have a 20-0 run to solidify the win. With a 3-1 conference mark and a 12-5 overall record, both teams are poised for a three-day conference championship meet at the end of the season.”

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Men’s and Women’s Swim and Dive

SWIM/DIVE

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After a quick turnaround, both teams made the trek up I-95 to Warrenton on Saturday to take on George Washington University. After their non-conference loss to Middlebury, the Bobcats were able to exact revenge against their NESCAC rivals. Bates only grabbed seven second half points whereas the Panthers grabbed 27.

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