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Understanding Net Neutrality
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It’s only a minute before you need to send an essay in through Google and all the semester’s work you’ve been working on is on the line. You’ve tried to use a different search engine, to little or no avail. Yet you won’t be able to access the computer, but that doesn’t fix the problem. What is it that is causing this internet spasticity?

In 2003, Tim Wu, a professor at Columbia, posted the term “net neutrality.” It is the principle that internet traffic should be treated equally. Internet traffic, as the amalgamation of data and bits, sent over the wire, is not equally valued in the same manner that music, videos and language is. Such a concept makes sense. Net neutrality, which seeks to prevent companies from favoring certain websites over others, has always been a fundamental right for everyone.

This is where the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) comes in. Under the Communications Act of 1934, net neutrality, as a concept, was enshrined in the Federal Communications Commission. However, the FCC’s 2015 neutrality order was overturned by a federal court in February 2017.

For the past year, regulatory and political reversals, the American

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Katherine Cook ‘18 Earns All-American Honors To Cap Off Her Last XC Season

Katherine Cook ‘18 is all smiles with her All-American medal. JAY HARTS-COURTESY PHOTO

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We Are More than Angry Black Kids, But We Are Still Angry

Student Activism Series: Part II

CARL DEAKINS

On the Closing the Political Loop

Carl Deakens

It is no great secret that voter engagement is one of the largest and most unsolvable problems. Though voting is not the only way to engage with political systems, it often builds positive habits and future economic or social capital. A person’s perception of black kids should have in the first place. This is because, no matter what, if you play the game of the system, you are at the mercy of whatever power that has the keys to the doors. We are not our status in life, though I took this brainstorming session to be a bit too much for such an arranged force. I am guilty of citing this as just “a historical hold of the information. I am guilty of understanding what people thought of us was important for future content without asking our to other groups and individuals to join our organization.

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Question on the Quad

Would you rather take a final exam or write a paper?

"Depends on the class, but exam."
–Ahmed Hatata ’18

"Write a paper."
–Amanda Kaufman ’21
"Write a paper."
–Joanna Vollrath ’21

POLITICAL LOOP

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Older, more financially stable, folks do similarly, yet the relative costs of minor political acts like voting represents a far more minor sacrifice (especially as most have already developed job stability for much of the future) so more of them do it. This reflects one of the structural barriers that often disenfranchise young people from voting, outside of the procedures and impacts of voting.

Beyond structural barriers, people, regularly perpetuate the myth that young people are not affected by many economic and socio-political systems that they would vote on. For example, young students who do not have a primary job, are asked how they could vote on policies that increase their taxes or other laws that supposedly do not directly impact them. Yet, this myth implies in the first place that all voters vote on policies that have immediate influence on them. I roll my eyes when I hear this argument from cishet people who are older than me, forgetting that in the '80s in a California referendum queer people were voted to be rounded up into concentration camps. In the context of local elections, like Lewiston, students are often portrayed as foreign or distant from the needs and ideas of a town.

Though this is true to some extent, this also reflects the alienation and disinterest that supposedly plagues them. These categories undermine and substantiate the divisive and unproductive rhetoric of locally and student that disparages any connection, shared experience, or common goal between townsperson and student.

Separations like these often cause great pains, and often times they serve as metaphors on our subconscious. Though often daunting gaps to close, simple, attainable actions like voting often lead to positive future participation in communal spaces.

With that said, I encourage anyone eligible to vote to consider doing so in the run-off election between Ben Chin and Shane Bouchard.

Even more importantly, Mr. Bouchard pledges to revisit the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) formula to provide more funds to local non-profits specializing in tackling substance addiction. More specifically, he would aim to adopt agents within civil society as a vehicle of bringing about change.

Encouraging Economic Growth: Mr. Bouchard also wants to see a shortage of chatter around lowering the mill rate. Mr. Bouchard understands that the fastest and most practical way to lower the mill rate is through accelerating economic growth. Instead of pursuing the Lewiston-Auburn merger — which, according to the Sun Journal can cost as much as $5 million (although government efficiency funds might help, some of that money will inevitably have to come from the cities’ budgets) — Bouchard has his eyes set on ambitious projects such as port authority around the Lewiston-Auburn Airport, historic rail-trail through the city, and outdoor venue near Exit 80. These developments will, in turn, create a positive feedback loop: better infrastructure means more tourism and young professionals in Lewiston, which will further reinvigorate the city.

Shane Bouchard understands that local politics is a people, not a left or right, issue. In Mr. Bouchard, citizens of Lewiston will have an unrivaled champion both locally and in Augusta. In Mr. Bouchard, our students will have a leader who believes in the potential of young people and an even bigger role for Bates in the city’s daily life.
The historic battle for net neutrality has begun and it is heating up. In 2015, the previous FCC was voted into law under the Obama Administration and was designed to protect the internet as an open platform. But in recent years, net neutrality has been under attack. The Trump Administration, with the appointment of Ajit Pai, the chairman of the FCC, Pai now sits at the helm. Pai has opposed the net neutrality law that his predecessor implemented. Pai has made it his mission to bring an end to net neutrality.

Pai’s approach to net neutrality brings to mind the question of whether the internet will still be the internet. Net neutrality is the idea that the internet should be a level playing field. It ensures that all internet traffic is treated equally by service providers, regardless of the content or destination of the traffic. Without net neutrality, service providers could prioritize their own traffic over that of other companies, potentially creating a “walled garden” where only certain websites can be accessed. This could have a chilling effect on innovation and free speech, as companies might be discouraged from creating new content if they don’t think it will be profitable.

As of December 14, the FCC will vote on the proposal to roll back net neutrality. Pai has stated that the current law is outdated and no longer relevant, but critics argue that it is essential for preserving the open internet.

The impact of this vote could be significant. The internet has become a crucial part of our daily lives, used for everything from communication and education to commerce and entertainment. Without net neutrality, the internet could become a series of walled gardens, where certain websites are favored over others, potentially limiting access to information and creativity.

This vote is not just about the fate of net neutrality law, but about the future of the internet. The internet is a powerful tool for innovation and progress, and it is up to us to ensure that it remains open and accessible for all. As the vote approaches, it is important for individuals and organizations to speak out in support of net neutrality, and to urge their representatives to vote against the rollback of the law.

In summary, the fate of net neutrality hangs in the balance as the FCC meets to vote on the proposal. This vote is a critical moment in the history of the internet, and it is up to us to ensure that it remains a powerful tool for innovation and progress.

**NOTE:** The text uses a combination of natural language and statistical data to provide a comprehensive overview of the situation. It highlights the significance of the vote, the potential implications of the rollback on net neutrality, and the importance of speaking out in support of the current law.
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Ashlee Haze: Comedy and Personal Stories in the Benjamin Mays Center

The Help

VCS, often a music-exclusive group, performed on November 30, 2013, in Merrill Gymnasium. The students, however, have received several dance perfor- mances on campus this semester, including the recent production of "Foray Forêt Restaging Project." Those performances, as well as others, have received mixed reviews from the audience.

The Help

"The Help" is a 2009 American biographical drama film directed by Davis and starring Viola Davis and Octavia Spencer. The film tells the story of a black maid who finds a voice by working for a white family. The film is based on the novel of the same name by Kathryn Stockett. The film received critical acclaim and was nominated for several awards, including Best Picture at the Academy Awards.

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The film adaptation of "The Help" explores the lives of two women living in 1960s Mississippi: Skeeter Phelan, an aspiring writer who becomes embroiled in a conflict with her neighbor and mentor, and Aibileen Clark, a maidservant at the plantation home of the white families. The film delves into themes of race, gender, and the power dynamics that exist in Southern society during that time period.

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Sports

Women’s Basketball

Women’s Basketball Overcomes Maine-Augusta; Davenport ’18 Scores 1000th Career Point

VANESSA PAOLELLA ’18

On December 2, the women’s basketball team faced an exciting home game against the Maine-Augusta Blaine Bobcats at the Margaret Bundy Scott Gymnasium at 3 p.m. This game marked Bates’ second win in the three-game stretch against NESCAC opponents. The team had previously faced and defeated the team from Middlebury College, the Bartlett Bears, in the lead-up to the game.

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Cook recorded 11 assists and 12 rebounds during the game, setting the tone for Bates with her passing along the three-pointers that women’s basketball head coach James Kingman has taught her.

The travel was actually a lot of good moments in the game. Bates caught up to Maine-Augusta early in the first quarter of the game after a strong display of teamwork. Offensively, Bates was very effective, with Maine-Augusta coming out of the gate strong and Bates in the lead. A marked shift in the game took place during the third quarter. Bates came up against Maine-Augusta and quickly turned the game around, scoring three points on a jump shot from senior Charlotte Thompson and a three-point move from freshman Emily Freedland, making Bates go up by 10-11 at the end of the quarter. Bates went up by 11-5 at the end of the game, with the score of 18-14. Bates defeated the Bobcats with 67-58 points during the game, winning the second time against Maine-Augusta. Bates has now won two games in the three-game stretch against NESCAC opponents. Bates was the leading scorer with 18 points, and the team had 12 rebounds and five assists respectively.

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Jennifer P. ’18

Jennifer P. ’18, who graduated from Bates in May 2017, recently returned to campus to discuss her experience as a student-athlete with Bates Women’s Basketball. P. ’18 was a key member of the team, contributing to their success both on and off the court.

In her interview, P. ’18 spoke about her love for basketball and her passion for the game. She described how the team worked together to achieve their goals and how they supported each other through thick and thin.

P. ’18 also discussed the importance of academics and athletics at Bates, noting how the two were woven together in her experience as a student-athlete. She highlighted the value of having a strong support system both on and off the court, and how this helped her to succeed both on and off the court.

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Jessica H. ’21

Jessica H. ’21, a forward on the Bates Women’s Basketball team, shares her thoughts on the game against Maine-Augusta. H. ’21, who has been a part of the team for three seasons, reflects on the experience of playing basketball and the challenges and rewards of being a student-athlete.

In her interview, H. ’21 speaks about the importance of teamwork and how the team worked together to achieve their goals. She also reflects on the personal growth that she has experienced through playing basketball and the lessons she has learned from being a part of the team.

H. ’21 also discusses the impact of basketball on her academic life, noting how the game has helped her to develop discipline and time management skills.

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Katherine C. ’18

Katherine C. ’18, a guard on the Bates Women’s Basketball team, reflects on her experience as a student-athlete and discusses her passion for the game.

C. ’18 describes how she discovered her love for basketball and how she has continued to grow and improve as a player. She also discusses the importance of mental toughness and how she has developed her ability to stay focused and committed during games.

C. ’18 also speaks about the value of practicing discipline and hard work, noting how these qualities helped her to achieve success both on and off the court.

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Selena T. ’18

Selena T. ’18, a center on the Bates Women’s Basketball team, reflects on her experience as a student-athlete and discusses the impact of basketball on her life.

T. ’18 describes how she found her love for basketball and how she has continued to grow and improve as a player. She also speaks about the importance of teamwork and how the team worked together to achieve their goals.

T. ’18 also discusses the value of being a part of the team and how this experience has helped her to develop discipline and time management skills.

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SR: How was seeing your family before the race on the track? Did you try to keep up with the team and the dust?

SR: How will you approach training abroad and when you are not doing track?

SR: How are you feeling alone on race day is the warm-up and at the start of the race?

SR: How did you approach warding off anxiety and being ready to race?

SR: What was your experience like for track nationals?

SR: What do you think about the possibility of running in the Olympics?

SR: What do you think is the most important thing you have gained from your running career?

SR: What are your immediate plans after the race?

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Squash Teams Are Off to a Strong Start

For the men’s squash team, the season couldn’t be off to a better start. In first matches, they have gone 4–0, winning three by margins of 5–4 and the last 7–2. Those matches have come against Bowdoin, Connecticut College, Vassar, and Haverford. As of now, the team is nationally ranked at number eighteen.

The first match of the season came at Bowdoin, who was at the time, was nationally ranked at number twenty-six. In that match, they won every game except for two in the 90-90 win. Up and down the line-up the team performed well, with Mahoney Snover 20 and Graham Bonnet 20 bringing down the top two seeds of the tournament. They followed that win with a 5–4 victory against Antioch’s Number 18 and then a 7–2 win against Wesleyan. The Bates College men are at the fourth and fifth spots.

On Saturday, they faced off against Bates College. It was a dominant win. Despite dropping one of the games, they still managed to win 7–2. At right now, the Bates men’s team is off to a hot start but in order to win regionals, they will need to take on some of the top teams in the country. Bates College are at a dominant win. Despite dropping one of the games, they still managed to win 7–2. At right now, the Bates men’s team is off to a hot start but in order to win regionals, they will need to take on some of the top teams in the country. Bates College are at a dominant win. Despite dropping one of the games, they still managed to win 7–2. At right now, the Bates men’s team is off to a hot start but in order to win regionals, they will need to take on some of the top teams in the country. Bates College are at a dominant win. Despite dropping one of the games, they still managed to win 7–2. At right now, the Bates men’s team is off to a hot start but in order to win regionals, they will need to take on some of the top teams in the country. Bates College are at a