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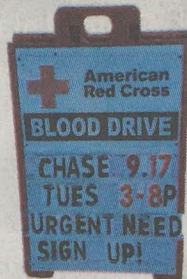
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## Annual Outing Club Clambake coincides with Yom Kippur



The BOC Clambake 2013. LILA WILMERDING/THE BATES STUDENT

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MANAGING NEWS EDITOR

For some students, the annual fall Clambake is a day of rest and feasting on—yes, clams—but also as many burgers and lobsters as the Outing Club can muster before our extension of summer really ends. For Jewish students, the Clambake this year was instead a day of fasting, as it fell on the day of Yom Kippur.

Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement in Judaism and as such is the holiest day in the Jewish year, along with Rosh Hashanah, explains junior Eliza Kaplan. She describes it as a time for people to reflect on mistakes from the past year in their lives, and fasting is a ritual that represents this repentance. Kaplan is Co-President of Hillel, the Jewish student organization on campus, which currently holds around forty active members.

About forty people, that is, who couldn't have eaten at the Clambake even if they chose to go.

The fall Clambake is a beloved beginning-of-the-year tradition that celebrates being back at Bates as much as it welcomes new students into our world here. Earlier last week, the Bates Outing Club announced that the Clambake would be held on Saturday, about

which many students were indignant, claiming it was supposedly "always" on a Sunday. However, according to senior Allie Balter, Vice President of the BOC, the event is really more often held on a Saturday.

Balter explains, "With the exception of last year, Clambake has always been on the Saturday of the 80s Dance. The Vice President of the BOC last year made the reservations too late and Saturday had already been taken at Poppham. Scheduling clambake on that Sunday received a negative response, as people didn't want to go to Clambake after 80s dance. The event was scheduled according to BOC tradition, not by random selection."

It was therefore not the change of day but the coincidence of the event with Yom Kippur that sparked various reactions among Jewish students observing the holiday, whether fasting or not.

Kaplan says, "I was disappointed. I am fasting and I think many members of Hillel do fast, but it is a personal decision, so I expect not everyone does." Kaplan also notes that she heard complaints about the change in date from "a decent amount of members" in Hillel.

Balter and the executive board of the BOC were "not aware that the Clambake fell on Yom Kippur, and had we been we would have certainly picked

a different day."

Based on conversations she has had with College administrators, Balter says the administration "regrets that students, and especially clubs, are not sent the same list of holidays that faculty receives at the beginning of the year."

For junior Shoshana Foster, who regularly fasts on Yom Kippur, the date did not offend her as much as it did others.

"I'm used to not being able to go to events that I'd like to because of [Jewish] holidays," she says. "So I wasn't shocked that another school event was scheduled for the same day as Yom Kippur services."

Kaplan similarly notes, "Bates is obviously very secular, and there have been school or club events on religious holidays in the past, such as Mount David Summit on Good Friday last year. This makes it less surprising that the Clambake was on Yom Kippur, but I do think it was very unfortunate."

Foster concedes, "What shocked me more—though it was a good surprise—was the reaction of my non-Jewish friends, since it wasn't directly affecting them."

Junior Julia Eyman, who is not

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## Off-campus residents subject to new disciplinary measures

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Citing pressure from Lewiston residents living near off-campus student housing, Bates has changed its off-campus disciplinary policy for the 2013-14 academic year.

The Dean of Students Office also placed a moratorium on off-campus parties in the days leading up to the start of classes. This was to ensure that all off-campus residents could hear about the policies directly from the Deans and Lewiston Police before any discipline was implemented.

"Most residences have adhered to the request very well to our sincere appreciation," said Associate Dean of Students James Reese in an email to off-campus residents.

A mandatory meeting was then held on September 5th for all students living off campus. The meeting included an overview of the new policies by Dean Reese and Dean of Students Tedd Goundie; remarks from Thomas Carey, the head of Bates Security; and remarks from the Lewiston Police Department.

The reason for the new policy is to have a system where penalties are reasonable but enforced consistently and to open up lines of communication between the Deans and students.

When an off-campus party is broken up by the Lewiston Police Department, the incident will be referred to the Deans, who will determine if the complaint is valid. If the complaint is determined to be valid, then the Deans will deliver a first warning to the entire off-campus residence.

If there is a second incident, the Deans' Office will meet with the students again, and if the complaint is deemed valid the residents of the offending house will be required to undergo community service. The parents of the residents will also be notified.

A third incident will result in a Student Conduct Committee hearing where consequences could include expulsion, probation, and suspensions.

The penalties from the Dean of Students Office are in addition to any police penalties, such as court summons for underage drinking or fines.

The old policy, which was in place for over a decade, resulted in a warning

for residents after the first offense and the second offense resulted in a fine equaling the cost of housing on campus for a semester. That would mean a \$1,786 fine for each member of an off-campus house or apartment for the 2013-14 academic year.

"The new policy is generally easier to enforce and more fair because the old options were either to do nothing or punish everyone to a disproportionate degree," says off-campus resident Taylor Blackburn '15.

Not surprisingly, the fine was so harsh that it was rarely enforced, even against residences that had large parties frequently and therefore received multiple noise complaints.

"That old policy, while relying on a fine, was unwieldy in its application," Reese said.

Essentially, the new policy is a variation of the current strike system for drug and alcohol violations. The off-campus strike system is completely separate from the drug and alcohol strike system; students who receive a strike under one system will not have that strike counted in the other system.

"Given that it sounds like they didn't enforce the old policy, I think it's preferable to have one that's a little clearer so that it can actually be enforced in a transparent, consistent way," says senior Jack Stewart, who lives off campus this year.

The Dean of Students office is insistent that small parties of 30 or fewer students should not be a problem in most cases.

Large parties, especially parties that contain 100 or more students, are some of the biggest nuisances for local residents.

"Even if some students think these [large parties] are a regular part of the Bates fabric, they must be eliminated because the hosting residents cannot control the behaviors of the large numbers of students coming from the main campus," Reese said.

Some of the biggest issues for residents living near students off-campus are trash and debris on sidewalks, property damage, uninvited entrances into homes by intoxicated students, repeated shouting of profanities, bodily eliminations on their property, verbal harass-

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The Lewiston Police Department plans on stepping up underage drinking enforcement at off-campus parties. LOGAN GREENBLATT/THE BATES STUDENT

## First-years by the numbers: Class of 2017 breaks through typical admissions trends

JULIA MONGEAU  
STAFF WRITER

Tired of hearing, "I'm from just outside Boston?" Well, you might hear it from members of the Class of 2017 less frequently. This freshman class has made its mark on Bates already as the most diverse class in the College's history. Several admissions statistics in this class's profile highlight its diversity.

Leigh Weisenburger, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, discussed how admissions works both to diversify the student body while it also selects, "intellectually curious and academically prepared students." Diversifying applies to many aspects, like geography, gender,

race, ethnicity or first-generation to college, to name a few.

Weisenburger says that this goal goes back to the College's founding. She also reasons that, "our students and faculty will continue to learn and teach best when our students come from many different backgrounds and all bring a wide array of experiences and perspectives to our community."

First-years agree with Weisenburger's claims about the benefits of being part of a diverse community. Recent arrival Chandler McGrath mentions that as a member of the Class of 2017, she will get to "learn more about different people and cultures than what I am used to" throughout her four years here.

Gabby O'Leary, also a first-year,

agrees that being part of the class of 2017 "means that I will meet people with different backgrounds and ideas, people I would have never met before if I were not here."

In the Class of 2017 profile, compiled by Roland Adams, it is reported that 25.4% of the students identify as domestic students of color (African American, Asian American, Hispanic, Multiracial or Native American/Pacific Islander), 14% are the first in their family to attend college, and 7.3% are international students.

Additionally, the class represents thirty-eight states and the District of Columbia. Nine percent are from Maine, and six students are from Lewiston and Auburn. This class is also

unique in its gender ratio: 54% are male, and 46% are female.

Early Decision I and II applications also increased significantly this year. The number of Early Decision applicants has steadily increased over the years, but Weisenburger says this year admissions saw a significant jump. Thirty-eight percent of the incoming class applied for ED I. Taken together, ED I and ED II applications were up 18% from last year.

"This is an excellent sign of interest in Bates as students are indicating that Bates is their number one choice," says Weisenburger.

In President Clayton Spencer's fall community newsletter, she mentioned the college's commitment to opportuni-

ty and excellence, "attracting and enrolling the very best students from a broad range of backgrounds."

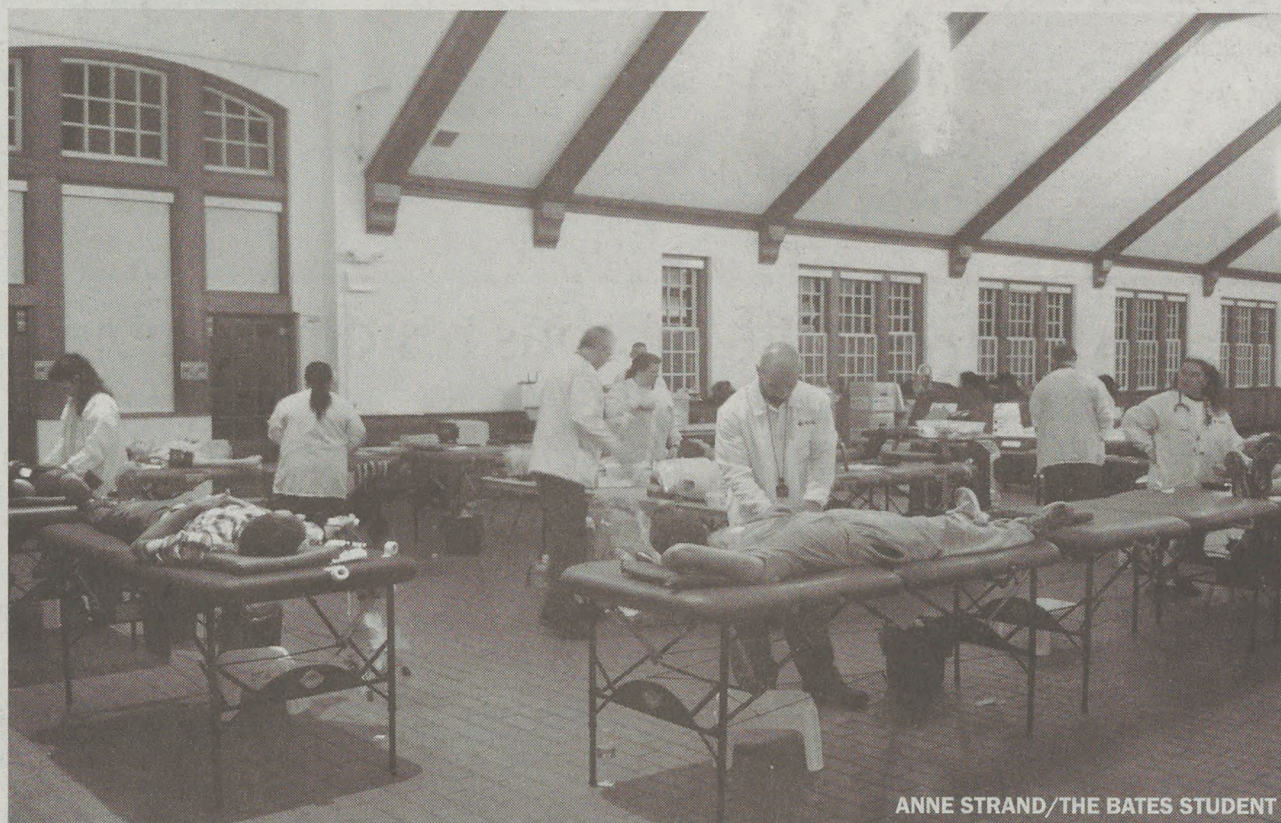
Weisenburger and the Admissions staff look to meet this goal as they begin selecting the next class to enter Bates.

"Our hope and aim is to continue to diversify our applicant pool and ultimately enroll students who would contribute to our growing national and global student body," says Weisenburger.

The Class of 2017 has already claimed its spot in the College's history and will no doubt contribute to the growing and enriching community.



## The FDA's homophobic policy on blood donation must be defeated



ANNE STRAND/THE BATES STUDENT

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Yesterday I donated blood at the Red Cross Blood Drive. As long as I'm not sick, I try to donate blood every time the Red Cross comes to Bates. Donating is a virtually painless, quick and easy way to literally save lives — especially since this time there was an “Urgent Need” for blood. Yet even though it's encouraging to see so many Batesians happily volunteer to give blood and proudly walking around with “I donated” stickers, it makes me uneasy knowing that many people will never be able to feel the satisfaction of donating blood simply because they are gay. Yes that's right: Food and Drug Administration (FDA) rules dictate that any man who has had sex with another man at any point since 1977 is banned from donating blood for the rest of his life.

The FDA defends its policy by citing public health risk: “MSM [Men who have Sex with Men] are, as a group, at increased risk for HIV, hepatitis B and certain other infections that can be transmitted by transfusion”.

This policy would make somewhat more sense if the FDA were consistent with their attempts at limiting “high risk” groups from donating; but the rules are nowhere as strict for heterosexual males. A straight male could have unprotected sex with a prostitute, share needles while using IV drugs, or have an HIV-positive opposite-sex partner and as long as all of this happened more than a year ago, you can donate all the

blood you want. Even if a gay man has been in a monogamous relationship for the past few decades, has never engaged in unprotected sex, or even has only had sex with another man once, he is banned from donating for life.

The FDA website provides some epidemiological statistics to support their policy:

“Men who have had sex with other men represent approximately 2% of the U.S. population...[but] in 2010, MSM accounted for at least 61% of all new HIV infections in the U.S.”

If the FDA is trying to eliminate the groups of highest risk, then why not ban African Americans and Hispanics from donating blood? After all, the rate of new HIV infections is nine times higher in African Americans (69% of all infections) and three times higher in Hispanics (21%) than white people (9%). Or why not ban all black women, for whom HIV prevalence is 18 times higher than white women?

Of course this is a ridiculous notion — potential donors should be assessed for their individual levels of risk rather than the being lumped into a group of “higher than average risk”. Similarly, MSM should not immediately be banned from donating blood. Instead, a more detailed sexual history should be taken into account before deciding whether or not to allow them to donate.

The policy arose decades ago when there was no reliable test for HIV in donated blood. Nowadays, all donated blood is tested thoroughly by two types of assays that detect HIV antibodies and RNA in the blood, but there still

remains a four to seven day window after initial infection when HIV will not be detected by these tests. However, the odds of a man with newly acquired HIV donating blood are almost none. The man would have to have had unprotected sex with someone HIV-positive, gotten infected from that encounter, and have lied to the Red Cross about his sexual orientation. And all of that would have to occur only a few days before donation. As a result, only one in two million blood transfusions results in an HIV infection.

Recently, several countries have realized this hypocrisy and have altered their policies for MSM blood donation. In 2011, the U.K. eliminated their lifetime ban for MSM donors and instead changed the policy to apply to men who have engaged in high-risk behaviors over the past year. In 2000, Australia also changed its policy to a 12-month deferral period from the previous five-year ban. A follow-up empirical study by the Australian Red Cross assessed the policy change's effects on the risk of accidental HIV transmission from receiving infected donor blood. The prevalence of HIV among blood donors five years before the policy change was compared to the prevalence five years after the policy change. The study found “...no evidence that the implementation of the 12-month deferral for male-to-male sex resulted in an increased recipient risk for HIV in Australia.” Instead, the study found that one of the biggest problems was due to people lying about

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## A Diplomatic Folly

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September 14, 2013 will be remembered as one of President Obama's major foreign policy blunders.

On that date, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov announced in Geneva that they had reached an agreement to eliminate Syria's chemical weapons stockpile. The plan includes the following steps: Syrian President Bashar al-Assad has until Friday to submit a complete list of his country's chemical weapons stockpile to the United Nations (UN); UN inspectors will enter Syria in November with unfettered access to all chemical weapons sites; and finally, all chemical weapons, production and mixing equipment must be destroyed by mid-2014. This timeline will be formalized in a U.N. Security Council Resolution within the next few days by Russia and the United States.

Ridding Syria of its chemical weapons through the letter of international law rather than a Tomahawk missile seems like a victory for international stability and norms against the usage of chemical weapons. Unfortunately, like other grandiose disarmament plans in the past, this plan lacks substance and is a ploy to indefinitely delay a seemingly imminent U.S. military intervention. A clear consequence is a strengthened Russian and Syrian bargaining position, and a weakened United States with its hands tied.

Even if much agreement exists between Russia and the United States, there is also much disagreement on some critical points. For example, they agree that Syria has about 1,000 metric tons of chemical weapons, but they do not agree on the number of chemical weapon sites. U.S. intelligence estimated Syria possesses around 45 sites, but the Russians advocate for a lower figure. A cause for this discrepancy may be that Unit 450, the strongly pro-Assad military unit responsible for Syria's chemical weapons stockpile, allegedly dispersed the regime's chemical arsenal throughout Assad controlled areas.

This discrepancy is important because the alleged dispersal is useful to conceal the extent of the Syrian chemical weapons program. Saddam Hussein used a similar tactic in the 1990's when he purposefully played cat-and-mouse games with UN weapons inspectors, and there is still debate on the extent of Saddam's chemical weapons program. Can we rely on Assad's word when he has denied the usage of chemical weapons in the past, and when chemical weapons are an important bargaining chip for the continued survival of his regime?

Additionally, if it is established that the Syrian regime fails to comply with the agreement, it is unclear what the penalties are for non-compliance. The resolution will exclude a military response due to Russia's vehement insis-

tence. In fact, Russian President Vladimir Putin stated in a New York Times op-ed that military strikes by United States “would constitute an act of aggression” because it violated international law, and stated it would use its veto in the Security Council against any military action. This is of course perfectly consistent with Russia's expedition into Georgia in 2008.

Yet at a joint press conference with Britain and France on Monday, Secretary Kerry clarified that “should diplomacy fail, the military option is still on the table.”

A small miscommunication, no doubt.

But how can Syria, not to mention other rogue states, take this threat seriously when neither the United States, nor any of its allies, is likely to use military force without the consent of the Security Council? The United States has a difficult choice if Syria fails to comply and there is a lack of a credible response with international support. If the United States and potentially their NATO allies conduct limited military strikes without U.N. approval they will violate the spirit of the agreement in the eyes of international community. Or, there is only a rebuke with some accompanying sanctions from the U.S. and the previous threat of military action becomes an empty threat.

In sum, this agreement has no teeth whatsoever, and will portray the United States as an aggressor or just simply foolish.

What is the White House to do? In a few months, the shock of a chemical weapons attack will disappear and so will the impetus for intervention. The White House committed a huge mistake when they requested authorization to use force from Congress when authorization isn't even legally necessary. Even worse, Congress would have followed their counterparts in Britain and voted against intervention, embarrassing the Obama administration. In the House of Representatives, 223 members were leaning or strongly against intervention, while in the Senate 42 Senators were leaning or strongly against intervention, including many of President Obama's liberal allies.

If Obama cannot get Congress to vote to conduct limited strikes because Syria crossed Obama's “red line” on the use of chemical weapons, how can anyone expect Congress to authorize force if Syria fails to comply the chemical weapons agreement that is unworkable in the first place? The White House will have to go it alone, making his previous Congressional overtures for intervention seem questionable, strengthening calls for knee-jerk isolationism.

We will see what comes of this agreement - whether it's a breakthrough in the Syrian civil war leading to a peaceful resolution, or a red herring intended to buy time. Unfortunately, the latter seems more likely, as does the United States' declining influence in region.

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## Online forums enable parents to pass on adopted children to new families

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"Private Re-homing" is probably not a term you've heard. It sounds a bit like "re-homing," the practice of a pet owner finding a new home for their pet. Unfortunately, we are now using that same term for children.

Parents, after encountering problems raising their adoptive children, use the internet to give their adoptive children to new families, are calling the practice, "private re-homing."

After 18 months of investigative research into the practice, Reuters published "The Child Exchange" which described parents looking to find new homes for their adoptive children using Yahoo bulletin boards and Facebook forums.

Most often these children are adopted from abroad, from countries such as Russia, China, Ethiopia, and Ukraine, and are between 6 and 14 years old. The youngest child put up for "re-homing" was 10 months old.

Parents who use these websites to find new homes and families for their

children often call "re-homing" their last choice. They claim that they didn't have the proper training to adopt a child from abroad, that the children they adopted had emotional and behavioral problems that were not disclosed to them before adoption, and that the adoptive agencies did not offer any aid to the parents when they told the agencies of their difficulties in raising the adoptive child.

The private system of "re-homing" is not regularized. The process is simple. A parent signs a power of attorney form, stating that the child is now under the custody of the new family, and hands the child over to the new family.

Without a background check, parents have no idea who they are signing their child over to. The Reuters investigative report tells the story of Quita, a troubled teenager from Liberia.

The parents of Quita claimed that they could not handle her, and posted an ad on the Internet. In less than two days, they found new parents, Nicole and Calvin Eason, who wanted to take her. Quita's adoptive parents claimed that the Easons "seemed wonderful."

What Quita's adoptive parents didn't know was that child welfare authorities had taken both of the Eason's biological children away from them years earlier, that the parents had "severe psychiatric problems as well as violent tendencies," and that the children the Easons had babysat accused them of sexual abuse. Quita's adoptive parents signed her over to the Easons without any governmental or adoption officials.

"Private re-homing" does not require a background check and thus can lead to adoptive children being given to new parents who have criminal histories or abusive tendencies. Clearly, "private re-homing" is a horrible practice. But it is also a little known practice, and resultantly, there is only a patchwork of state laws in place. In general, "re-homing" is a "lawless world" as Reuters journalist of "The Child Exchange," Megan Twohey, calls it.

What needs to be done? The Internet is impossible to control—it's too big, too massive. But the first step would be to hold Yahoo and Facebook accountable for the information posted on their sites and the content of their

forums.

Yahoo, after learning Reuters' findings, acted quickly, shutting down the bulletin board Adopting-from-Disruption, a six-year old bulletin board on Yahoo that Reuters targeted in their investigative research. Reuters brought five more groups to Yahoo's attention, which Yahoo consequently took down.

Facebook, on the other hand, refused to take down one of their forums, Way Stations of Love, claiming, "that the Internet is a reflection of society, and people are using it for all kinds of communications and to tackle all sorts of problems, including very complicated issues such as this one."

But giving your child away to a complete stranger is not a way to tackle a problem. A child is a responsibility you cannot simply throw off.

How can the process be so simple and quick to sign over their children? Parents only need a basic "power of attorney" document. This document is a notarized statement that declares the child to be in the care of another adult.

While this "power of attorney" document offers flexibility for those

parents unable to care for the children and allows them to sign their children over to a trusted relative or friend, it is currently being abused through the act of "re-homing."

"Private re-homing" needs to be regulated and laws need to be put in place to prevent child abuse. Federal law needs to protect these children who are often adopted from abroad and promised a better life in America.

Overseas adoption services need to offer training to parents and counseling during the adoption process. The adoption process is not over when the child is handed to the parent. That's only the first step in a long process.

And then there are the adoptive parents who adopt children from abroad and run into difficulties with the children they adopt. I can't help but see their selfishness. Yes, the children may be difficult. But did you not think parenting a child, from another country or not, would be difficult? Did you not think that unforeseen problems would arise? Could you think of no other alternative than giving your child away to a stranger you've met on the Internet?

## Comic Corner

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their sexual histories. All five cases of donated HIV-infected blood (out of five million total donations) in the five years after the policy change came from men who did not provide a complete sexual history to the Red Cross and were therefore not deferred from donating blood.

It is important to reiterate that it is the FDA and not the Red Cross that enforces the ban against MSM blood donation. In 2006, the Red Cross, American Association of Blood Banks, and America's Blood Centers presented a joint position to the FDA in an attempt to change the policy. The main idea of the position was "that the current lifetime deferral for men who have had sex with other men is medically and scientifically unwarranted..." and that the policy on MSM "be modified and made comparable with criteria for other groups at increased risk for sexual transmission of transfusion-transmitted infections."

Earlier this year, the American Medical Association also recommended that the policy be changed to one that would consider the donor based on his individual risks rather than his sexual orientation alone. In a statement from the AMA, board member Dr. William Kobler said, "The lifetime ban on blood donation for men who have sex with men is discriminatory and not based on sound science. This new policy urges a federal policy change to ensure blood donation bans or deferrals are applied to donors according to their individual level of risk and not based on sexual orientation alone."

The FDA must listen to these groups and reconsider its policy. The lifetime ban should be switched to the one-year ban as it is in Australia and the United Kingdom. The ban on MSM blood donation is homophobic, ignores the pertinent scientific research, and was founded in a time when accurate HIV detection in blood was not possible. The ban on MSM blood donation only serves to reinforce the horrible stereotypes that gay people are somehow "unclean" or are diseased. One can only imagine the type of situations that this ban leads to. In an article in *Slate*, Mark Joseph Stern points out that "blood drives are common at offices, universities, sporting events, and other social activities where donors are encouraged to tour their good deed with a button or sticker."

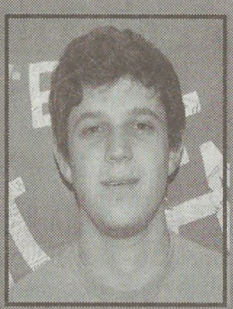
In these situations, gay men would be left unable to contribute and, if he is in the closet about his sexual orientation, having to think of an excuse as to why he isn't participating. Stern adds that "it isn't easy, after all, to explain to a colleague that though you'd like to give blood, the FDA, based solely on your sexuality, has deemed you too likely to be diseased."

In August, Russian MP Mikhail Degtyarev proposed a new policy to the Federal Assembly that would instate a lifetime ban on MSM blood donation. Degtyarev cites the FDA's policy as a reason for his attempts to instate the ban. The American people have rightfully been vocal in their opposition to Russia's anti-gay laws particularly as to how they will apply to the upcoming Winter Olympics. Americans must not limit themselves to defending gay rights in Russia. We must eliminate this obsolete, homophobic policy and show Russia — and the world — that America will not stand for institutionalized homophobia.



Forum >>

ALEX DAUGHERTY  
Editor-in-Chief



## Lack of communication hurts student clubs

Last Wednesday, all first-years were summoned to a mandatory meeting in the Grey Athletic Building at the request of the administration.

Problem is, at least a dozen student organizations scheduled organizational meetings at the same 8pm timeslot of the class-wide meeting. Many of these organizations were having their first meeting of the year, crucial gatherings that first-years attend when they are trying to determine what clubs they want to join.

Normally, it would be the responsibility of the student organization to make sure that their meeting does not conflict with large gatherings of first-years.

However, in this case, club leaders were not informed of the class-wide meeting and were forced to reschedule at the last minute. Other clubs held their informational meetings without first-years present.

Another wrench in the scheduling process for student run organizations was that a mandatory dorm-wide meeting for Smith Hall was held right before the class-wide meeting, essentially making Wednesday a lost cause for organizations trying to recruit new first-years to join.

Notwithstanding the fact that Wednesday evening had to have been frustrating for any first-years who actually had work to do or club meetings to attend, student clubs were left scrambling.

All the administration had to do was send a simple email out to student leaders informing them of the date and time of the class-wide meeting and all of

the headaches for first-years and clubs alike could have been eliminated.

Another instance of the administration simply failing to communicate with student organizations is the recent Clambake controversy. Some students were upset at the Outing Club for scheduling food-centric event on Yom Kippur, but the Outing Club never received the same list of religious holidays that all professors and staff receive each year.

Is it really that hard for someone in Lane Hall to send out an announce email to all clubs at the beginning of the year reminding them of religious holidays that may interfere with club activities?

Student organizations also bear some of the responsibility for scheduling events that are sensitive to the needs of different communities at Bates. However, it doesn't seem too hard to have the same open lines of communication with student organizations that professors currently receive.

When there is a conflict with a religious holiday or meeting, the administration can bear the burden of answering students as to why an event was planned for a certain day instead of club leaders bearing that responsibility themselves.

The administration already does a great job of promoting events around campus and supporting student organizations that need to get the word out about their group.

Lane Hall should do the same when changes are made or when there is controversy around a scheduling decision.



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## FIRE SAFETY

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Last Monday students lazed around on a temperate afternoon while volunteers wearing festive plastic fire hats passed out free t-shirts. With Ohio Players' "Fire" playing in the background, students gathered outside commons to watch a dorm be set ablaze.

No, this was not a 70's college party gone wrong. This was Bates' Annual Fire Safety Day.

We all remember fire drills in high school. Moreover, the school reviewed fire safety protocol multiple times during orientation. So what does Bates have to teach us that we don't already know?

Fire safety day at Bates is designed specifically around college life, with a drunk-goggles obstacle course, dorm-replica inferno, and a smoke-filled residence hall escape route playing the teachers of the day.

The drunk goggles obstacle course is entertaining and difficult. According to

one bespectacled student, "Just standing is hard. These goggles are intense." But is it an effective way of teaching fire safety? According to another student, the goggles were "are a little extreme, to be honest." Yet another student remarked that he (or was it a she) could "run better drunk than I can walk with these goggles".

The pyrotechnic highlight of the event took place in a replica dorm, adorned with biology posters, flammable old clothes, and an unholy amount of empty pizza boxes. Dry, fluttering banners and a paper umbrella hang from the dorm walls of the fire safety ignoramus.

Tom Graziano lit the blaze. It spread slowly at first, but then spread quickly. "It was insane," said one observer. "Highlight of the year," said another.

But does the audience believe that the demonstrations will better prepare them for fire safety and emergencies? Answers ranged from "Yes" to "hell yes," but others still questioned the educational value of the event.

# Test Your Knowledge of the Constitution

*Yesterday, September 17th was Constitution Day. So in honor of our great Founding Fathers here is a little quiz to test your knowledge about one of the most groundbreaking political documents in world history. The prize: An "A" in American Political Institutions and Processes*

1. The Constitution was directly influenced by what famous British document that protected individual rights against arbitrary decisions made by the King?

- a. Charter of Liberties
- b. Treaty of Liverpool
- c. Magna Carta
- d. Rights of Man

3. What was the original method for selecting the Vice President?

- a. Second place candidate in the Electoral College
- b. Selected by the majority of members in the House of Representatives
- c. Direct election
- d. Duel

5. What does the Supremacy Clause in Article Six of the Constitution mean?

- a. Congress can overrule the President on certain issues like taxation and budget policy.
- b. Federal law takes precedent over state law
- c. The Supreme Court can overrule decisions by federal administrative bodies.
- d. The Executive branch has supremacy over military matters

7. When were Native Americans given the right to vote?

- a. 1882
- b. 1932
- c. 1899
- d. 1924

9. What does the 26th amendment do?

- a. Limits the President to two terms in office
- b. Grants presidential electors to the District of Columbia
- c. Abolishes the ban on alcohol.
- d. Establishes the voting age as 18

2. What U.S. Supreme Court case established the doctrine of implicit powers for Congress?

- a. Marbury v. Madison
- b. McCulloch v. Maryland
- c. Talbot v. Seeman
- d. United States v. Kirby

4. What right does the 6th Amendment guarantee?

- a. Right to keep and bear arms
- b. Right to have a trial by jury
- c. Right to privacy
- d. Right to a speedy trial

6. What power isn't directly granted in the Constitution to the Supreme Court?

- a. Judicial review (ability to rule cases unconstitutional)
- b. Original jurisdiction over cases involving U.S. ambassadors
- c. Original jurisdiction over cases between two states
- d. Appellate jurisdiction over lower courts

8. Who cannot the President ever pardon?

- a. Those convicted of treason
- b. His immediate family members
- c. Himself
- d. Members or former members of the President's administration

10. Which of these founding fathers never signed the constitution

- a. George Washington
- b. Thomas Jefferson
- c. James Madison
- d. Alexander Hamilton

Answers  
1 c, 2 b, 3 a, 4 d, 5 b, 6 a, 7 d, 8 c, 9 d, 10 b.



# Financial aid at Bates hits record high

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In an era of unprecedented student loan debt, Bates has stepped up with an unprecedented financial aid budget.

According to Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Leigh Weisenburger, 48% of the incoming class this year received an average financial aid award of over \$38,000. School-wide, President Spencer said in her fall community newsletter that 47% of Batesies received financial aid awards, with the average package weighing in at over \$35,000. All accounted for, this year's budget of just over \$30 million tops last year's by 5.6%, making it the largest in the College's history.

The financial aid budget is composed both of endowment money and the school's operating budget, which consists of money from fundraisers, tuition, other revenue-raising events, as well as other endowment money, according to Weisenburger, who added that this budget structure is customary among other colleges.

Last year, a little over 16% of the financial aid budget was drawn from the endowment, with the remainder coming out of the operating budget. This year, says Weisenburger, the Office is aiming to reduce the portion of endowment money to about 10% while increasing the operating budget money up to 90%.

Spencer also noted in her newsletter that Bates' financial aid is "largely composed of outright grants," enabling Bates graduates to escape with an average debt burden of \$17,000 compared to the national average, which is about \$10,000 higher.

In fact, according to Wendy Glass, Director of Student Financial Services, federal grants this year accounted for just \$2.7 million of total student aid, compared to the \$30 million institutional aid. Unlike student loans, says Weisenburger, grants do not have to be

paid back.

The annual financial aid budget is devoted to the financial needs of all four grade levels, and is planned carefully in advance. While Glass and the office are still packaging some entering students, they say they expect to spend almost all of this year's awards.

"It's not a policy to spend the entire budget," said Weisenburger, "but it behooves us to. Given our goal of diversity, it would go against our philosophy of providing access and opportunity if we had millions of dollars to provide for a Bates education but did not spend it fully."

In her newsletter this fall, President Spencer also drew a link between the school's financial aid policies and its values of "opportunity and excellence," adding that the "college's generous program of financial aid will always top the list of fundraising priorities, and the Board of Trustees is firmly behind these efforts."

Looking ahead, Weisenburger said that she and the Admissions staff remain committed to providing qualified students of all backgrounds with a Bates education. To that end, the Financial Aid Office merged with the Office of Admissions two years ago, allowing for "better coordination" between the two, says Glass.

"Prior to the merger, we always worked closely for sure, hand-in-hand, with admissions in order to meet our goals of enrolling students," said Weisenburger. Now that admissions and financial aid have merged, Weisenburger hopes the two offices can better "strategically plan to meet all those goals" over the long haul.

More specifically, she says that the office will continue to provide "a personalized approach to our work with students and families," noting that this personal element is critical in allowing families to "determine how they may best afford and finance a Bates education."

## Student Conduct Committee Summary: Short Term 2013

Each semester, The Student publishes the summaries of Student Conduct Committee Cases so that the Bates community can be informed of the school's disciplinary policy.

The following is a summary of the Student Conduct Committee cases that were adjudicated during Short Term 2013.

Incident Date: May 1, 2013

**Charge:** A student was charged with unacceptable social behavior by virtue of engaging in acts of disorderly conduct, specifically for removing a fire extinguisher from the wall and discharging it, for damaging student and college property, specifically for damaging a student's vehicle and a residence hall lounge, and for obstruction of col-

lege procedures, specifically for providing false information to college officials.

**Outcome:** A Disposition by Agreement was accepted by the co-chairs of the Student Conduct Committee on May 28, 2013. The elements of the agreement stipulate a one-semester suspension effective Fall Term 2013 semester, eligible to return Winter 2014 semester. Probation with a one full-year suspension held in abeyance if found guilty by the Student Conduct Committee of any future acts of social misconduct. Required to pay partial restitution for the damage to the student's vehicle as stipulated by the Dean of Students Office. Required to pay partial restitution to the college for the damage to the lounge.

## CLAMBAKE

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Jewish herself, was disappointed in the Outing Club's decision on behalf of her Jewish friends.

"I think it excludes a large portion of the campus population from one of the biggest events that everyone looks forward to," Eyman says.

Similarly, Balter notes, "The non-Jewish students I have spoken to share my wish that there was more communication about the dates of important holidays."


While the coincidence of the event with the holiday was obviously a mistake, Eyman believes the issue of recognizing diversity is somewhat at hand here.

"I think as a campus we are a diverse campus, and we need to be cognizant of that when we plan events. Sometimes things get forgotten and that's not okay. You would never plan the clambake on Thanksgiving or Christmas, and those

things are very prevalent. I would guess the majority of our campus is Christian or nonreligious, but there is also a large portion of people that are Jewish."

Interestingly, Kaplan and Eyman both describe Bates as either "very secular" or as having a "Christian or nonreligious" majority. The Clambake's date change is not at all an issue of religious hostility or even a term as harsh as ignorance, rather, it shows how religious life is not extremely prevalent or prominent on most college campuses today. Eyman heard some people claim in defense that Jewish students could still go to the Clambake without eating anything.

"It's not just the fasting aspect; there's more to the holiday than that," Eyman insists respectfully. "I'm not trying to bash the Outing Club, I just don't want them to make the same mistake again."



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## OFF-CAMPUS

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ment, and continuous loud music or noise.

"I think the new policy allows for greater flexibility in evaluating the circumstances when parties get out of hand," Blackburn says. "Increased communication between off campus residents and administration means people are less likely to be blamed for things that are not their fault."

The Lewiston Police Department also plans to work with Bates Security and residents this year to minimize the harms of off-campus parties.

Currently, the area around the intersection of College and Vale Streets has seen a rise in the number of resident complaints. Other areas, such as Oak Street and Elm Street, have seen fewer noise complaints in recent years.

During the meeting, the Deans and Bates Security emphasized opening up lines of communication between students and residents. Suggestions included knocking on doors of neighbors and giving neighbors student phone numbers so they can inform residents when

they are too loud instead of calling the police directly.

The email from the Deans also warned students of a Lewiston ordinance stating that no residential dwelling can have more than 50 people at one time. *The Bates Student* attempted to contact the Lewiston Police Department on numerous occasions to inquire if the ordinance was enforced in residences not containing Bates students. However, after multiple phone calls, *The Student* did not receive a response from the Lewiston Police Department.

The Lewiston Police Department also plans on stepping up patrols in areas where off campus parties have been a problem in the past.

All students living off-campus were then instructed to sign a new version of the off-campus housing contract that included the new policy for noise complaints.

**Off-campus Policy for the 2013-2014 year:**

The Dean of Students Office, along with Bates Security and in discussion with the Lewiston Police Department, will place into practice the following new policy:

1) Upon the first incident of a noise complaint or a visit to the residence from the Lewiston Police Department or Security, the Deans Office will meet with the entire residents of the apartment, determine if the complaint was valid and warranted, and then deliver a first warning to the residents and clarify what second and third future infractions will involve.

2) Upon a second incident, the Deans Office will meet AGAIN with the entire residents and issue the second warning (if warranted) and extend community service and/or other actions to be taken by members of the house as part of the penalty, including communicating the situation to the students' parents.

3) Upon a third incident, the Deans Office will have the residents reviewed to determine if the students will have a hearing in front of the Student Conduct Committee. The sanctions from the Student Conduct Committee could include various sanctions, probation, and suspensions from the College.

## Bobcat intern: Megan Lapp '15

**HALEY KEEGAN**  
STAFF WRITER/BLOG EDITOR

Each week *The Student* will profile a student who completed a summer internship. This week's student is Megan Lapp, who spent the summer interning at Altus Marketing and Management in Boston, Massachusetts.

What were the basics of your internship?

Megan Lapp: Well, most days I worked 9-5 Monday through Friday at the office in Boston. Summer is their busy season, and over the course of the summer I worked on seven different events."

What kind of responsibilities did you have?

ML: I did everything from composing letters to soliciting donations to making phone calls to clients and vendors. As time went on, they definitely trusted me with more responsibility. They're a small company, so I was really an asset to them. This definitely wasn't just a "go and get coffee" kind of internship.

How did you end up at Altus?

ML: I heard of the company because one of the founders, Aaron Sells '01, is a Bates alum. So I checked out their website, applied online in February, and two weeks later they called me for an interview in Boston. It's honestly not the kind of internship I planned on getting initially, but it ended up being a really great experience.

What was the coolest part of the internship?

ML: Altus deals with a lot of sports stuff, so I got to meet a bunch of local athletes. I met Shawn Thornton [Boston Bruins forward], Jon Lester [Boston Red Sox pitcher] and Rob Gronkowski [New England Patriots tight end].

Did anything surprise you about the athletes you met?

ML: Yeah, they all had really strong handshakes! My hand was sore. I don't think they understand their own



MEGAN LAPP '15. HALEY KEEGAN/THE BATES STUDENT

strength. But also they were all really humble and nice, and they really try to help each other out with their respective charities."

Were there things you disliked?

ML: Not making any money. But honestly I learned a lot and had a great experience, so it was still worth it.

What did you take away from your internship?

ML: A lot of life skills; dealing with people, conference calls, meetings, problem solving, attention to detail—all of that kind of stuff. I'm really good at talking on the phone now. But I also learned a lot about keeping calm in chaos.

Keeping calm?

ML: Yeah, I mean there's a lot going on during an event. We hosted an

MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) charity event one night and things got pretty crazy. But luckily we all had radios so we could freak out to each other without everybody knowing about it. You're trying to stay cool but over your radio you can hear your co-worker saying, "Oh no... there's a parent attacking an official... They're calling in medical staff... His shoulders out of its socket... Oh wait now they're putting it back in... GROSS!" So stuff gets pretty crazy.

Is this something you can see yourself doing post-Bates?

ML: I don't know, maybe. I'm not someone who came into Bates with a specific career path in mind. But this is definitely something I could be interested in. That's part of why internships are so awesome: it's a no-risk situation to help you figure out what you want to do with your life. That's pretty cool.



## Chase Hall rebranding: Center for students and Bates community

GRACE PEZZELLA  
STAFF WRITER

The Bates College campus is an important factor in the feel of this community. It is small enough to walk across, everything is more or less centrally located, and there are plenty of open-air spaces for students to enjoy the Maine weather. These are all important aspects that contribute to the close-knit nature and spirit of the student body and faculty.

Up until last year, however, there was no traditional "student center," no place to congregate and unwind. With the renovations of Chase Hall that were completed last year, that is about to change.

Beginning this fall, the Chase Hall Event Series will open up the space in a way it has not been used before, establishing the building as the premier spot on campus for afternoon and evening activities during the week.

Each day, the building now hosts a different event. Mondays are dedicated to "Den Fun," next is Tuesday Tea and the perennial favorite Wind-Down Wednesday, followed by the "Learn-to" series on Thursdays, and finally a monthly treat on Fridays.

Assistant Dean of Students Keith Tannenbaum is spearheading this rebranding of Chase Hall.

He says, "The series started as a way of bringing more people in to Chase Hall. After last year's renovations we didn't get a chance to do too many activities, but with the start of a new year we wanted to introduce the building as a place on campus for students to come hang out and spend some free time."

The entire Bates community is welcome at each event, but the target demographic is really the student body, as the goal is to create a space that is as big a part of student life as the Ronj or Commons.

The series kicked off with a grand opening attended by over 200 students, faculty, and staff and featuring delicious treats from The Gelato Fiasco. The Tuesday Tea and Thursday's Learn-to-rumba lesson had smaller turnouts, but Tannenbaum does not see this as a defeat.

"I have confidence that they will continue to grow over time, and there are some great learn-to events still to come."

Although an official schedule is still in the works, Tannenbaum promises that some great events are on the docket. The Den will host smaller events like Bingo, acoustic performances, trivia,



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and karaoke, with a special emphasis on Monday Night Football. The Learn-to series will include cooking lessons from Commons chefs and an appearance from Gloria Varney, the owner of Ne-zinscot Farms.

As far as planning is concerned, student involvement is encouraged. Wind-Down Wednesdays are traditionally in the hands of student clubs and organizations, but there are plenty of other op-

portunities as well.

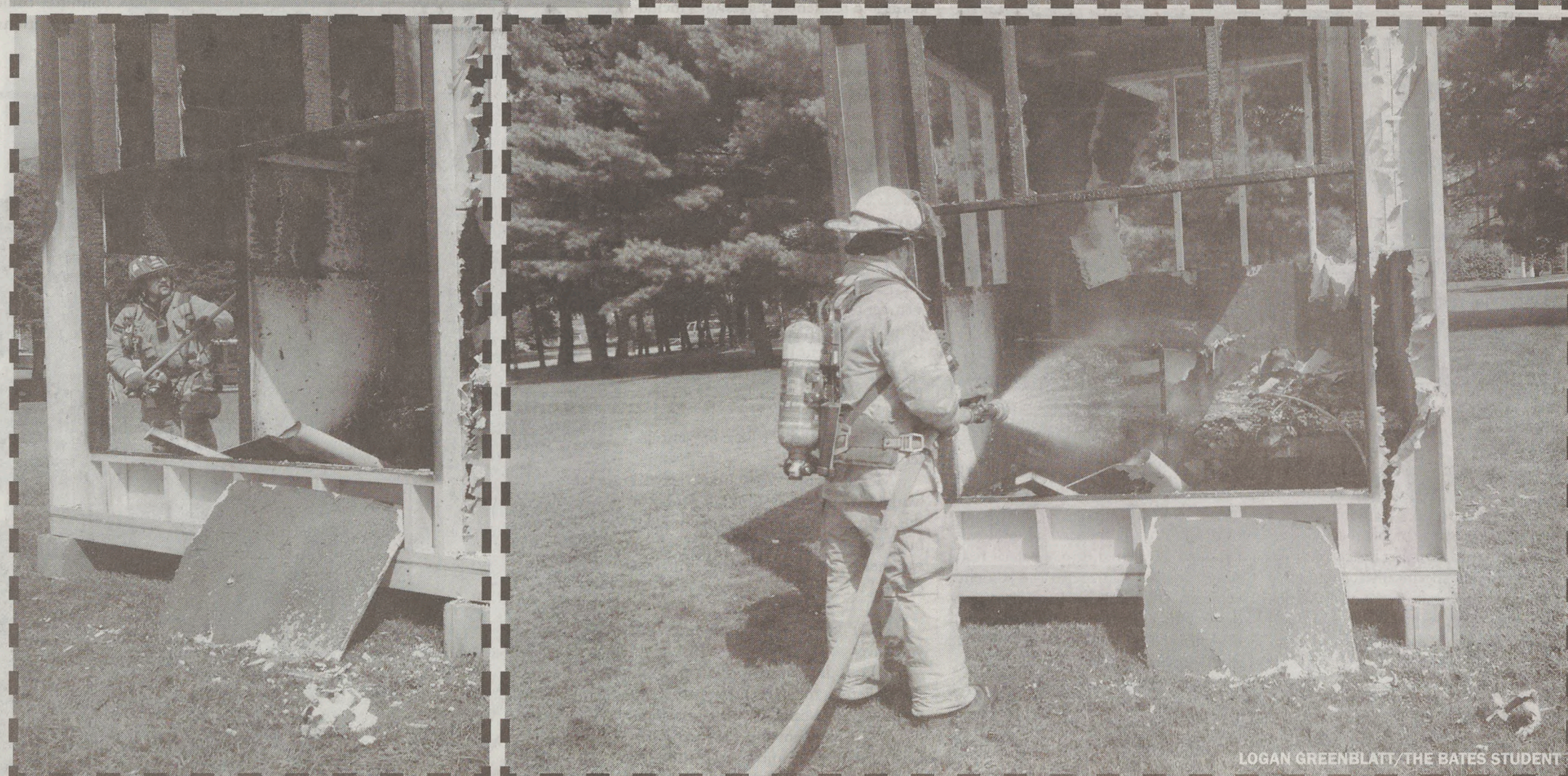
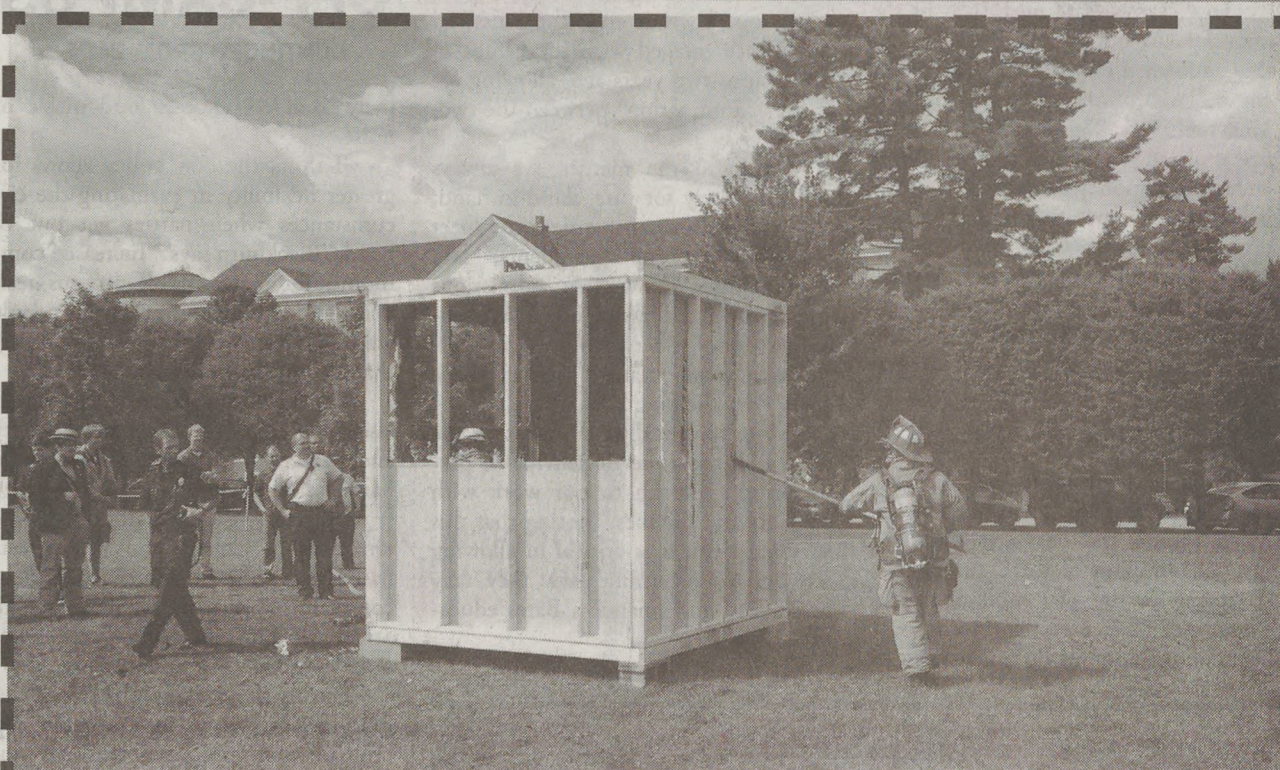
"Many of the rest of the activities—especially in the Den—will be student-organized as soon as I hire the new Chase Hall programmers," said Tannenbaum. "If students have ideas for events or improvements in Chase, I am happy to hear those ideas and would love to support them if possible."

Most importantly, Tannenbaum wants students to know that Chase is

their space. If anyone in the community has questions about events or is looking to schedule one of their own, he or she should not hesitate to ask. This is a tremendous opportunity to continue fostering community cohesion, and an even better chance for students to step up and plan something wonderful for their peers.

## BATES FIRE AND SAFETY DAY 2013

The annual Fire Safety Day, sponsored by the Environmental Health and Safety Department and the Lewiston Fire Department, demonstrates the strength and hazard of dorm-room fires. Read more on page 4.



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## Maine's Becca Carifo '15 brings beauty and brains to Bates

**MICHELLE PHAM**  
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Becca Carifo  
History Major  
Scarborough, ME

Becca Carifo '15 is the epitome of a Maine sweetheart.

On a Sunday afternoon, Carifo is sitting in the island situated mid-library, with a wide smile that draws two bright-eyed friends her direction. Wearing a charcoal-hued cotton dress that hugs her toned arms, Carifo is buried beneath a pile of vivid Staples notebooks. A soft aquamarine scarf decorates her neck. Upon realizing that she needs to recycle a reading, she begins the day by an attempt to scoot to the recycling bin, 4 meters away, in her wheeled desk chair. The scene evokes laughter amongst her two friends, and eventually she moves out of the chair, emitting a slight giggle and walks over to the blue bin.

"Becca is brilliant, friendly, and outgoing," says Nyle Rioux '14. Overwhelmingly humble, this junior is a Dana Scholar and the coveted darling of the Bates history department.

Extremely busy reaching her high standards of academic excellence, Carifo's approach to fashion is simple, but not simplistic. She chooses low-maintenance pieces that work well with her lifestyle, which involves more nights in the library than she cares to admit.

"I like to combine classic, timeless

pieces, like a black dress with something just a little bit different like bright shoes, cowboy boots, or a jean jacket. I would describe my fashion sense as 'girl-next-door': comfortable and easy, but still put together... most of the time,



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### STYLE SPOTLIGHT



anyway, and feminine," says Carifo.

Carifo's sweet, all-American look is not out of anyone's means. Often found perusing the racks at American Eagle and Forever 21, she also enjoys discover-

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## VCS Spotlight: Winding down for the weekend

**MARY ANNE BODNAR**  
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When vibrations of the four-part harmony fade into the walls of the Mays Center, the lead vocalist from Darling-side looks in to in the compact group of students and says, "You guys have to know, this coffeehouse series is really special. At some schools, there is just nobody that shows up. Or," he turns to his fellow singers and starts laughing. "It's just like a snack time. All you hear in the middle of your song is 'Tuna fish sandwich for JULIA!' And then everyone just gets up and decides it's snack time! But you guys," he pauses, "You guys are great."

It has become increasingly clear in the last two weeks that Bates Village Club Series is unlike any other college coffeehouse in the northeast. Performers praise the turnout, attentiveness, and spirit of the students who settle into their Mays Center seats with a warm cup of Chai and a cookie (many cookies).

It isn't too difficult to be a Bates student on Thursday nights at 9pm, and an hour long, low key concert at the Mays Center is exactly the wind down they need. After a long week of class, students relish the opportunity to be engaged without the stress of knowing you'll be tested on what you're listening to.

While Bates students are used to the relaxing and respectful atmosphere at VCS, this coffeehouse series wasn't as consistent and intimate as it is now until Keith Tannenbaum started in Stu-

dent Activities.

Tannenbaum reflected on this evolution; "In 1999, the Village Club Series was being handled by a student, or perhaps two, who booked a band or two that he liked for the occasional shows. They were good events, but just not done with any consistency, and the music was much more specific to those students in charge. Shortly after that I made the decision to try to make things more consistent, and much more of a series... Over the past 10 years or so we have found that having the shows on a weekly basis, at a consistent time, and with fantastic performers is a formula that works and that students have really appreciated. Oh, and the coffee, tea, chai, and cookies helps."

While Tannenbaum is the primary man responsible for turning sporadic concerts in to our much beloved coffeehouse series, there are also student workers behind the scenes. These students come early to the Mays Center each week and prepare the space by setting up lighting and sound equipment. They also have the unique experience of eating dinner with the artists before they perform.

These same students also help pick the acts that come each semester to VCS, and Tannenbaum observes that these students "Are committed to the quality of the series, and that shows up in the success as well."

VCS brings in acts in accordance with the budget and coffee-house atmosphere. Within these guidelines, students and Tannenbaum strive to have

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## Consult the Cat

▼ The Bates Student's own version of the classic college advice column with Bob the Bobcat

Dear Bob,

The relationship between my roommate and I is a bit strained. We were really close during orientation, hanging out all the time. But now that classes have started, we don't get along like we used to. She's hanging out with a new group of people and doesn't seem to want to go to Commons with me like we did before. I want to still be good friends with her but I don't know how to confront her about the situation.

HELP.

Sincerely,  
Lost-for-Words

Dear Lost-for-Words,

Relationships between roommates can change over time. When you first arrive on the Bates campus, it can be incredibly overwhelming. More often than not, your roommate is the first person you meet on campus and you both are comforted by having made an instant friend. You go to the orientation events, eat in Commons for all the meals, and watch Netflix in the room together. But once the semester starts, you are exposed

to even more new and exciting people in your classes, clubs, and sports teams. It makes sense that you'd make more friends and begin to hang out with them. Your roommate is probably excited to be meeting so many new people, and you should be, too! Sometimes it's better if roommates don't hang out all the time so the relationship does not become stagnant. Both of you can be friends with other people but still have fun hanging out when it's just the two of you. Mention to her that you'd love to hang out this upcoming weekend or get dinner at Commons that night. This way you show her that you like being in her presence and would love to see each other more often.

All the best,

Bob

Dear Bob,

After going to the Activities Fair last Wednesday, I realized how many clubs there are on the Bates campus. I wanted to do everything! I signed up for so much but now I'm getting inundated with emails

of meetings and events. I can't do everything I signed up for but I don't know which ones to stay with and which ones I should drop.

What should I do?

Sincerely,  
Spread-Too-Thin

Dear Spread-Too-Thin,

I did the same thing my first year at Bates. There really are so many fun activities to do on campus; it's hard to pick your favorites! But just because you are interested in an activity, doesn't mean you have to attend every single meeting and event. Go to stuff when you can and sign up for events that interest you. Your first year is a time to explore your interests! So go on a random hiking trip, be in a One Act play, and write an article for the paper here and there. Your activities should be fun; they shouldn't be stressful! It's not until later on that you should start narrowing down your interests into a few activities that truly interest you. Some activities are more time-consuming than others. It's all based on how much time you're willing to put towards your activities and away

from your academic work. But for now, have some fun, explore, and make some memories!

Cheers,

Bob

Dear Bob,

I'm from the sunny state of California and I'm desperately trying to understand this Maine weather. I'm so used to wearing warm clothes all year round that I'm a little stumped by the coolness of autumn here. What are some clothes around campus that are both fashionable and fitting for this climate?

Thanks!

Hot-then-Cold

Dear Hot-then-Cold,

Fall is so beautiful in Maine! The trees turn beautiful shades of reds, yellows, and oranges and apple cider returns to Commons. It's a great time. However, the trees and beverage options are not the only thing that changes here. You're right, autumn weather can

be tricky. But have no fear – here are some fashionable clothing options I see around the Bates campus:

Leggings: These are *perfect* for fall! They are not as thick and hot as jeans can be and are great to wear with a big sweater and boots.

Combat boots: They bring some edge to your outfit. Wear these with leggings, skinny jeans, or with a lacy dress to get away from the classic summer footwear of flip-flops.

Scarves: Solid or patterned, this accessory can complete any outfit. Wear it with a sweater, t-shirt, or dress to keep you warm when the cool breeze blows on the Quad.

Jean jacket: This is perfect to layer over almost any outfit. Wear it studying or to go out on the weekends. It is fun, fashionable, and fits the fall weather perfectly – not too hot and not too cold.

Hope that helps!

Stay classy,

Bob

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Submit whatever you like!

Ask Bob

## STYLE

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ing fun finds at Target, TJ Maxx, H&M and Pink.

This fashionista is always on the prowl for her next style inspiration. Her dorm room is the product of every college girl's dream Pinterest account. Profound quotes are juxtaposed by pastel colors and floral designs in the many pictures fused to create her wall of inspiration.

"My friends all have amazing style, so they inspire me all the time. Other times, I'll notice a stranger's cute outfit, and I'll make a mental note of it to try for myself later. This summer, I watched Breakfast at Tiffany's and Sabrina for the first time, and I just fell

in love with Audrey Hepburn's style, so I've been trying to channel her classiness a little more. She and Taylor Swift have influenced me to incorporate some retro elements into my outfits like high-waisted shorts and polka dot dresses. I also think that Emma Watson's style is flawless – very simple, but very chic as well," says Carifio.

And sure enough, Emma Watson, clad in a red blazer with severe lines and a sultry smirk, adorns a corner of this fashionista's wall. The similarities between Watson and Carifio are uncanny: Two elegant, refined collegiate women with a flair for fashion, a dash of endearing goofiness and sharp intellect.

As for her no-fail method to getting ready for class in the morning, Carifio recommends stocking a closet full of dresses that are versatile in the summer

and the fall. "I just have to add a sweater and a scarf, and I'm ready to go to class. It's such an easy way to look put-together when you're busy. Also, scarves are a must-have! I own an unhealthy number of scarves, and once it gets cold, you will rarely find me without one. They're practical and add a punch of color to any basic outfit which is especially good for me, since a lot of my clothes are black or gray," says Carifio.

Her fall staples include a slouchy purple sweater that reminds her of the changing seasons during fall.

Although this fashionista has her A-Game on during September, "My style goes downhill over the course of the semester. Let's just say it's a good thing I'm being featured now and not during finals week," says Carifio humorously.

## VCS

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a well-rounded line-up. Tannenbaum says: "When we go to Hartford in late October/early November we will check out new acts to book for the winter. We combine those with the returning favorites that people ask for each year and try to put together a good mix of old and new, male and female, solo and band, and different genres to make the series unique each semester."

These days, unless you're a devout music blogger, it's incredibly difficult to be ahead of the trends in the music industry. VCS over the years has excitedly brought artists before their "big break"; however, their success can mean that they don't return to VCS.

This melancholy cycle started back in 2000 when VCS brought Matt Nathanson to Bates before he became very successful. The same thing happened again when VCS welcomed Javier Colon before he won The Voice. Once a regular, Mr. Colon is now too expensive for the budget.

While consistency is very important to this series, VCS organizers have expanded the acts in the past few years to include one student performed show and one spoken-word performer each semester. This broadening has been well received by students because it doesn't change the type of energy in the room nor does it alter the type of audience that students need to be.

No matter the small alterations made in the future, Bates students will always know that VCS is a place where we can go to unwind after a long week of class. In accordance with Bates' mission, we're still engaged, but in the most stress free environment imaginable.

## THE BAKING BOBCAT Decadent Blueberry Pumpkin Bread



FARMFLAVORS.COM/COURTESY PHOTO

MARY ANNE BODNAR  
ASSISTANT ARTS & LEISURE EDITOR

This recipe is adapted from Farmflavors.com; an informative cooking website started in the Midwest that is dedicated to spreading a wholesome motto to readers across the country: "Find the good...and praise it." Their blueberry pumpkin bread is the perfect recipe for the end of summer and beginning of fall because its deep pumpkin base teases your taste buds with classic fall flavor, while the warm fresh blueberries reminds you of your summer leisure. With only ten minutes of required prep time, you'll want to make a new loaf twice a week! The loaf can be refrigerated for up to four days, but I bet it will be eaten before then!

### Bread Ingredients:

1 cup (packed) canned pumpkin  
¾ cup sugar  
¼ cup orange juice  
2 large eggs  
¼ cup vegetable oil  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
2 tsp baking powder  
¾ tsp salt  
1 tsp pumpkin pie spice  
1 cup fresh blueberries

White icing (optional, makes about ½ cup):

1 cup confectioners' sugar, sifted  
2 tablespoons butter, softened  
2 tablespoons milk  
½ tablespoon vanilla

### Bread directions:

1. Prepare oven to 350°F and grease a 9"x5" loaf pan.  
2. In a large bowl, beat pumpkin, sugar, orange juice, eggs and oil until smooth (approx. one minute)  
3. In a small bowl, sift flour, baking powder, salt and spice. Stir into pumpkin mixture until just combined.  
4. Spoon 1/3 of batter into pan and spread evenly.  
5. Stir blueberries into remaining batter, and then spread the final 2/3 batter evenly over the batter already in the pan.  
6. Bake for approx. 60 minutes (or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean).  
7. Drizzle with white icing (optional).

### Icing directions:

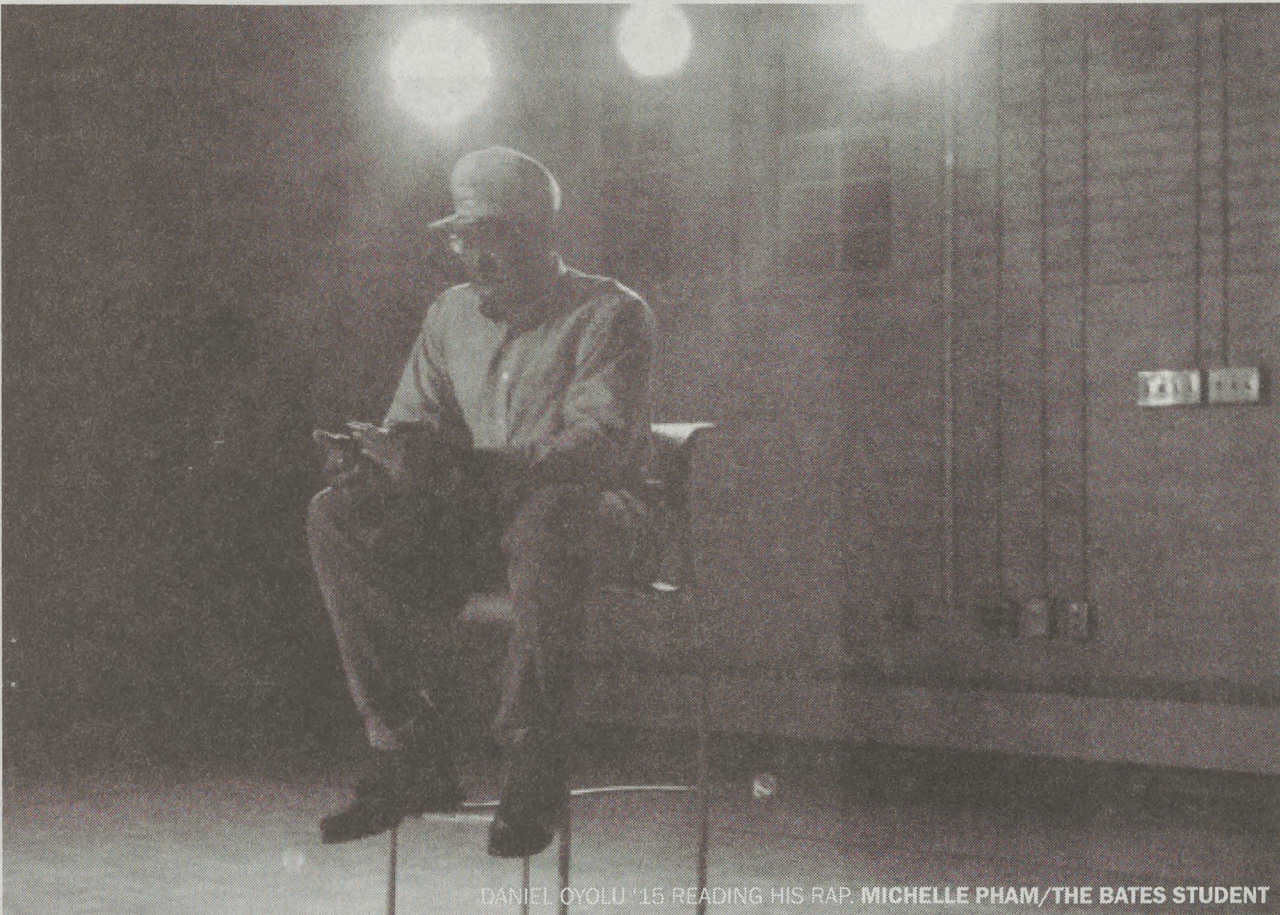
1. In a bowl, combine sifted confectioners' sugar and softened butter.  
2. Add milk and vanilla. Beat until smooth.  
3. Drizzle over bread.



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# Poetry night hopes to become monthly event

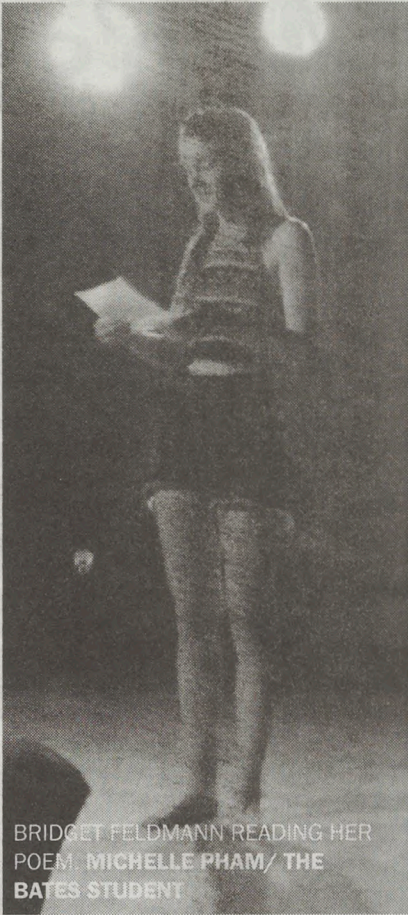


DANIEL OYOLU '15 READING HIS RAP. MICHELLE PHAM/THE BATES STUDENT

MICHELLE PHAM  
MANAGING ARTS & LEISURE EDITOR

On Friday evening, Associate Dean of Students James Reese, junior Lillian Christine, and senior Thomas Koshy collaborated to organize the annual poetry reading night. Students gathered in the Little Room, and sprawled out on the couches and chairs to enjoy an evening of chocolate chip cookies, a cup of steaming coffee and a scattering of heart-felt poems and raps, written from a deeper place. Imparting profound words, the poetry reading night featured many crowd favorites such as sophomore Bridget Feldmann, junior Daniel Oyolu and senior Leroy Barnes. Weaving words to describe lost love, desire, sexism, violence, and white privilege (a small sampling of the broad plethora of topics addressed), the poets interacted with the hyped audience, whistling and snapping for more.

The series ended on a high note with Koshy's rendition of a personal poem. After the strong reception, Christine hopes to establish the poetry night into a monthly event for all students to wind down the weekend with.



BRIDGET FELDMANN READING HER POEM. MICHELLE PHAM/THE BATES STUDENT

## ARTS and MUSIC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 18th - Tuesday, September 24th

Wednesday, Sept. 18	Thursday, Sept. 19	Friday, Sept. 20	Saturday, Sept. 21	Sunday, Sept. 22	Monday, Sept. 23	Tuesday, Sept. 24
<b>Life Drawing</b> @ 6 pm, Olin 259  Women's rights advocate <b>Manal Alscharif</b> @ 7:30 pm, Muskie Archives  <b>PAUSE</b> @ 9 pm, Peter Gomes Chapel	Creative Non-fiction reading by <b>Jaed Coffin</b> @ 6:30 pm, Muskie Archives  VCS presents <b>Taylor Carson</b> @ 9 pm, Benjamin Mays Center	<b>This is the End</b> Bates Filmboard @ 7:30 pm, Olin 104  <b>Makeshift Prodigy</b> Presented by CHC @ 9 pm, Old Commons	<b>This is the End</b> Bates Filmboard @ 2 pm & 7:30 pm, Olin 104	<b>This is the End</b> Bates Filmboard @ 2 pm & 4:30 pm, Olin 104	<b>The Fearless Project:</b> Photographs of LGBT Athletes @ 5 pm, second floor Commons  Global Lens Film: <b>Cairo 678</b> @ 7:30 pm, Olin 104	

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Every week, there will be a photo of something around Bates campus. Look at the image above and guess it's location! Answers will be published in the following edition.

Last week's location: Peter Gomes Chapel





Men's Soccer

# Men's soccer leaves Hamilton with a tie

KYLE OLEHNIK  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Receiving an unexpected weeklong break from action due to a lightning postponement against Bowdoin, the men's soccer team finally hit the pitch after a week of build-up to a big game against NESCAC foe Hamilton in Clinton, New York.

Making the long journey there and back, the Bobcats left Hamilton with a tally in the tie column due to a 0-0 draw.

It was the battle of goalies for both teams. Sophomore Bobcat goalie Zach Shabman had arguably his best performance of his young Bates career, making many spectacular saves highlighted by a save in the 86<sup>th</sup> minute as well as two key saves in the first overtime period. Continental goalie Fred Porges also had a solid day between the posts, stopping two shots on five attempts. But, there were plenty of opportunities for the 'Cats to punch it in the back of the net, though they couldn't convert.

"Offensively in the first half we did not connect passes well enough," added head coach Stewart Flaherty. "Possession was disjointed so we did not get a

lot going," he added.

In the second half the Bobcats played much better, connecting passes and getting chances. The defensive pair of senior Dan Remillard and first-year Jack Martell held the backline together with Shabman, who registered a nine save shutout, cleaning up anything that got through. Though the team played solid all around, there is still plenty to

work on, including offensive technique.

Coach Flaherty believes the Bobcats need to be in a more, "shoot on sight" mentality in and around the 18 yard box," adding that they, "certainly have the players to get us goals and assists."

The Bobcats will have another solid week of prep before they travel to Connecticut for a match against Wesleyan at 1:30 pm.



Zach Shabman '16. KARA GARLAD/THE BATES STUDENT

Women's Field Hockey

## Field hockey narrowly defeated by Hamilton

DOUG STEINBERG  
MANAGING SPORTS EDITOR

Bates Field Hockey lost a tough game at Hamilton this weekend, losing their second consecutive NESCAC game by a score of 1-0. The game was contested bitterly throughout the game, as the Bobcats' defense stood firm against a fierce attack by the Continentals' offense.

The loss comes off the heels of a tough 2-1 overtime loss to Husson last Wednesday. In that game, Bates jumped out to an early 1-0 lead when senior midfielder Bridget Meedzan found first-year forward Isobel Curtis with a feed for the score.

However, Bates was unable to maintain the early momentum, and yielded significant advantages in both time of possession and shots on goal to the Eagles. Despite 14 saves from senior goaltender Becca Otley, Husson scored with ten minutes left to force overtime, then the sudden death winner ten minutes into the extra stanza.

The game started with a slow pace as both teams struggled to warm up. Hamilton maintained possession for long stretches at the beginning. Bates then picked up its energy for a bit, generating multiple breakaways and establishing a rhythm.

Just before the half, Bates was able to obtain one of their few penalty corners, which was probably their best scoring chance of the day. First-year forward Claire Markonic scored what



KARA GARLAD/THE BATES STUDENT

was apparently a goal for Bates, but the officials ruled that the ball had touched the leg of a Bates player, thus nullifying the play. "The team was much more offensively minded than we were against Tufts, we did a better job pushing the ball," noted Meedzan.

The defense played well throughout the game in front of their goaltender, Otley, who turned in another outstanding performance with 12 saves. Senior defenders Sarah Warden and Lexie Carter, along with junior Jill Conway, sophomore Hannah Beinecke, and first-year Casey Oehler all played well, limiting the Continentals' offense despite an unfavorably lopsided time of possession.

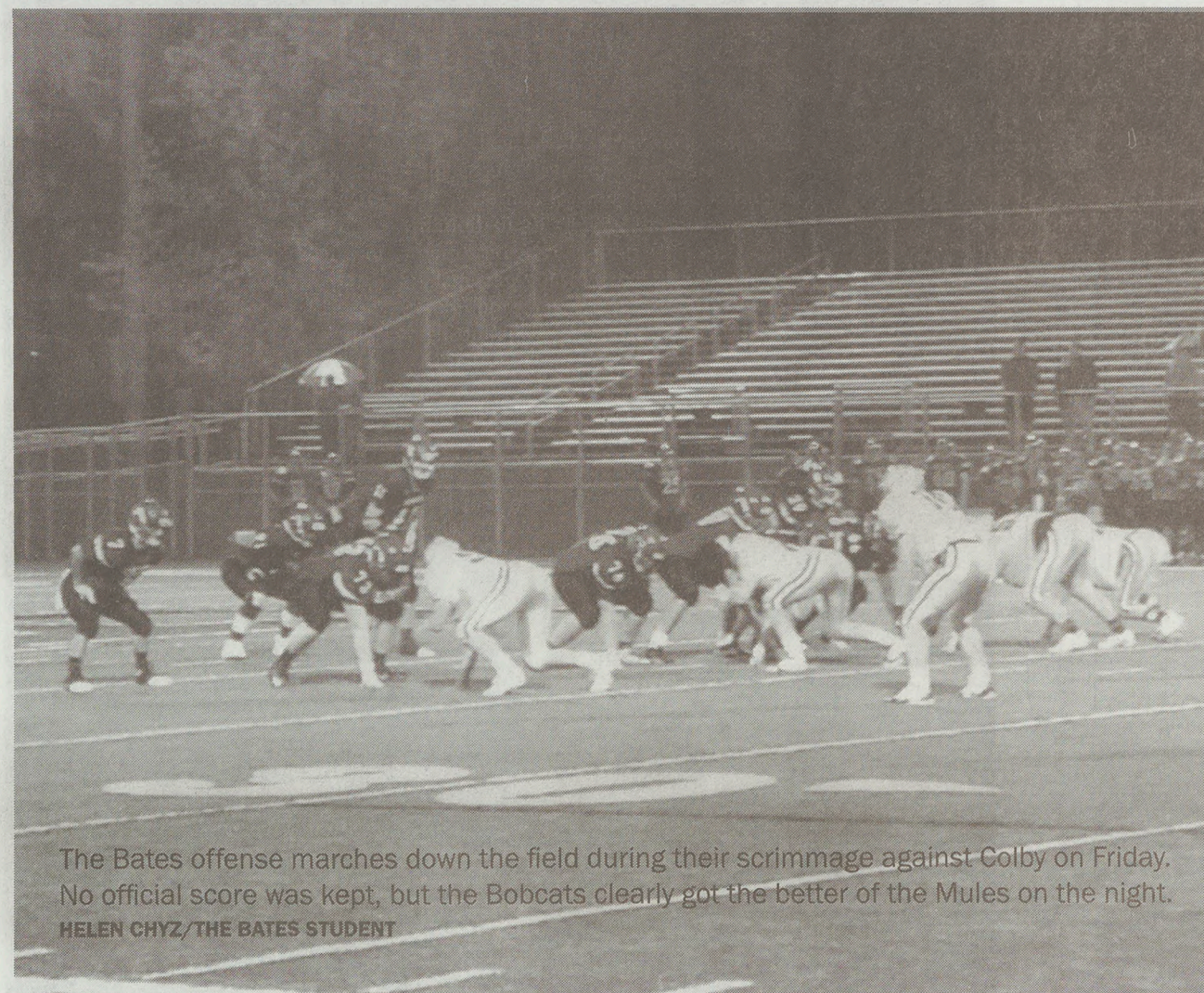
The lone score of the afternoon came with nine minutes left in the second half on an unusual sequence. A

Hamilton midfielder drove a ball from about midfield, which then wobbled and bounced off of Otley into the circle, allowing a Hamilton forward to score off of the rebound.

While the defense played well, Bates' main problems again were in time of possession and shots on goal. Hamilton outshot the Bobcats 29-7, which is a nearly insurmountable disparity.

Meedzan looked at the positives from this game, commenting that, "Becca had another awesome game, and I think we saw a lot of potential in the younger players. We're going to have to embrace the challenge of beating some tough teams down the road."

Bates will next travel to face one of those tough teams in the Wesleyan Cardinals on Saturday.



The Bates offense marches down the field during their scrimmage against Colby on Friday. No official score was kept, but the Bobcats clearly got the better of the Mules on the night.

HELEN CHYZ/THE BATES STUDENT



NESCAC

### Standings

#### Volleyball

Team	Conf.	Overall
Amherst	0-0	6-3
<b>Bates</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>6-3</b>
Bowdoin	0-0	6-3
Colby	0-0	3-4
Conn. Coll.	0-0	3-3
Hamilton	0-0	1-7
Middlebury	0-0	4-0
Trinity	0-0	6-2
Tufts	0-0	6-3
Wesleyan	0-0	2-4
Williams	0-0	8-1

#### Field Hockey

Team	Conf.	Overall
Tufts	3-0	4-0
Middlebury	2-0	3-0
Trinity	2-0	3-1
Amherst	1-1	1-2
Bowdoin	1-1	3-1
Colby	1-1	2-1
Hamilton	1-1	1-2
Conn. Coll.	0-1	2-1
<b>Bates</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>2-1</b>
Wesleyan	0-2	1-3
Williams	0-2	0-3

#### Men's Soccer

Team	Conf.	Overall
Amherst	2-0	4-0
Trinity	2-0	4-0
Wesleyan	2-0	3-1
Tufts	2-1	3-1
Middlebury	1-1	1-1
Williams	1-1	3-1
<b>Bates</b>	<b>0-1-1</b>	<b>1-1-1</b>
Hamilton	0-1-1	1-1-1
Bowdoin	0-2	1-2
Colby	0-2	1-2
Conn. Coll.	0-1	2-1

#### Women's Soccer

Team	Conf.	Overall
Trinity	2-0	3-0
Amherst	1-0-1	1-0-1
Bowdoin	1-0-1	2-0-1
<b>Bates</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>2-2</b>
Hamilton	1-1	2-1
Middlebury	1-1	2-1-1
Tufts	1-1	1-2
Williams	1-1	2-1-1
Colby	0-2	1-2
Conn. Coll.	0-1	1-1-1
Wesleyan	0-1	0-1-1

## UPCOMING HOME GAMES

### Women's Soccer vs Bowdoin

Wednesday, 9/18 @ 4:30 pm

### W/M Cross Country @ USM Invitational (Gorham)

Saturday, 9/21 @ 11/12 pm

### Football vs Trinity

Saturday, 9/21 @ 1:00 pm

### Field Hockey vs Bowdoin

Wednesday, 9/25 @ 7:00 pm

### Volleyball vs Bowdoin

Wednesday, 9/25 @ 7:00 pm

### Volleyball vs Colby-Sawyer

Friday, 9/27 @ 8:00 pm



Sports >> Senior Columnist  
**DOUG STEINBERG**  
MANAGING SPORTS EDITOR



## Why Manziel should never change

**DOUG STEINBERG**  
MANAGING SPORTS EDITOR

Essentially since he became the first ever freshman to win the Heisman Trophy, college football's most prestigious award, Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel's actions and character have been under fire from just about every press outlet.

The only reason I can come up with for why the press will not leave Johnny Manziel alone is simply that they are jealous of him. Johnny has it all, and on the field, he has the system gamed.

The lightning-paced, air raid oriented A&M offense perfectly harnesses Manziel's strengths and allows him to baffle defenses. By flooding the field with receivers, Coach Kevin Sumlin's offense allows Manziel to use his excellent vision and play recognition to find any open man. His arm strength and accuracy are both outstanding. When the defense drops more men into coverage to compensate, Manziel can utilize his running back-like speed and agility to torch the defense with his legs. He is nearly impossible to sack because of his evasion capability and speed. He is, in other words, nearly unstoppable.

This is precisely why he is the youngest ever Heisman winner, which is truly incredible when you consider how many great college football players there have been. It is also incredible when you factor in how he accomplished this while playing against the toughest defenses in the nation in the SEC (South Eastern Conference).

While his play has been nearly flawless, it is his antics—first off the field, then later on the field—that have drawn

so much criticism. After winning his Heisman, Manziel spent the offseason living the life. He golfed with Tiger Woods, showed up in courtside seats to a Mavs game, hung out with Drake, and threw the first pitch at a Rangers game.

Then came the drinking and partying, getting thrown out of the Manning Passing Academy, more tweets of pictures of Manziel drinking, getting thrown out of the Texas frat party in a Tebow jersey, which all culminated in the autograph signing scandal.

The press tore into Manziel for all of these well-documented shenanigans, including a particularly scathing article by Wright Thompson that argued Manziel's behavior would put his team's season in jeopardy because of all of the scrutiny. ESPN essentially ran a loop of people criticizing Manziel, and Tom Brady called him a "turd". The press microscope that Manziel was placed under is virtually unparalleled. Every talking head on TV called on Johnny to correct his behavior, to stop having fun, to just focus on football, or he was bound to come unraveled and lose everything.

But I don't think Manziel should change anything about how he operates. I think it would be a shame if he did not enjoy the benefits of his extraordinary athletic capabilities. Why not go hang out with celebrities, have fun at parties, and live life to the fullest?

Manziel is not hurting anyone else with these adventures, barring anything that gets him suspended from playing games.

Furthermore, the press seems to be selectively administering their calls for moral rectitude. This is college football, arguably one of the most morally cor-

rupt athletic institutions in the country. Every year, programs commit blatant recruiting violations, players are suspended for drug use, and players are often arrested for violence. Yet the columnists and pundits cannot seem to get over a 20-year old kid who is awesome at everything having a fun summer after winning the Heisman. Why? The only thing that makes sense is that all of these people wish they had what Johnny has.

Johnny Manziel is hands-down the most fun football player to watch. The maverick, outlaw gunslinger has always had a place in the hearts of football fans and Americans in general, especially at quarterback. From John Wayne to Brett Favre, this persona is the most compelling entertainment has to offer.

I think it's beyond fun to watch while Manziel trash-talks opponents, fakes signs autographs in their faces and points at the scoreboard after lighting said scoreboard up.

Those same critics might see Manziel's loss to No.1 ranked Alabama this past weekend as proof that they were right. But they aren't, because Manziel threw for five touchdowns and over 400 yards, and if the voters are impartial to his mannerisms, he will likely win the Heisman again.

Manziel is must-see TV, and I can't wait for him to win all the games, break all of the rules, drink all of the beers, steal all of the girlfriends, and make millions when he goes to the NFL (where he will succeed). He is not hurting anyone, including himself, by enjoying his life and his gifts, and he should not change his identity to placate the pundits. I hope he never changes, because the ride so far has been so much fun.

### Women's Golf

## Women's golf edged by Bowdoin in opening match

**DOUG STEINBERG**  
MANAGING SPORTS EDITOR

The Bates women's golf team had a disappointing opening weekend, travelling to Bowdoin for a match against the Polar Bears at Brunswick Golf Club. The Bobcats lost by an overall score of 357-411 (lowest score wins) on the two-day match.

Bowdoin was able to capture the top three spots in the match, but sophomore Liz LaVerghetta prevented the Polar Bears from sweeping the leaderboard by posting a respectable score of 92 for the weekend. In another bright spot for Bates, first-year Sarah Centanni played quite well in her career debut, scoring an overall 99 and coming in fifth.

Senior Jordan Banez came in eighth, scoring a 110 on the weekend, while sisters Emily and Jess Plotnikov scored 110 and 111, respectively.

A waterlogged and unfamiliar course certainly affected Bates' play, as torrential downpour toward the end of the week significantly altered conditions. "The wet course was an obstacle for us on Saturday," noted team captain Ali Desjardin about the conditions.

"The course layout wasn't exactly more difficult than Martindale (our

home course) but it was definitely more challenging due to all the rain we just had," commented Banez. "We also really weren't able to practice as much as we had hoped to because of the thunderstorms, so this weekend at Bowdoin was a good way to 'get our feet wet', so to speak, before our tournaments at Middlebury and Williams. There's definitely room for improvement in the coming weeks."

This year's Bates team returns all of its players from last season, giving it sorely needed experience on the course. The Bobcats will expect lower scores next weekend after a crucial week of practice in (hopefully) good conditions.

"The team has improved so much since last year, and to see that improvement has been awesome. All eight of us have been playing consistently, and we are all excited for our upcoming tournament at Mt. Holyoke," explained Desjardin.

On Friday, Bates women's golf will travel to Orchards golf course in South Hadley, Mass for the Mount Holyoke Invitational.

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## Women's Volleyball

### Volleyball splits at MIT Invitational

KYLE OLEHNIK  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

It was an eventful weekend for the Bates women's volleyball team as they traveled down to Boston for the MIT Invitational. The team had a very strong and successful weekend, going 2-2 in matches against Endicott, MIT, Wellesley, and Simmons. Bates finished the week 3-2 overall, as the Bobcats also downed Husson, and the 'Cats head into NESCAC play 6-3 overall.

On September 11<sup>th</sup> in Bangor, the Bobcats took on Husson. It was a dominant performance by the Bates squad as freshman Gabby O'Leary and sophomore Mary Deneen combined for 19 kills which led to an eventual 3-0 (25-15, 25-8, 25-17) victory. The Bobcats used two setters on the day: juniors Miranda Shapiro and Tess Walther combined for 31 assists. Sophomore Nicole Cueli and freshman Hannah Tardie contributed on defense, combining for 20 digs. For the match, the Bobcats hit a .290 in the first set and .348 in the second.

The team next traveled to Cambridge for the MIT Invitational.

In the first match of the invitational, the 'Cats participated in a nail-bitter against Endicott. The Bobcats won the first two sets, but dropped the next two before finally securing the decisive final set. Walther recorded a double-double



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with 16 assists and 11 digs while teammate Shapiro also had a double-double with 17 assists and 10 digs. First-year Chandler McGrath added nine kills and six total blocks while fellow first-year Nicole Peraica registered seven kills.

"We played a great match against Endicott," noted head coach Margo Linton. "Coming from behind 8-11 to

win 15-12 in the 5<sup>th</sup> set," she added.

The 'Cats fell to MIT in the second bout of the day, however, (25-16, 25-10, 25-13). Cueli posted 14 digs to lead the Bobcats while Tardie added 13 digs and Deneen contributed 6 kills.

The next day Bates took on Wellesley and Simmons, again going 1-1 on the day. Against Wellesley, co-captains Walther and Shapiro recorded 16 and 10 assists apiece while McGrath had a team-high nine kills. Facing Simmons, Cueli posted a career-high 22 digs to lead the defense while McGrath paced the offense with 12 kills. Co-captains Shapiro and Walther both had outstanding matches, Shapiro posted her second double-double of the tournament with 25 assists and 17 digs while adding five aces while Walther dished out 21 assists of her own.

Linton was pleased with how the team performed, explaining, "Overall we performed very well. The competition is some of the best in New England."

Heading into NESCAC play, Deneen believes anything can happen with an improved squad.

"We have the ability to beat a lot of the NESCAC teams this season," explains Deneen, "We have a young team, but a talented team." The youth will be put to the test as the team hits the road to Williams on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Men's Golf

### Men's golf finishes strongly at Maine State Championship

TY SILVEY  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Bates Men's Golf bounced back last weekend at the two-day Maine State Men's Golf Championship at Bangor Municipal Golf Course. Senior captain Garrett Johnson, led the Bobcats to an impressive 5<sup>th</sup> place finish among a field of 11 talented teams including perennial powerhouse and eventual state champion Husson.

Johnson finished 9<sup>th</sup> individually among 55 golfers, shooting a 79 in the opening round and improving to a 76 on Sunday giving him his first top-ten finish of the year.

After a disappointing first tournament last week, Johnson's performance is encouraging to say the least, as he seems to be getting his swing back.

Johnson commented on his recent improvement and said, "I talked to my dad on the phone before the tournament this weekend and he gave me some great advice telling me to 'just be the ball, be the ball, be the ball.' I was the ball this weekend."

Johnson's hard-work preparing for the tournament throughout the week must have been contagious, as his teammates followed suit and stepped up to

the plate this weekend.

First-year standout Brad Rutkin finished tied for 10<sup>th</sup> place for the weekend after posting two 78s.

As a newcomer to Bates golf, Rutkin has made a strong impression on team manager and super fan Chris Debrase, who noted, "Rutkin crushes the ball. He reminds me of a young Happy Gilmore off the tee."

With their fantastic performances Johnson and Rutkin have achieved All-State status, the first time two Bates golfers have done so since 2008.

First-year Alex Stekler also played very well in his first collegiate tournament this weekend, following a score of 86 on Saturday with a 77 on Sunday. Junior Garret Bonney finished the scoring for Bates with a two-day score of 174.

According to Bonney, the Bobcats "were sniping all weekend." He added, "it was great to put last weekend behind us and play so much better this weekend. The trip to Bangor really helped the team bond and build some chemistry for the rest of the year."

The Bobcats will travel to Bangor again next weekend for the Husson Invitational Penobscot Valley Country Club in Orono.

## Women's Soccer

### Womens' soccer edged by Hamilton, Brandeis in hard-fought games

ANTHONY JOSEPH  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Lady's Soccer Team ran into a couple of hot goaltenders this weekend and they were stymied on both occasions to a tune of 1-0 and 3-0 to Hamilton and Brandeis respectively. These two losses put Bates at an overall record of 2-2 and 1-1 in conference. There should be no panic for the Bates faithful as they are well within striking distance of making the playoffs.

Bates kicked off the Weekend with a quick 8-hour trip up to New York (which is apparently in New England now) to play a Hamilton team that has given Bates fits in the past years. Bates

came out fired up and they arguably out played the Continentals for the first 30 minutes. "We came out with the goal to dominate the game both in shots and in ball possession, when we were able to do that we played very well," noted sophomore forward Maggie Coco.

However the first half ended in a 0-0 tie and the Continentals were able to survive the first half barrage. Bates came out with confidence in the second half, however sloppy play and some missed assignments led to the first goal of the game. The Continentals scored off of a set play in which Bates seemed a little confused, and despite goalkeeper Annabel Schmelz (14 saves) impressive efforts the ball just glanced right off of a Hamilton player and trickled in to net

Hamilton the first and only goal.

The Lady bobcats were angered by the moment of weakness and came out guns a blazing pushing Hamilton on the Heels. With volleys after volleys the bobcats looked like the better team and practically undressed Hamilton however the only thing that could stop them was the time remaining and unfortunately Lady Luck was not on their side and Hamilton escaped with the victory.

An upset and tired Bobcats team than travel a short 5-hour trip to take on a streaky nationally ranked (10) Brandeis team. The travel time and the devastation of missing out on 80's night loomed large over the girls' team and it unfortunately showed as Brandeis jumped to a quick attack and Schmelz

had to stop 5 shots (two on net) in the first 16 minutes of the game.

Annabel, trying out her best Hope Solo impersonation, eventually ran out of luck and Brandeis, after being stopped on two tricky headers eventually sneaked one in that just flickered pasted the outstretched arms of Schmelz. The Bates defenses tightened up after and put on a couple of nice counter attacks with senior Kara Stefaniack thundering a shot off of the Brandeis goalkeeper that left the goalie shaking her hand in pain after.

Just a few moments later, sophomore Lily Peterson struck twice on net just narrowly missing a goal. Bates looked liked the had survived Brandeis best efforts and had begun to turn the

tables on them. However in the 53<sup>rd</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup> minute Brandeis scored twice and left a demoralized Bates squad in a 3-0 hole, one they would not be able to overcome.

After traveling a combined 16 hours this weekend the Girls Soccer team tries to rest up in time for the game this Wednesday as they play host to Bowdoin. This is a huge NESCAC battle as Bates looks to put the Polar Bears into their place with a convincing victory as Coco is on record as saying "we are going to beat the snot out of the Polar Bears, they won't get out of here with a win."

# BOBCATS OF THE WEEK

## MIRANDA SHAPIRO '15



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Junior co-captain Miranda Shapiro of New York City lead the volleyball team to wins over Husson, Endicott, and Simmons last week by totaling an impressive eight service aces, 36 digs, and 78 assists. She averaged 4.3 assists and 2 digs per set, bringing her season totals up to 4.12 assists and 1.66 digs per set.

## VOLLEYBALL

## GARRETT JOHNSON '14



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Senior captain Garrett Johnson from Lexington, MA earned All-State honors at the Maine State Men's Golf Championship this weekend, which was played at the Bangor Municipal Golf Course. Johnson had a two-day score of 155 strokes, including an impressive score of 76 on Sunday with three birdies, which was good enough for ninth out of the 55 players at the tournament.

## MEN'S GOLF