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## Bates Democrats host prospective state representatives

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This week the Bates Democrats hosted three special guests to their Monday night meeting: Jared Golden, Nate Libby and Heidi Brooks. These three are all candidates for Maine representative seats in the 2014 elections.

Jared Golden, Bates class of 2011 is running for the Maine House of Representatives. He currently works in Augusta at the democratic legislative office where among other things he handles issues of veteran's affairs. As a Marine, Golden completed tours of duty in both Iraq and Afghanistan before attending Bates on the GI bill. The most prominent issues on which he plans to campaign are education reform and veterans affairs.

Nate Libby, class of 2007, is currently a member of the Maine House of Representatives and is now seeking to gain a seat on the Maine State Senate. Libby entered politics when he volunteered under Mike Brennan the current mayor of Portland and started his career in public policy and advocacy. Libby's current work has been integral to the Lewiston community and he plans to be "a fierce advocate for the people of my district and for Lewiston." He will face off against republican candidate, Patricia Gagne in November.

Heidi Brooks is not a Bates graduate but is very much a local person with deep roots in this area. She is a physician who entered politics in the secretary of state committee. Her biggest priority in her pursuit of a seat on the Maine House of Representatives is health-care reform. From personal experience Brooks knows how devastating it can be to have one's benefits cut.

At this moment in the electoral process the only concrete way to help these candidates is to sign the petitions that have been passed around by the Bates democrats. Although the Democratic primaries are in June, the highest season or local campaigners begins during

the summer and carries through to the elections in the Fall.

So what can Bates students do to help influence the outcome of the local 2014 elections? When asked about how specifically students may help in the coming months, President of the Bates Democrats, Teddy Rube, said "our primary mode of participation during the height of local campaigns is door-to-door canvassing—knocking on residents' doors and speaking to them about the candidates—throughout the residential neighborhoods of Lewiston. In many cases, a whole troop of Bates students can provide great grassroots manpower, helping candidates reach a large amount of voters. Additionally, we do campaign phone calls for candidates, and informational tabling in commons."

Teddy went on to say that the most important thing for students, not just Democrats, is to stay involved and learn about the issues in the coming election. Working to stay involved with local processes may be difficult, but Teddy insists that staying updated on all political events is crucial to the Bates community's influence in and around Lewiston. That way, when it does come time to vote in the Fall, people can do so with the most relevant information at hand and with a serious understanding of the candidates platforms.

During the Meeting on Monday, all three of the visit candidates seemed professional, purposeful and quite interested in garnering the support of Bates students. They fielded questions regarding their platforms and prior experience with expertise and expressed their hope of more support to come from inside the College.

Regardless of area of registration or party affiliation, it was very interesting to see Bates graduates taking an active role in making the state of Maine a better place. Both Jared and Nate expressed an eagerness in sharing both their experience and expertise with any Bates student interested in working in politics after graduation.

## Women strive to lead



Members of BCWIL. SARAH DURGY/THE BATES STUDENT

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While studying at Georgetown University last semester, Fiona Frick '16 joined a Women in Leadership club with a goal to provide students, especially young women, with the necessary resources for personal and professional growth. When Frick returned to Bates in January, she knew she wanted to bring this movement with her. Consequently, Frick started Bates College Women in Leadership (BCWIL). BCWIL's goal is to provide support for all Batesies but with the specific hope of fostering a network of "women helping women."

Last Friday, the first members of this new group gathered to converse about their experiences and brainstorm ideas for the club's involvement in campus life. Frick spoke first, explaining how women face extra challenges when entering the workforce and BCWIL will hopefully serve as both a means for preparation for these difficulties, as well as a forum to discuss how the societal norms that lead to these conditions can be changed. BCWIL will focus much of its energy on teaching its members the art of networking. Additionally, the group will host workshops taught by professionals in conjunction

with the Career Development Center to help students hone necessary skills like resume building. Frick explains that these workshops will be moments when "members of BCWIL can get feedback on job applications, career advice, or even basic brainstorming." Perhaps most importantly, Frick hopes that the group will establish its own subset of the alumni network so that women in the workforce can provide mentorship and advice to current Bates students.

Beyond these activities, BCWIL will function as a discussion forum. The group hopes to bring speakers to Bates who will spark these conversations by sharing "their experiences, stories, and advice they may have about the challenges women face in the workforce," as Frick puts it. For example, Jennifer Porter, a Bates alumna who serves as a Managing Partner at The Boda Group, which she founded in 2011, will be on campus in April and the group encourages all students to attend her highly relevant talk on entrepreneurship. The group will also host open forums for the Bates community on topics ranging from maternity and paternity rights, the Lean In Movement, and salary negotiation.

The need for such a group on campus was evident from sitting in

on its first meeting. Within half an hour, the passionate women gathered around the table had discussed a multitude of ideas. Many spoke about the challenges of upholding feminist ideals when the word "feminism" is so often negatively stereotyped. On that note, all of the women around the table felt strongly about keeping the group's focus on women's challenges in the business world but allowing all members of the Bates community to join the group and partake in the discussion. The ladies also debated the pros and cons of the Lean In movement, a conversation sparked by *Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead*, a book by Sheryl Sandberg that urges women to take charge at work and banish the word "bossy" as a means for describing driven women. Perhaps, everyone agreed, BCWIL should include a book club so that interested members could read relevant books and discuss new ideas. After the group's initial meeting, it was clear how dedicated Bates women are to the idea of better understanding and further improving their futures in the workforce.

Frick urges all Batesies interested in her group's mission to keep an eye out for information on upcoming meetings, events and activities, stressing that all are welcome to attend and join the movement!

## Letters from abroad: Sam Thomas in Kraków, Poland

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Living in Poland is everything and nothing like I thought it would be. Although I had been to Europe once a few years ago, this is my first time traveling alone and living in a big city. Kraków itself is a city with 250,000 students. It's an unusual feeling to be a small fish in a big pond because at Bates I can acknowledge almost everyone I pass while walking to class. On the other hand it just makes you realize how many people you are meeting from all over the world, and that what you have in common is that you are just in the same class or speak the same language. The only way people understand where I live back in the States is if I say "near Canada" because for some reason they know where that is...

Coming to Poland has been more than a chance to travel and see Europe. I chose it for my abroad destination because it's different. I didn't want to spend my time abroad in a huge European city that has its own American-made, study abroad culture. There are only nine of us on my program so it has really allowed us to get to know each other and be able to explore our new home together. I'm able to take classes that aren't offered at Bates: a class about the Cold War taught

by a man who grew up in Poland during the Soviet occupation under Communism, and a Holocaust class taught by a woman whose family escaped Poland during the 1930's in order to evade Hitler's wrath. Opportunities to learn about how Kraków and Jerusalem connect through philosophy and religion don't come around every day.

Although in America we are taught how to stand out from our peers, blending into a new home is more about learning the local customs and embracing them as your own than becoming invisible. Cultural immersion revolves around food, dress, and lifestyle in Poland. Eating obwarzanki (Kraków's street food which is like a bagel-pretzel combination), ice cream (lody) when the weather is nice, and spending an afternoon sipping coffee (kawa) at an outdoor café in the square is one way you'll be able to fit right in. Poland is a conservative country and it is not uncommon for old women walking on the street to scoff, yell, and point at you if they think you are dressed inappropriately. And like many other European countries the lifestyle of Kraków is relaxed. The only time I've seen people hurry to get anywhere is when they are trying to make the tram. Professors tend to show up to class 5-10 minutes late and comment on their



Hiking in Poland. SAM THOMAS/THE BATES STUDENT

long cup of coffee as their acceptable excuse for their tardiness.

Poland is also an extremely homogenous country. Many people know English but most people don't use it or refuse to. Everything is in Polish and trust me, it's not

an easy language to learn. The little things matter when trying to adapt to your new home — using every word of Polish you know when greeting people, or having a conversation will ease the tension and build trust with others.

More recently in Poland we have felt the impact of neighboring countries. With the violence and changes occurring in the Ukraine and Russia we see its effects on the

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## New SAT changes bring relevance, fairness to the standardized test

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Mendicancy, lachrymose, calumny, exigent, garrulous. These are just a few examples of actual words that a prospective college student might encounter on the SAT. For an exam that claims to assess high school students' readiness for college, these types of words seem to do nothing but assess whether students have spent hours pouring over lists of vocabulary that they are unlikely to even encounter in college. Perhaps it is because I am a science major, but I have never seen any of those above words during my four years at Bates.

Therefore, the recently announced 2016 changes to several aspects of the SAT – including vocabulary – are very welcome, and perhaps long overdue. According to College Board, the company that designs and administers the SATs, the required vocabulary words have been changed to reflect “words that

students will use throughout their lives – in high school, college, and beyond...[n]o longer will students use flashcards to memorize obscure words, only to forget them the minute they put their test pencils down.”

Another major change is a return to the 1600-point scale. The two main sections will be ‘Math’ and ‘Evidence-based Reading and Writing,’ and the penalty for incorrect answers will be eliminated. There will still be an optional essay section, but it will be scored separately and have a time limit of 50 minutes rather than previous limit of 25 minutes.

Other format changes also reflect College Board's attempts at bringing relevance and practicality to the SAT. In the Evidence-based Reading and Writing section, the questions “will include literature and literary nonfiction, but also feature charts, graphs, and passages like the ones students will encounter in science, social science, and other majors and careers.”

The Math section has been redesigned to focus on three areas of mathematics that “most contribute to readiness for college and career training...[that are] used disproportionately in a wide range of majors and careers.”

There have also been several changes that help level the playing field for lower income students taking the SATs. College Board will be partnering with the website Khan Academy to provide free online SAT preparation. No longer will those who can afford expensive tutors or preparatory classes be at a disproportionate advantage. There will also be an option for income-eligible students to waive the fee for sending their scores to four colleges.

As a whole, these changes appear to succeed at improving all aspects of the SAT by making them more applicable to college coursework, more reflective of students' actual knowledge and college preparedness, and reducing the impact of socioeconomic status on SAT scores.

Under the current testing format, there is a clear correlation between SAT scores and household income. Starting with students from households with an annual income between \$0-\$20,000 and increasing by \$20k intervals to the \$140,000-\$160,000 range, each consecutively increasing interval is associated with a 40-point higher SAT score. The difference between scores of students in higher income brackets is even higher: the increase from the \$160,000-\$200,000 to the \$200,000+ bracket is 89 points.

These stark differences in average scores arise from a variety of factors. Students with higher house-

Household Income	SAT Score
\$0 to \$20,000	1326
\$20,000 to \$40,000	1402
\$40,000 to \$60,000	1461
\$60,000 to \$80,000	1497
\$80,000 to \$100,000	1535
\$100,000 to \$120,000	1569
\$120,000 to \$140,000	1581
\$140,000 to \$160,000	1604
\$160,000 to \$200,000	1625
\$200,000 or greater	1714

Average SAT score (out of 2400) for students entering college in 2013.  
SOURCE: COLLEGE BOARD; FIGURE ADAPTED FROM NYT

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## A chat with Ed Walker '02

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“The mind is like a parachute: it only works if it's open,” said Edward Walker '02 offering me life advice at the end of our conference call interview last week.

It's an important cliché, he reminded me, which many people tend to forget or ignore as they move throughout their daily lives. Nonetheless, as Walker explained, his experience at Bates would prepare him for the open road ahead and the conversations of his future.

A basketball player from Boston, Walker came to Bates not knowing what to expect. However, unlike many prospective students, he wasn't taken by the campus or amenities, but rather by a particular experience with a staff member that would ultimately define his time at the institution, and remains relevant to this day.

“My initial attraction came from Coach Joseph Reilly—the man. Let me repeat that Joseph Reilly—the man,” said Walker.

I could pretty much imagine the giant smile across Walker's face as he said the words. It was undeniably



apparent how much coach Reilly means to him.

“I was not attracted to Bates because of the basketball team,” continued Walker,

“but I had some great conversations with Coach Reilly, and he never once asked me about my basketball skills. He never mentioned or questioned about how dedicated I was on the court or in the weight room. Instead he would ask me how I was doing in the classroom, or how my family was doing, and in terms of my health. To me that made me

feel extremely valued as an individual.”

Reilly's influence helped Walker enormously throughout his time at Bates and led him to become captain of the basketball team his freshman year.

“I recall he said to me ‘if you decide to come to Bates and decide to play basketball or not, I will be in your corner until you cross that stage. For me, that was it. I knew I had somebody invested in Edward Walker the person, not Edward Walker the basketball player.’”

Walker left Bates in 2002 with a B.A. in African American Studies and a concentration in English.

“I can't say I had a favorite class” Walker interjected “but obviously I gravitated towards African American Studies, however for a number of different reasons.”

After a brief pause, Walker began to reminisce about his most powerful classroom experience that unexpectedly occurred in a Women and Gender Studies class.

“I didn't like the class, and I didn't like the professor very much, I was the only man outnumbered by women, but it was class that I was

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## An ineffective talk on important issues: A student-athlete perspective

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Sexual assault is a highly charged issue at all colleges, but it is notably brushed under the rug at Bates. This past September, the Athletic Department brought Cindy Pierce to talk to the student athletes of Bates College about how to have “Healthy Relationships and Safer, Safer Sex.” However, the presentation quickly devolved from a talk on sexual assault into what seemed to be an advertisement on a porn site, promising to improve all of our sex lives and give us the dirty secrets on how to really give a woman an orgasm. Her references included sorority girls from across the country whose sex lives allegedly improved after she spoke with an accompanying fraternity. Unfortunately, the discussion created after the talk centered more on Ms. Pierce's eccentricities and the deficiencies of her talk rather than the actual issue the Athletic Department wanted to begin to address. The department has failed to keep the discussion-going on sexual assault and has put the topic on the backburner since September.

She attempted to “demystify sex, relationships and the drunken hook-up culture” despite never drinking and having minimal experience with and exposure to hook-up culture. She was an outsider looking in and was trying to figure out why anyone would want to participate in a culture she didn't understand herself. Ms. Pierce was also loud, scatterbrained and above all else, alienating.

The number of people giggling from discomfort, texting, and generally tuning out of the presentation was understandable as she failed to stay on any message, instead choosing to lambast porn usage, drinking, and cell phone usage in three consecutive sentences while barely mentioning how to prevent or address sexual violence. She was more interested in a “wow did she just say that” moment than in solving any real problems or bringing any serious topics up for further discussion.

Additionally, she catered towards an exceptionally heteronormative perspective, constantly referring to heterosexual relationships

– a reality which doesn't match up with the student athlete population of Bates and is out of line with the inclusive tone the Athletic Department has attempted to set.

While the Athletic Department's heart was in the right place by bringing in a speaker to begin a discussion on sexual assault, it would seem obvious that when bringing in someone to talk on such a sensitive topic it would be important to have someone check to make sure the presentation is engaging and informative, and whether or not the ideal setting for this person is on stage in front of six to eight hundred people, especially if it is going to be mandatory for all student athletes whose schedule's are already packed with academics and practices.

An excellent example of the caliber of speaker the department should strive to get would be Chris Nowinski, one of the leading researchers on brain injuries at BU, who was a football player at Harvard and spoke to the college in September of 2011 about CTE and the dangers of concussions. His presentation was educational, entertaining and of extreme importance, but unlike Ms. Pierce's presentation, Mr. Nowinski's presentation was sparsely attended and noticeably absent were students who were at the highest risk for brain injuries: football players, soccer players, and lacrosse players.

While the college, and more specifically the Athletic Department, may have missed valuable opportunities to properly educate and change the culture on two major issues, there are clear steps forward in how to improve these programs in the future. Thankfully the Athletic Department has decided to make preventing sexual violence and harassment a top priority; however, the best way to discuss these problems and their solutions isn't in large groups in which those who are uninterested are able to simply tune out and the message can easily fall on deaf ears.

I think the most effective route would be to have inter-team break-out sessions in which small groups of male athletes came together with female athletes of different sports, intimate group discussions lead by a

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hold incomes will be more likely to afford tutors who can assist with test preparation and provide tried and true SAT strategies that students without specific SAT preparation would lack. Families with higher incomes are also able to send their children to more expensive schools that better prepare their students for the SAT.

In other words, it appears that current SAT scores are a better predictor of how well one can prepare for standardized testing rather than how well one will perform academically in college.

This idea is indeed supported by empirical evidence, including research by former the former Dean and Assistant Dean of Admissions at Bates, William Hiss and Valerie Franks. In February, Hiss and Franks published the largest study of its kind examining the impact of standardized testing at institutions that do not require submission of standardized testing scores. The study examined the GPAs and graduation rates of almost 123,000 students from 33 institutions across the country, comparing students who did submit scores with those who did not submit standardized testing scores.

The results of the study were clear: there was no significant difference for either measure (GPA and graduation rate) between students who had submitted scores and students who did not.

The study reads, "the differences between submitters and non-submitters are five one-hundredths of a GPA point, and six-tenths of one percent in graduation rates. By any standard, these are trivial differences."

Instead of SAT scores, the study found that high school GPAs were a much better predictor of college and university cumulative GPA. Simply put, these results show "[a] clear message: hard work and good grades in high school matter, and they matter a lot."

Finally, the study showed that optional testing also promotes diversity within the educational institutions: "Non-submitters are more likely to be first-generation-to-college enrollees, all categories of minority students, women, Pell Grant

recipients, and students with learning differences."

Bates has been championing this idea ever since 1984 when it became one of the first undergraduate institutions to become testing-optional. In an interview posted on the Bates website, current Dean of Admissions & Financial Aid Leigh Weisenburger describes Bates' philosophy on selecting students for admission.

"Three-and-a-half to four years tells us a whole heck of a lot more on a transcript than three-and-a-half to four hours on a Saturday morning when a student might be taking [a standardized test]," she said. "A transcript — meaning the courses a student takes, how well they perform in those given courses — is telling us a much bigger story and illustrating for us all that they're not only capable of but curious about, and in some instances really showing us their potential for success in the college classroom."

This approach also allows for the admissions committee to take into account other factors that underlie a high school GPA such as the rigor of the high school and difficulty of courses taken.

"At Bates we read a student contextually," Wesenburger said. "We read them within the context of their high school, the courses that have been available to them...and like to see that they've challenged themselves with those rigorous and that they've done well."

According to FairTest — the "National Center for Fair and Open Testing" — more than 800 four-year colleges and universities are now testing optional. It is still unknown, and will be for probably another decade, how the new changes to the SAT will impact admissions decisions at colleges and universities. It seems unlikely that testing-optional schools will once again require standardized testing scores. Even if the new SAT format results in scores becoming a better indicator of future college success, it still seems unnecessary to require testing for college admission when GPA is just as good of a predictor. It remains to be seen whether the new SAT will be able to keep up with the times or instead simply become a thing of the past.

## Combating sexual assault in the military

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Sexual assault in the military is not a new thing. In recent years, Pentagon officials have likened it to a cancer within the ranks. But little legislation has been passed to combat sexual assault.

That tide may be changing. This past Monday night, the Senate overwhelmingly approved a bill that would combat sexual assault by a vote of 97-0. The bill was a bipartisan effort of Democrat Claire McCaskill of Missouri and Republicans Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire and Deb Fischer of Nebraska.

McCaskill's bill eliminates the century old practice of the "good soldier" defense, which used a soldier's service record as evidence of his good character and thus raised doubt as to whether a crime was committed. The bill also extends protections to students in service academies, and it requires that in every decision of promotion, that a commander's record on the handling of sexual assault be taken into account.

After the vote, McCaskill stated, "Unanimous agreement in the U.S. Senate is pretty rare — but rarer still is the kind of sweeping, historic change we've achieved over the past year in the military justice system."

A vote of 97-0 does appear to be a sweeping historic change. But that vote is in context of a larger debate of what types of changes need to be made to the military justice system.

The week before the Senate approved McCaskill's bill, military leaders strongly opposed Kirsten Gillibrand's bill that combated sexual assault in the military. The Senate voted 55-45 on the bill that would have taken sexual assault cases out of the chain of command and would have placed it into the hands of

seasoned military prosecutors. The vote was five short of the necessary 60 votes.

While last year lawmakers began to pass legislation to address sexual assault in the military, the changes appear to be common sense. Lawmakers voted to end the statute of limitations on assault and rape cases, to require the dishonorable discharge or dismissal of anyone convicted of sexual assault or rape, and to make it a crime to retaliate against victims who reported sexual assaults. To me, it's terrifying that these provisions were not law until last year.

In the past year and now with McCaskill's bill, lawmakers are finally passing common sense and long needed legislation. McCaskill's bill is not far-reaching, but it does make a few much needed changes. The problem with the bill comes back to the fact that it doesn't address problem of sexual assault within the chain of command.

The chain of command is one of the most important structures of the military. One report to the person directly above him or her. In most cases, the chain of command insures order and efficiency. However in sexual assault cases, too often the women or men that have been sexually assaulted have been assaulted by their commander. It's hard to imagine how to report sexual assault when the person you are supposed to report to is the one who sexually assaulted you. And if sexual offenders in places of power are aware of their victim's predicament, they will take advantage of it and continue to sexually assault the people below them.

The chain of command in sexual assault cases may explain the numbers of those sexually assaulted in the military. Based on an anonymous survey, it is estimated that as

many as 26,000 military members were sexually assaulted in 2012. Of those 26,000 military members, only 3,374 made formal allegations.

Those who voted against Gillibrand's bill saw it as an attack on the chain of command as a whole. As Senator Mark Kirk, Republican on Illinois said, "I wanted to make sure the captain of a ship is really the captain of the whole ship." Unfortunately, that means a captain who sexually assaults women and men can continue to do so.

Kirsten Gillibrand's bill would have taken sexual assault cases out of the chain of command and handed it to seasoned military prosecutors—a necessary and much needed change. Apparently, such a change was too far-reaching for the 45 senators who voted against it.

McCaskill's bill does not address the chain of command, and so there's no point in attacking her bill at this point. Gillibrand will continue to fight to pass her bill, and hopefully it will be approved of in the near future. At this point I just hope that McCaskill's bill passes in the House, so at least those obvious and common sense changes are made.

The future of McCaskill's bill looks promising. A spokesman for Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, Michael Steel, said Monday, "The entire House is proud of the bipartisan reforms on this important issue included in last year's defense authorization bill, and we will review this legislation to determine the best way to consider additional reforms in the House."

While the McCaskill's bill allows the Senate to save face, the statistics and victim's personal accounts tell us that the Senate needs to address the roadblock of chain of command in issues of sexual assault.

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challenged and respected as a man in. It also introduced me to some of my favorite books," said Walker.

By any standard, Walker's experience at Bates was quite unique. Above his time spent on the Basketball court and in the classroom, he valued the relationships with those around him.

"I think I developed some strong relationships that I would not have developed with the same people in a different setting. We understood that we were there to engage in different types of conversations and experiences then we would have at home."

Walker explained that every student at Bates is going to have a different experience, and as a young African American male, his experience at Bates was initially quite shocking.

"I was at Bates in a time when there were very few students of color. I'm talking I was one of three in my graduating class. I was coming from Georgia — where everything is white and black — to Maine, the whitest state in the country," explained Walker.

"For me I didn't have any reluctance, but I had a lot of structuring to do with my mind frame. I had to think differently about the relationships I would have with people that didn't look like me, or talk like me. Bates cultivates this sort of environment where one can do that."

Though challenging, Walker insists that Bates helped him achieve what he has today. Without Bates and the programs it offered, Walker is unsure where he would have end-

ed up.

"Every day I think about Bates, I remember that they gave me an opportunity. They gave me an opportunity they didn't have to give me," said Walker.

"I give Bates a lot of credit, because it gave me my first professional job. My job is to help young people achieve a higher education. My first job was with the Dean of Admissions. It helped me develop the passion that I have today for helping young people."

This is why Walker gives back to the Bates Fund.

"The Bates experience prepares students for the future. It depends on what class your taking, but also the student you talk to," added Walker.

"If you ask someone like me it made all the difference. It was literally a whole new world for me that challenged every aspect of my being, even though I only came from two and a half hours away. There's no way I'd be able to do my work I do today with Bates."

Walker explained to me what motivates him to continue giving to the Bates Fund, even more than ten years after graduating: "[Bates] gave me the opportunity they did, so whenever I give money, with every dime I remember that I'm helping other students who are like I was."

As our interview wrapped up, I had a new sense of Bates and who Edward Walker was. I searched for a final question to sum up our interview: what does it mean to be a Batesie?

"When you are a true Batesie it's not something you have to think about. It becomes part of your lifestyle, part of who you are."

In this way we can change the conversation from a place where people are speaking at the students about a problem to where the students can themselves become the agents of change: identifying the problems and working to solve them together.

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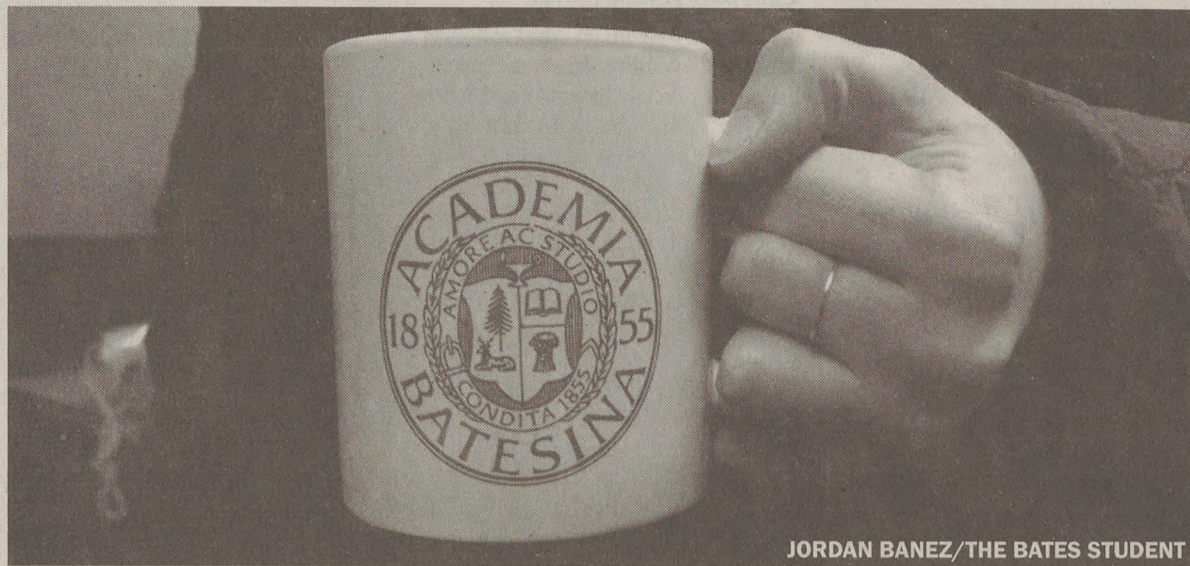
professional about what these issues are like from a different perspective, and the best way to prevent sexual assault from happening on campus.



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# The coffee epidemic



JORDAN BANEZ/THE BATES STUDENT

The American population has developed a serious drinking problem. But I'm not talking about alcohol. Rather, the concern is with mass consumption of coffee.

The morning line at a Starbucks in a populated location indicates the United States' obsession for a morning fix of coffee. In fact, studies have shown that Americans consume a collective 400 million cups of coffee throughout a single day. But what converts a simple coffee habit into a full blown addiction? And further, what are the risks from this kind of dependence?

The term "addiction" is officially defined as "The fact or condition of being addicted to a particular substance, thing, or activity." The notion of addiction often carries a negative connotation, as it suggests that one's dependence on an external substance is more powerful than the person's will to operate without the substance.

While coffee is not as life threatening as regular consumption of alcohol or recreational drugs, the caffeine from the coffee can in fact lead to an addiction. For some, coffee is consumed as a treat or on a special occasion; but for most coffee enthusiasts, drinking a cup of coffee is as regular an activity as getting dressed in the morning. The coffee consumption phenomenon is not

specific to one region of the country, either; per household, residents of Chicago drink the most coffee, with New York ranking second and Seattle ranking third.

Once into the habit of having coffee, whether it be drinking one serving or multiple servings per day, many claim that they are not able to function without the daily caffeine jolt. A caffeine boost is likely to be only part of what motivates a coffee dependence, however, as withdrawal from coffee has been proven as a very real phenomenon.

WebMD lists several indicators of a full blown coffee addiction, including headache, anxiety,

nausea and/or fatigue upon withdrawal. A recent *Time* article explains that excessive caffeine consumption is now officially a condition that has been coined as "caffeine intoxication," and further, that adverse withdrawal from the caffeine cause symptoms similar to a psychiatric disorder. These effects from caffeine consumption and subsequent withdrawal have even been added to American Psychiatric Association's *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*.

Aside from the addictive component, what are health dangers of being "addicted" to coffee? While coffee is often regarded as a harm-

less drink, consumption in large and regular quantities carries health dangers. Many of us know coffee's troublesome short term side effects of feeling jittery and restless. A study emerged last summer stating that higher coffee drinkers actually have a higher risk of premature death. An article on the study reads, "heavy coffee drinkers under age 55 were 20 percent more likely to die over a 17-year period. Those who were over age 55 didn't have an increased death risk."

While these precautions might sound frightening, coffee doesn't necessarily need to be regarded as a vice or a hazard. In moderation, cof-

fee also has its health benefits. While it hasn't been proven, studies suggest that those who regularly consume coffee are at less of a risk of developing certain cancers and heart disease.

Regular coffee consumption might be bad for the individual, but its certainly good for the multi-billion dollar coffee industry. One of the industry's main players, Starbucks Corporation, reported almost 15 billion dollars for 2013 from its over 11,000 locations in the US, alone. Starbucks has transformed the concept of a small, locally owned coffee shop (the only kind that used to exist) into an expansive, worldwide corporation. Next time you buy from Starbucks, just remember that you're supporting a major company, and that most cities offer an array of locally-operated coffee shops.

I enjoy drinking coffee as much as the reported 83% of Americans who feel the same. A couple things to keep in mind, however: coffee is delicious and helpful for a morning pick-me-up, but like most substances, over consumption of coffee can lead to adverse consequences. Furthermore, major companies such as Starbucks have been able to capitalize on the country's collective yearning for a cup of joe, which threatens the existence of locally run and supported coffee shops.

## Russia's invasion of Crimea demonstrates flaws in Obama's foreign policy vision

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On her first trip to Russia as Secretary of State, Hilary Clinton presented her Russian counterparts with a "reset" button in order to symbolize the Obama administration's push to improve relations with this former Cold War adversary. Implicit in the suggestion that a reset could restore ties between our countries was the idea that a different diplomatic approach by the Obama administration could somehow convince Putin and Medvedev to alter their behavior and cooperate more with the United States.

The administration promoted this assumption despite the fact that tensions at this time were a result of the Russian indefensible occupation of Georgia rather than any actions on the part of the United States. This diplomatic strategy was backed up not only with rhetoric but also actions meant to appease the Russian regime.

At Putin's request, the Obama administration canceled two missile defense projects in the Czech Republic and Poland without demanding any concessions in return. This decision further undermined our commitment to provide security against these former satellite states against Russian aggression. The administration also revoked sanctions which were imposed against Russia following the Georgia occupation.

These unilateral concessions reflected a fundamental misunderstanding of the nature of the Putin regime. Putin, a former KGB officer who has ruthlessly persecuted dissent within his own country, called the breakup of the former Soviet Union, "the greatest geopolitical tragedy of the 20<sup>th</sup> century." Despite Obama's tendency to mock any type of "cold war mentality," as he often did during the 2012 presidential campaign, Putin certainly has not abandoned this zero sum outlook.

This understanding of Putin better explains his support for rogue and Anti-American regimes such as Bashar Al-Assad and why he remains so staunchly committed to preventing any Eastern European countries from turning to the West in any way. Despite the extensive evidence of the last few years, President Obama seems to still misunderstand this reality which explains why the

United States was caught so flat-footed with the Russian invasion of Crimea. This dynamic does not mean that we are doomed to repeat a second Cold War. With a flailing economy and no credible governing ideology to present to the world, Russia remains more as a consistent nuisance to solving many important global issues rather than a credible threat to American power. In addition, while distrust between Russia and the United States has climbed higher due to recent disputes, it is not anywhere near Cold War levels.

As an often pragmatic leader, Putin can be convinced to come to the negotiating table when he views cooperation as in his best interest, as was the case of the inconsequential START treaty and the agreement to strip Assad of his chemical weapons. While the United States should continue to look for areas of mutually beneficial cooperation with Russia and present itself as a credible and trustworthy potential partner, the Obama administration must abandon the naive notion that Putin seeks any long-term goal other than the reassertion of Russian hegemony at the expense of American power and influence.

Gestures of unilateral diplomatic goodwill are more likely to be received as signs of weakness to be exploited rather than indications of friendship to be reciprocated. Rather than meeting Russian demands to encourage friendship, these areas of disagreement would be better deployed as leverage against Russia. The United States should reaffirm its commitment to defending our Eastern European allies by rescheduling our canceled missile defense projects in Poland and the Czech Republic. However, it will be impossible to turn back the clock on Russia's military incursion, especially because Russia maintains significant support in this now occupied area.

The United States would now be better suited to focus on preventing further military action in Eastern Ukraine or throughout the country. The Obama Administration must stop issuing thinly veiled threats, and instead make clear that further Russian action will be met with specific and damaging sanctions. Using this approach, the United States will be far better suited to deter further Russian aggression and better manage the crisis in Crimea.

## Intentions of the "Ban Bossy" campaign

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Pledge to ban the word "bossy." This movement has taken the Internet by storm through social media, newspaper articles, and television campaigns; it has even made its way to dinner table discussions. Sheryl Sandberg, COO of Facebook and author of *Lean In*, has teamed up with Condoleezza Rice, Beyoncé, Jennifer Garner, and the Girl Scouts to ban the word bossy.

Unfortunately, this valiant effort to ban a word that discourages little girls from ambition and leadership has been met with lots of backlash. For many, banning a word is too bossy an act. Perhaps the criticism would be minimized if the movement stated, "rethink bossy."

While the decision to ban "bossy" may be considered extreme, the motivation and intentions of this movement are highly commendable. Young girls who attempt to take on leadership roles are too often discouraged with negative associations, such as bossy, aggressive, and unlikable. As they grow older these comments continue to limit a girl's potential and ambition, caging her in a traditional submissive box.

If a woman makes an argument or presents a position to assertively, her point is not heard; rather her

aggressive attitude is what listeners have been programmed to hear and notice. The behavior ultimately overrules the content.

I believe this attempt to eliminate the word "bossy" can not only allow young girls and even women to follow their dreams and truly believe the sky is the limit, but also ensure that women have a voice that will be heard. Within the college context, it is time for women to raise their hands more often, take the credit they deserve after doing all the work in a group project, and step out of the art of feminine passive aggression.

In support of this movement, a new club on Bates campus - Bates College Women in Leadership (BCWIL) - hopes to hold forums on topics like the "ban the word bossy" campaign. BCWIL was established to provide undergraduate women with the necessary tools to excel in the workforce and to create a network of "women helping women." Activities in this club include guest speakers, workshops, and forums, all which aim to push for a stronger and more equal female presence in the workforce. In addition to forums on "Ban Bossy", BCWIL envisions discussions on maternity and paternity rights, salary negotiations, and juggling the family with a demanding job. Open to all on cam-

pus, BCWIL encourages members and non-members to join the movement and read Sheryl Sandberg's bestseller, *Lean In*, and *Nice Girls Don't Get the Corner Office* by Lois P. Frankel.

Like the "Ban Bossy" campaign, BCWIL hopes to bring awareness to undergraduate students that gender inequality is still very prevalent in the work sphere. For young women, especially college students, there are so many empowered women we can see as role models. Personally, I strive to live out my life with the carefree approach of Chelsea Handler, the ambition of Tina Fey, and the intelligence of Madeleine Albright. I believe women know how much potential they hold, but are often too afraid to see it grow. It is time for women to join together in support of accepting ambitious, successful, and powerful women. This spirit lies in the "Ban Bossy" campaign, as it teaches young girls their value before societal norms limit their dreams.

BCWIL hopes to promote the same ideals through "women helping women." With a strong network between current alumni and future alumni of BCWIL, a foundation can be made where the ambitions of undergraduate women will be fully supported and dreams of success may find the right home.

## Comic Corner by Kei Matsunami





# Diverse group proposes reforms to Student Conduct Code

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The Bates College Code of Student Conduct has been under revision by a diverse group composed of faculty, staff, and students since September 2013. The fourteen members of the group meet weekly with the objective of strengthening the Dean's Review and Student Conduct Committee as well as adding new forms of resolution and adjudication as part of the student conduct procedure.

The primary purpose of the changes are to enhance student involvement and responsibility while allowing for more varied conflict resolution options in all facets of student conduct. In addition to larger scale amendments, the group made other minor modifications in language to ensure the revised Code accurately reflected community values. In creating these revisions, the group was careful to consider emerging trends in student conduct among other higher education institutions while maintaining the unique strengths and mission of the Bates community. Carl Steidel, the Assistant Dean of Students and one of the spearheads of the Code review group states, "It has been a pleasure and a learning experience working since September with such a dedicated and diverse group of students, faculty and staff on this project. Our proposed changes are much stronger and in line with our institutional values because of the input of all who were part of this process."

The group began revisions with an eye toward enhancing what the Code already does well, and then updating the aspects that are not being utilized or are not as effective. Accordingly, the group decided to entirely delete the current mediation option as the language surrounding this section was unduly prescriptive and impractical. Replacing mediation, the group inserted broader opportunities centered on conflict resolution with more flexible language accompanying it.

The goal was to allow for more expansive possibilities for resolution through mediation, restorative justice, facilitated dialogues and conflict coaching, depending on the



Members of the Student Conduct Committee AMELIA OLIVER/THE BATES STUDENT

specific needs of a given situation. Underpinning these techniques was the objective of healing the community and individuals involved in an infraction as opposed to isolating students through one-sided punishments. If the proposed legislation were approved, professional staff and students would be trained in these conflict resolution methods. Trained students would work through low to mid-level situations while staff would handle more serious cases.

Another change proposed by the group is the creation of a Student Judicial Board, which would replace the current Dorm/House Councils, while maintaining the concept of a student-run body to adjudicate low to mid-level violations. The Student Judicial Board would be comprised of members from both the Student Conduct Committee and the Student Conduct Appeals Committee and would give students claim over smaller scale infractions, particularly those affecting the residential community.

Under the current system, the Student Conduct Committee and the Student Conduct Appeals Committee are made up of faculty and students in two separate groups. The revision group suggests that these be combined into a larger

pool where members could be chosen at random for cases; the group also proposes that staff members of the college be included on both committees as they are an integral part of the campus community. "By increasing the involvement of students throughout the process and by involving staff members formally for the first time, we broaden the ownership of the conduct system and the overall student experience at Bates" said Steidel. In addition to heightened community inclusion, the creation of a combined pool would allow for the formation of specified panels which could more aptly assist the needs of individual cases.

In the majority of proceedings presented to the Student Conduct Committee, the respondent is not disputing the violation in question, but rather what the most fitting consequence for such actions should be. In this draft, the revision group proposes a new possibility for resolution within the Student Conduct Committee called a Sanctioning Conference. This would give students the opportunity to meet with just the committee co-chairs as opposed to a full hearing. The student and the co-chairs would have a dialogue from which the co-chairs would determine the appropriate sanction and the student would

still retain the option to appeal the sanction if necessary.

Ultimately, these revisions work to change the language of the Code of Student Conduct and implement strategies for dealing with conflicts in a manner that is more reflective of the diversity and core values at Bates. It is important to keep in mind, however, that the proposed changes do not involve altering the types of sanctions or level of punishments established in the current Code of Student Conduct. Instead, these revisions offer more options within the process of resolving cases and further community, particularly student, involvement as part of those options.

The first reading to the faculty of the revised legislation will be on April 7<sup>th</sup> and the final vote will take place the first Monday of May. The revision group welcomes feedback from all members of the community on any aspect of the proposal. That said, a lunch was held Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> in New Commons, an opportunity for students to share their thoughts and opinions. There was a small student turnout, however. In the future, students will hopefully take advantage of an opportunity to contribute to the legislation that will directly impact the student body.

## Top 10 changes in the sex lives of college students since 1990

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Guess what? "Hooking up" culture has been around as long as Justin Timberlake's talent. While our generation would like to think we're unique in our sexual tendencies, we represent a youth culture that has largely maintained the same since the 1990's.

Recently, a study has been published in the new book *The Sex Lives of College Students: Two Decades of Attitudes and Behaviors* by Dr. Sandra Caron that summarizes the top ten major sexual changes in the lives of college students over the last two decades. The results are not shocking, but certainly worth familiarizing oneself with as some of them reflect cultural changes in the national tolerance of and attitude towards sex safety, education and acceptance.

As previously stated, the "hooking up" culture, (or in quantitative terms: "the incidence of having five or more sexual partners") has remained unchanged since 1990's; however, back then it was called "casual sex." I guess we could say that we're more creative because we decided on a new name, but we accredit the eradication of the respectful "dating" culture to those college students of the nineties.

Predictably, birth control in the form of the pill and condoms increased 10% in the last twenty years, while the percentage of students using both increased by 15%. Perhaps as a result, the percentage of students who are concerned about HIV and AIDS has dropped drastically from over 75% in the 1990's to less than 33% today. Less than 1% of students were unconcerned about HIV/AIDS in the 1990's, but 10% of college students say they are not concerned at all about how they affect them today. In the 1990's, 70% of college men and women believed that love was an important component of sex, but today less than half believe that this is true.

Many colleges have made an effort to make contraceptives more accessible to students, but it is clear from the above statistics that this access has only increased their sense of immunity to such

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## "The wRAP"

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Welcome to your new weekly update from the Bates College Student Government! BCSG representative Sarah Stanley will inform all students of the latest updates from BCSG through her new column, "The wRAP" (Weekly Representative Assembly Publication).

This past week, Dean Steidel appeared at the Representative Assembly meeting to receive feedback from the student government regarding changes that are in the process to be made to the Code of Student Conduct. Dean Steidel and the Committee are enthusiastic and eager about receiving student feedback on the changes, as this is a matter that affects the entire student body. The summary of the changes are posted on the Bates Website.

In addition to meeting with Dean Steidel, the Representative Assembly and Organizational Review Board (ORB) approved two new clubs: Active Minds and Bates College Women in Leadership (BCWIL). Active Minds will be a new chapter of a larger organization. The club is being spearheaded by Max Silverman, and is designed in the hope of filling the gap between students and the discussion of mental illness. Bates College Women in Leadership (BCWIL), founded by Fiona Frick, was created to aid undergraduate students by providing them with the necessary tools to excel in the workforce. This new club aims to foster a network where members can learn and grow from each other both personally and professionally. However, don't let the name fool you, men are also welcome to participate in the discussion.

What clubs were aided by the R.A funds this week? This past week, the BCSG approved co-sponsorships for Dance Club, Photography Club, Out Front, and DJ Society. The money will help Dance Club bring alumna Ebbe Sweet to campus to teach a workshop next weekend on dance and photography. She will educate workshop participants on the art of photographing dance, and will then apply these learnings during the Spring Dance Concert Backspace. In addition, the funds received by clubs for co-sponsorships this week will help Photography Club with the annual publication of Blonde Magazine, provide support for OutFront with a planned slam poetry event, as well as provide great financial support for DJ Society's Short Term concert that will bring The Chainsmokers to campus.

As always, the Representative Assembly encourages students to come to our meetings held Mondays at 7pm in G65.





A street in Kraków's main square. SAM THOMAS/THE BATES STUDENT

## POLAND

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people in Kraków. In the past weeks we walk through the city square or other areas in the city after class and there are protests being held in support of the Ukraine. Waving flags, setting off flairs, chanting and singing of national anthems, and finally the presence of dozens of police cars around large groups of these protestors are the situations that make the problems of the world real to us. Every once in a while it is easy to get overwhelmed with the immensity and diversity of the world we

live in but events like these bring us back down to Earth and show us how small our world really is.

This is a place where no one else at Bates has studied in the last five years, and this statistic will allow me to bring learnings from my unique living experience back to campus. Kraków is an underrated city to travel to – it's the cultural center of Poland with the largest medieval town square in Europe and has an intact history and charm even with the city's tumultuous history. It may not be the most popular place to visit or live, but I've learned to embrace it and to make the experience my own.



First day of school. SAM THOMAS/THE BATES STUDENT

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## Jeremy Fisher '06 makes headlines and shares perspectives with Bates community

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Take that Harvard. Hit the road, Mark Zuckerberg. There is a new social media startup in town. Wander, a social media startup co-founded by Jeremy Fisher '06, recently made headlines for its sale to Yahoo! Inc. With all the talk of President Clayton Spencer's purposeful work initiative spreading like wildfire around the campus, Fisher serves as a perfect example of someone who infused meaning into his life after Bates.

Fisher graduated in 2006 with a degree in philosophy. "Philosophy teaches you how to 'think clearly and sharply through any set of facts,'" says Fisher. Fisher was also a member of the Brooks Quimby Debate Council, which compliments his philosophy major, for debate taught him to think clearly and sharply on the spot.

If there was something he wishes he could've learned during his time at Bates, it would be knowing how to code. "Knowing how to code is like having a superpower," says Fisher. If only he was here for Short Term 2014. As part

of the purposeful work initiative, a practitioner taught course in digital innovation will be offered, in which students will in fact learn basic coding skills, or as Fisher believes, a superpower.

When searching for inspiration for a meaningful post-Bates life, Fisher provides some perspective: "I'd also recommend studying abroad somewhere that takes you out of your comfort zone." He himself spent a semester in Sri Lanka.

Fisher's major and his extracurricular interests made for a powerful base for his post-Bates success. His illustrious career spans from time in financing as well as innovative startups. According to CrunchBase, Fisher worked at Morgan Stanley as a management consultant and investment banker. He then went on to co-found Dinevore, a way to connect and share restaurant and bar recommendations with friends. After Dinevore, Wander developed from TechStars, the New York based startup accelerator. The makers of Wander then produced the Days app.

"What if there was a way to see what a day in the life was like for anyone in the world?" asks Fisher. Days can fulfill this purpose. Fisher

and his team created Days with the intention of creating a means to share "the real lived experience" of each day with users friends and family.

The Days app distinguishes itself from other social media platforms in that it doesn't just capture the highlights of your day. Instead it serves as a visual, animated diary, so to speak, that due to GIFs (Graphic Interchange Format) allows for animation, adding to the aesthetic experience of the app.

Though the specifics of the deal between Wander and Yahoo! Inc. remain under-wraps, TechCrunch estimates the deal at above \$10 million dollars. TechCrunch also reports that in a blog post from the Wander founders, it was noted that the Days app will remain "stand alone entity."

So as winter semester (thankfully) draws to a close, and the class of 2014's commencement day looms in the not so distant future, Fisher reflects on his experiences and offers some simple, yet poignant advice for the future: "Say yes."

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diseases. Similarly, the early 1990's was a time of great fear regarding HIV/AIDS because scientists had yet to introduce medical treatment that suggested AIDS could be a long-term manageable illness. Twenty years ago it was perceived as a death sentence, but now students for some reason believe that there is an official cure (keep checking the Science NYTimes on Tuesday for updates....it hasn't really happened yet).

Another interesting, if not wildly awkward statistic shared in this report is the increase in female masturbation from 60% in the 1990's to 80% today. A PDF preview version of the facts explains that "acknowledgement of this increase in women's masturbation can be seen in the popularity of such factors as sex toy parties on college campuses." I heckled students in Ladd Library for a quote regarding this topic, but much to my surprise no one chose to peak out from the cubicle to explain Bates' underground sex toy party scene to me. What a shame.

Those who fear that our generation is depressingly unoriginal in our sexual evolution might be interested to hear that our generation has made faking an orgasm all the rage. It's a fact that more college women (69%) than men (29%) fake orgasms, but overall this tendency increased from about 33% in the 1990s to over 50% today. This might be the part of your lunch conversation where three

people get up to "get more food" (wander around commons) when they've already had three helpings of cheesecake.

Compared to 33% in the 1990's, 53% of college men today say that anal sex is acceptable while only 23% of women agree with them. There has been a dramatic increase of 15% in the percentage of college men and women who accept having gay friends; however, college women are always more accepting than college men. In the 1990's, only 3% of college women reported having same sex experience, but today that percentage has jumped to nearly 30%. The PDF preview notes one potential reason for this being "the kiss between Madonna and Britney Spears at the MTV Video Music Awards in 2003". The distinction that the women who admit to these behaviors always acknowledge, though, is that they do not self-identify as bisexual or lesbian as a result of these experiences.

Such statistics don't make the most consumable meal conversation, but the statistics represent information from a rare but educational longitudinal study. College students can speculate about trends and ignore statistics that aren't compatible with their personal sex lives if that information is not made available to them. The information presented in Dr. Caron's new book means that there are now less excuses in doing so.

To learn more about Caron's book, visit [sexlivesofcollegestudents.com](http://sexlivesofcollegestudents.com)



## The Spelling Bee was a W-I-N-N-E-R



The cast of the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee in their final pose of the musical. GUNNAR MANCHESTER/COUTESY PHOTO

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When attending *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* in Gannett Theater, I initially did not know what to expect. I knew very little about a show that would turn out to be one of the most entertaining productions I've seen at Bates. Not only did this show keep the audience doubling over with laughter, but it was completely student-run — directed by Bates junior, Gunnar Manchester '15. I cannot begin to imagine the amount of love, sweat, and tears put into this show, and it certainly paid off.

This talented cast included Julia Ofman '15 as Rona Lisa Peretti, Divyamaan Sahoo '17 as Chip To-

lentino, Amanda San Roman '17 as Logainne Schwartzandgrubbeniere, Ryan Martinez '17 as Leaf Coneybear, Alex Moskovitz '16 as William Barfee, Rebecca Bassell '16 as Marcy Park, Liza Danello '14 as Olive Ostrovsky, Henry Baird '17 as Vice Principal Douglas Panch, Brennen Malone '17 as Mitch Mahoney, and last, but certainly not least, Audrey Burns '17 as Logainne's biological mother, Olive's mom, and the Understudy.

Julia Ofman, the host of the Bee and a former champion, along with Henry Baird, the co-host of the Bee who was on leave for 5 years for undisclosed reasons, had the audience in stitches due to their wit and quick thinking, as multiple audience members were selected to participate in

the Bee. For instance, when Amelia Green '17 was called up to spell, Ofman announced her as an individual who "thinks that horizontal stripes are flattering" as she was wearing a blue and white striped shirt. Clearly, these two knew their roles well enough that they could not only play their character, but improvise well enough that it appeared to be part of the script.

Another notable aspect of this show was the marvelous singing. Sahoo often stole the show with his impressive pipes as well as Danello who belted out her solos with confidence and conviction. However, all of the solos would not have made for a good show if the entire cast could not hold their own. Between San Roman's character's adorable lisp

and Martinez's idiotic, yet charming persona, the audience almost forgot that the spellers on stage were in fact their fellow Bates peers and not the real-life characters themselves.

I was shocked and delighted by the choreography, as well as the excellence in its execution. The cast made use of their small space in the block-box style theater immensely well. Bassell absolutely dominated her solo entitled, "I Speak Six Languages," doing impressive splits and ballet moves, along with flipping Moskovitz's character over her back and breaking a wooden board with her bare hands. Surely, these talents are worth seeing.

To add to this astounding performance, Moskovitz's and Danello's duet about their budding friendship

was amazing to view as Moskovitz even picked her up in an elaborate ice skating-like form. Burn's ball to Danello's character was passionate, beautiful, and full of message of love and family. Ciaran Walsh even made a surprise appearance as Jesus, which left the audience in fits of hysterics.

Overall, the Robinson Playhouse full-length musical, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* was tremendous success. It was incredibly well cast, bringing laughter, at some free juice boxes (courtesy of Brennen Malone's character as the ex-felony comfort counselor), to the audience.

**RESTAURANT REVIEW**

## Lewiston's own brings a savory and affordable dining alternative to Batesies

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One of the best parts of the Bates College campus is inarguably Commons. Full of an endless array of scrumptious food and hours of good times amongst friends, Commons leaves smiles on Bates students' faces and their stomachs satisfied. However, when this Bates hotspot does not satisfy your food cravings, look no further than the metropolitan area of Lewiston-Auburn, well loved for its wide array of delicious restaurant choices.

A hidden gem is none other than Fish Bones American Grill, located on Lincoln Street in downtown Lewiston. Fish Bones is located in an antiquated mill, with large windows, distressed brick walls, colorful artwork, and pipes running along the ceiling. Its rustic architecture and refined atmosphere makes the setting, as first-year and Maine native, Laura Pietropaoli, describes as "laid back but not too informal." Though the atmosphere is certainly trendy, there is no need to dress up. It is typically packed with both students and locals, ranging in age and dress.

Aspects of Fish Bones that set it apart from many other restaurants in the area is the comfortable lounge area and 22-person dining room that can be rented out for special events. These accommodations,

along with the full-service bar and creative menu that Pietropaoli notes as having "really interesting flavors," keeps many coming back.

The menu is creative, delicious, and ideal for all occasions. It is certainly upscale, but prices remain moderate. Diners can enjoy high quality, healthy, diverse food at reasonable prices. The menu focuses on a seafood grill, but there are plenty of vegetarian and non-seafood items goers can choose from. Personally, I dislike seafood, but I have no problem ordering a great meal. My personal favorite is the Angus Steak and Cheddar Flatbread, one of their many flatbreads on their lunchtime menu. They also offer a great selection of salads and burgers. The Apple Wood B.L.T. Sandwich is always great. Friends of mine who enjoy seafood rave about the Mussels Margherita on the dinnertime menu.

The hours of Fish Bones make it easy to enjoy a meal at any time throughout the day. Lunch hours are from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm, Monday thru Thursday, and dinner is from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and Friday and Saturday from 4:00 pm to 9:30 p.m. Reservations are also not necessary and parking is plentiful. There is no excuse to not pay a visit to Fish Bones. With its reasonably priced and quality menu, along with its trendy and rustic atmosphere, it is a perfect spot for an afternoon or night out.

## Danú delivers mystical, magical, and melodic merriment to Olin Concert Hall



Danu performs in Olin. ASHLEY BRYANT/THE BATES STUDENT

**ASHLEY BRYANT**  
MANAGING ARTS&LEISURE EDITOR

This past Thursday, students, professors, and members of the surrounding community packed into Olin Concert Hall to await the Danú concert. With its roots in Ireland, the band gave an awe-inspiring, fun-filled performance of traditional Irish music and storytelling. From the moment the band members walked on stage to their last song of the evening, Danú exceeded its high expectations with bursting colors and melodic tunes.

In November 1994, four band members (Benny McCarthy, Dónal Clancy, Daire Bracken, and Donnchadh Gough) met at the Oirachtas Festival in Waterford, Ireland and later formed Danú after another Irish musical festival in 1995. Since then, the band has added a few members to its Irish musical family, including Tom Doorley

(flute and band spokesman), Eamon Doorley (bouzouki and fiddle), Oisín McAuley (fiddle), and Muireann Nic Amhlaibh (lead singer, flute, and whistle). They have performed around the globe and recorded numerous critically acclaimed albums. The band was named Danú after the Celtic Goddess, and after last night's magical and mystical performance, they definitely live up to their name.

The six band members present at the performance had a wide variety of instruments, everything from the whistle to the bodhrán (an Irish frame drum), creating a unique, but distinctly Irish sound that filled every square inch of Olin with musical wonders. Danú's members had a charming sense of humor along with captivating stories that effortlessly linked each song together.

"If the accents didn't give it away, the dry wit and foot-tapping jigs were unmistakably Irish," said junior Mike Creedon.

Their first song of the evening was a chillingly beautiful tune. The combination of the accordion (McCarthy) and low strings on the guitar created a haunting sound that seamlessly transitioned to an upbeat tempo of fast moving fingers and dueling duet between the violin (McAuley) and flutist (Amhlaibh) never missing a note or beat.

The second tune was called Peggy's Nettles about a lazy boy who mother put nettles in his bed to get him up in the morning. The band made some humorous comment about Maine's unfortunate weather and how the next stop on their tour was to the tropical islands of Hawaii — a sigh of jealousy fell over the audience. Amhlaibh made mention to Lewiston's French population and the importance of maintaining a dying language. She then went on to sing a love song sung in her own native Irish language about a girl



## WEEKLY VERSE

If you're a poet and know it, or don't, submit a verse!  
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## TONGUE TWISTERS ARE NOT THE ONLY EXERCISES

By Montana Eve Hirsch

Tongue twisters are not the only exercises—  
tongues are only Dreams,  
Dreams are only flowers  
of the mind  
and with it they grow and color,  
though Age sometimes stunts growth  
if we are not careful.

Sometimes Age collects wildflowers,  
puts them in cages,  
and they wilt there  
and,  
between gray walls,  
they bleed colorless.

In Innocence they  
grow wild, Bliss  
inhales them,  
sees them as  
brand new  
colors never seen before.

A child's cloud vision is  
pure Fantasia—

Eyes upside down  
rolling to new places,  
new worlds...  
but always stopping  
to smell the wildflowers.

## POEM FROM THE SUBCONSCIOUS

By Montana Eve Hirsch

I wish I could keep dreams in my pocket  
for the yellow and grey days  
when my eyes don't want to open,  
for the nights  
when the stars seem farther away than they should.

I wish I could sleep eternity,  
wake the small moments  
that grow in my head.  
Like one of those dinosaur capsules,  
you know, like when you're young?  
Just add water.

Night makes dreams  
with kindergarten smiles  
pink crocodiles  
oceans of nothing  
doors guarding something  
dark sparkles and spinning worlds and  
me  
in the center of it all  
trying to wrap my head around  
how you can even wrap a head around anything.

I wander with the lost,  
I swallow the sun whole,  
throw back my glowing head and  
laugh.

Sometimes I am just a rock  
in a storm  
on a mountain-top;

I am a bear wolf-howling  
I am a three-legged duck  
I am an eye with no focus...

There is a balloon on the mountain-top.  
It sees sky,  
focuses,  
and asks you, *What is beauty?*

WHERE'S  
WHAT?!

PHOTO CLUB/COURTESY PHOTO

Every week, we publish a photo of something around the Bates campus. Try and guess its location! Answers will be published in the following edition.

(Hint: The doors are orange!)

Last week's photo: Alumni Gym

## Fall in love with Titanfall

TRISTAN BROSSY DE DIOS  
ASSISTANT ARTS&LEISURE EDITOR

Launched last week on March 11<sup>th</sup>, Respawn Entertainment's debut title *Titanfall* blew all expectations out of the water in what is probably the biggest leap in the evolution of first-person-shooters (FPS) since *Call of Duty* first began dominating the market with the Modern Warfare series in 2007.

With *Titanfall*, players travel to the futuristic Frontier, at the edge of advanced human civilization, now a war-torn grouping of sovereign planetary systems that come under constant attack between the two factions, the Interstellar Manufacturing Corporation (IMC), the peacekeeping powers-that-be, and the Militia, the everyman's revolutionary movement.

Unlike most modern FPSs, *Titanfall* abandons the concept of a single-player campaign, opting instead to use multiplayer-driven campaign modes in addition to its "Titanfall Classic" series of game modes. *Titanfall's* matchmaking servers set players up with five others on a team, either IMC or Militia. From there, a player can rush through the campaign with the same team or come back later.

The campaign itself feels rather cliché and is often either too overdramatic or too understated, with the gameplay moving so quickly that it's hard to focus on the storytelling aspects. However, the fact that the gameplay itself is so addictive is definitely a good thing. Additionally, the fact that the campaign mode gives players tangible objectives and a reason to play well seems

to boost teams' will to play to the best of their abilities and "PTFO" (play the f—ing objective) instead of glory hogging as a lone wolf.

*Titanfall's* gameplay itself, best embodied in its original game mode *Attrition*, is rock-solid and probably the most well-designed FPS I've played in years. Players take on one of two roles in the game: a Pilot or a Titan. Pilots run-and-gun both on the ground and in the air, traversing the game maps with the help of jump packs that allow them to double-jump and run on walls in a very "parkour" fashion. Titans, giant, lumbering mechs that Pilots take control of after a certain time, are powerful in their brute strength and shielding but are slow to respond to well-trained and nimble Pilots. Although Titans might sound overpowered, a few or even just one Pilot shouldn't have much trouble taking it down, giving the game a very balanced feel.

"I felt like the Titan ate me when it put me in its stomach. Super weirdo awesome sauce," said first-year Leah Sturman, commenting on the experience of boarding a Titan for the first time.

Games are fast-paced, with un-aware players meeting their deaths very quickly. However, unlike most other games, *Titanfall* also uses bots, or AI NPCs (non-player characters), to fill the maps and give the game a greater sense of immersion in a large-scale conflict. In general, the bots are no threat at all to an FPS veteran, and they are really only there for ambiance and easy experience points to rank up.

Players are given the ability to create up to five custom classes of

Pilots in addition to five custom Titan loadouts. However, as players rank up, they unlock new weapons and abilities, *Titanfall's* customization arsenal appears at the moment of launch to be a bit below par: there are a total of 10 primary and three secondary weapons, among which there is only one shotgun, one sniper rifle, and no automatic assault rifles. In comparison to the two behemoths of FPS gaming, *Call of Duty* and *Battlefield*, *Titanfall's* available weapon options appear lacking; however, this hardly detracts from the quality of the game, possibly even balancing it further. In *Titanfall*, it really comes down to player skill rather than reliance on an overpowered weapon.

Branded by people across the Internet as "*Call of Duty* with mechs", *Titanfall* is in a way similar to the arcade-shooter in its fast-paced action gameplay. However, the strategies and mechanics of the games are utterly different with the introduction of "parkour", giving players the abilities to run and jump on top of buildings, leap across the map, and get into places the giant Titans can't. There is an entirely different dimension to *Titanfall* that makes it so amazing, despite its sub-par graphics and its lack of customizability.

Although the future of the game is often in question, the game remains incredibly addictive and entertaining, if nothing more than a significant stepping-stone in the ever-changing FPS industry. *Titanfall* is currently available on PC and Xbox One, but will be coming to Xbox 360 in the coming weeks.

## DANU

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arranged marriage to a crotchety, old man and her plot to end their holy matrimony early. The song was breathtaking in conjunction with harmony from the fiddle. Amhlaibh's vocals were effortlessly graceful, leaving the audience with a chilling sense of amazement.

Dónal Clancy, the band's guitarist, told the story of his homestay experience in Brittany, France and how despite the language barrier, he became friends with the father of the family through music... and the help of some Ricard's licorice li-

quor. The tune was titled "Clancy's Farewell to Whiskey" which swelled with the use of guitar and violin.

Amhlaibh followed Clancy's song with a folkloric ballad sung in English called "County Down." It made reference to the 25% of Ireland's 20-year-olds who have emigrated to the United States, Australia, and other countries in search of jobs, pleading them to come back home where their Irish roots are.

Danú finished up their first set with a fast tune. Amhlaibh's high-pitched whistle resonated throughout Olin Concert Hall, really hitting those Irish roots in combination with the fiddle and accordion.

After a long intermission of snowball fights and cups of tea, the

band returned to play a song about missing home while on their tour in the United States. Gough's Scottish roots were struck in the next tune that stirred some audience members to begin dancing in the aisle. The humor of made-up song titles, such as "Mary will you cut your toenails, you're cutting the sheets" and "Bridget, will you hold the candle stick steady while I shave the chicken's upper lip?" were woven amongst the set list of jigs, hornpipes, and reels.

Clancy sang a Scottish love song about a boy who fell in love with the farmer's daughter that consisted of three part harmonies and soothing vocals. Amhlaibh then sang a mystical song about a heartbreaker

named Molly and how to the Irish, love is a disease that causes men to dream of fairies. "The love of women, love of drink, and fairies makes for a very good Irish song," stated Amhlaibh.

Danú ended their phenomenal show with a vibrant, foot-stomping, hand-clapping tune. Gough gave an incredible — what seemed like — five-minute bodhrán solo that completely blew the audience away in terms of both length and immense talent of the Scottish drummer.

"Having studied abroad in Ireland last year, I was very much a part of the traditional music scene there," said Catherine Strauch '14. "Hearing such authentic Irish music was so familiar and refreshing for me.

Each musician was a master of their own instrument and really engaged the audience with their explanations of each song. It was definitely one of the best concerts I have ever seen at Bates."

The audience left Olin feeling refreshed and full of merriment, humming some of their favorite tunes and step dancing outside in the lobby. It was an incredible performance for Olin's Arts Alive concert series. Danú brought a healthy balance of haunting beauty and charming humor. They left their audience with messages of home, family, love, laughter, and most importantly, the art of having fun with the help of some Irish drinking.



## The final act: Theatrical constructions in *The Act of Killing*

EVAN HANSEN-BUNDY  
STAFF WRITER

In 1965, the communist government of Indonesia was overthrown and then-president Sukarno was deposed. The new regime, a military dictatorship, began the mass killing of all its political opponents. These included communists, ethnic Chinese, and intellectuals — including basically anyone who wore glasses. The genocide, as it has a right to be called, took place over the course of a year and left anywhere from 500,000 to 2.5 million people dead. 40 years later, the perpetrators of these vicious war crimes are not only at large, but are still commemorated as national heroes who saved the national identity of Indonesia.

In 2005 Joshua Oppenheimer began shooting *The Act of Killing*, a documentary released in 2012 that examines not only the sadistic nature these brutal killers in close intimacy, but also the social and imagined constructs which enabled them to see themselves as righteous liberators.

The subject of the film is a man named Anwar Congo. Anwar is a proud grandfather. He dances well and laughs frequently. Anwar admits to having killed hundreds of people during the extermination of the communists. He and his friends bask in the glow of nationalistic pride and think of themselves as 'gangsters.'

When the genocide began in 1965, the military mostly stayed out of it; they hired paramilitary troops, such as members of the infamous Pancasila Youth as well "movie theater gangsters" who sold movie tickets—among other things—on the black market. Anwar and his friends fall under this second and less organized category. They used their love of American cinematic action thrillers to inflict distorted means of torture and death on the alleged communists they were encouraged to dispose of. In doing so, they built up an alternative identity, one tied intimately with the effects and characters of the Hollywood films they loved so dearly.

In this way *The Act of Killing*

gives itself a new meaning. The mass killings they executed became a theatrical performance to them. Anwar and his friends thought of themselves as movie stars and justified their horrid actions with a mixture of pseudo-nationalism and theatrical egotism. As Oppenheimer stated on an interview with *The Daily Show* "they use their love of cinema to distance themselves from the reality of what they were doing." For Anwar, if not the others, this façade begins to crumble as the movie progresses.

Oppenheimer—who is intimately involved with the film and its characters—challenges Anwar to make a movie, recreating his murders although this time as the victim. The film that Anwar creates is a combination of completely horrifying scenes of gory carnage and unintelligible yelling which leave many of the actors thoroughly unsettled, and ridiculous interspersing's of Indonesian film comedy that serves only to escalate the feeling of unease and horror to the foreign eye.

One of the final scenes of Anwar's movie shows him dancing un-

der a waterfall. Two of his communist victims rise from the dead and present him with a gold medal for having killed them and sent them to heaven. The absurd nature of the scene coheres with the propagandist message the makers intend to send but it is so false and contrived that it shows the weak rationalization that the perpetrators use to make themselves feel better.

Much of the documentary is about this notion of justification. The mass murderers smile at the camera and say that they did the country a service and no they don't have trouble sleeping at night and yes, they would do it over again. As one of Anwar's friends says, "War Crimes' are defined by the winner. I'm the winner so I can make my own definition."

Every breath brought out of a 'gangster' in this documentary is a justification, a haunting plea to his own conscience. Every man filmed for this movie has built his reasons over the last forty years, stacked them and used them as a barrier against the terrible realization of

wrongdoing. He admits to trying to drown out those visions with alcohol, marijuana, and ecstasy but is still troubled as he watches clips of himself describing to Oppenheimer the ways in which he killed his victims.

The last scene in the documentary finds Anwar up on another rooftop where he reportedly killed hundreds. But this time there is no smiling, no laughing, and no pride. He finally says "I know it was wrong—but I had to do it." This is by far the first time anyone in the film has admitted to wrongdoing and the anguish on his face is palpable as he finally admits to his horrible actions. Immediately after Anwar is attacked by a visceral fit of tormented coughing unlike any human noise I have ever heard. It subsides and he tries to continue his story sorrowfully until he is overcome again. In this isolated and focused scene, with no exterior influence we see the precise moment Anwar falls out of his constructed imagination and into the reality and gravity of his actions. The film ends as he walks away.

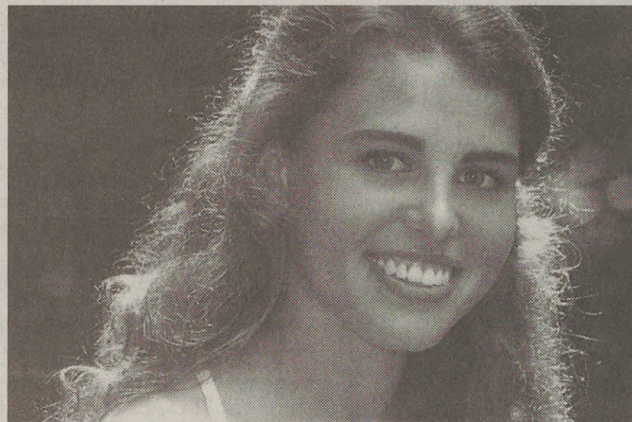
## Question on the Quad

KELSEY SCHOBER  
TEDDY RUBE  
STAFF WRITERS

What would you do for a Klondike Bar?



"Vehicular manslaughter."  
- Mark Chatkin '16



"I wouldn't do anything for a Klondike Bar."  
- Stephanie Wesson '14



"A two-minute naked snow angel."  
- Jordan Cargill '16



"I would do you for a Klondike Bar."  
- Jake Nemeroff '16

## ARTS AND MUSIC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 19th - Tuesday, March 25th

Wednesday, March 19	Thursday, March 20	Friday, March 21	Saturday, March 22	Sunday, March 23	Monday, March 24	Tuesday, March 25
Pause @ 9 pm, Gomes Chapel	VCS presents Kurt Scobie @ 9 pm, Benjamin Mays Center	<i>Anchorman 2</i> , Bates Filmboard @ 7:30 pm, Olin 104  Bates College Choir concert @ 8 pm, Olin	<i>Anchorman 2</i> , Bates Filmboard @ 2 pm & 7:30 pm, Olin 104  All-College Gala @ 8:30 pm, Grey Cage	<i>Anchorman 2</i> , Bates Filmboard @ 2 pm & 4:30 pm, Olin 104  Bates College Choir concert @ 3 pm, Olin		



## Men's & Women's Track & Field

# Track and Field competes in NCAA Championships

**KYLE OLEHNIK**  
MANAGING SPORTS EDITOR

As the weather begins to warm and spring approaches the campus, the Track and Field team finally concluded their indoor season in Lincoln, Nebraska at the NCAA Division III Indoor Championships. With numerous division III teams in attendance, the Bobcats had a strong showing that'll certainly help as the outdoor season approaches.

Highlighting the first day of action was both the shot put and medley relay. Doing what he always does, junior Sean Enos performed extraordinarily well against top competition, placing eighth in

the weight throw with a distance of 18.52 meters on Friday.

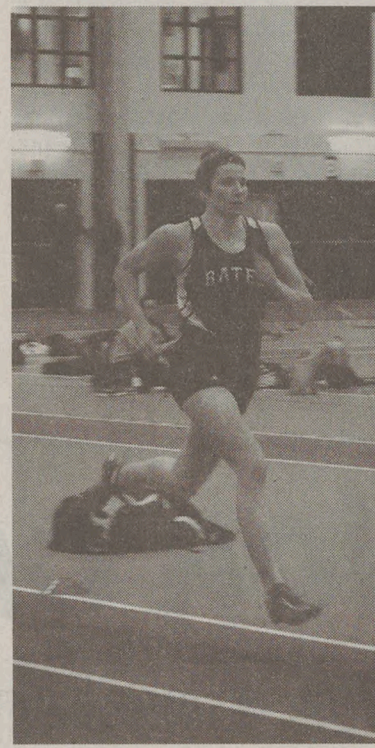
The distance medley relay (DMR) team, comprised of junior John Stansel, senior Ben Levy, junior Mark McCauley and senior Noah Graboys, recorded an overall time of 9:59.97 to become the second ever All-American squad in the event.

In other events, Bobcat teammates John Wisener and Eric Wainman competed in their first ever NCAA Championship meet with the senior Wisener placing 15<sup>th</sup> in pole vault and junior Wainman coming in 11<sup>th</sup> in the heptathlon after four events.

Switching to women's action



Kallie Nixon '14 (left) and Melanie Ehrenberg '16 (right) were pivotal players in the women's successful indoor track & field season



ALLY MCKAY/THE BATES STUDENT

this past Friday, the distance medley relay team also had a successful showing. Much like the men, the quartet of sophomore Isabelle Unger, freshman Claire Markonic, junior Sarah Fusco and senior Kallie Nixon recorded a solid time that was good for fifth place. The teammates also recorded a new school-record in the event (11:44.72).

The following day, Nixon was the only woman in action for the Bobcats, as she placed 11<sup>th</sup> out of 17 runners in the 3,000-meter run. For the women's team overall, they earned a 40<sup>th</sup> place finish among 61 squads in attendance.

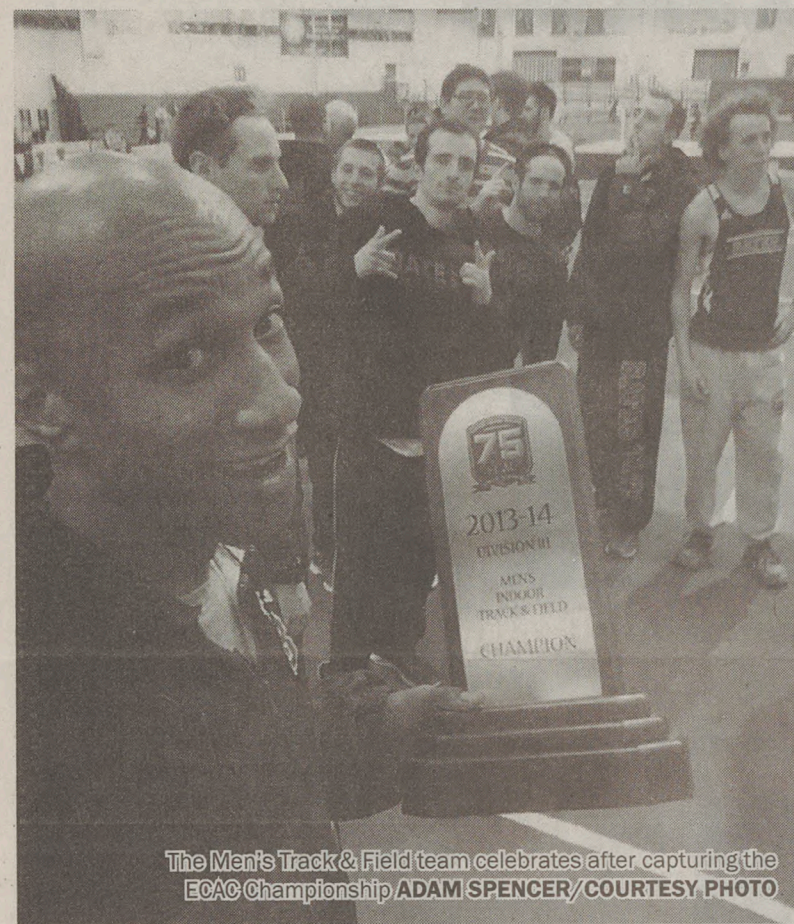
Sean Enos improved upon his Friday performance, coming in second place in the shot put with a new personal record of 57 feet, 8.25

inches, which secured a 15<sup>th</sup> place finish for the men's team. Rounding out the scoring on the second day was Wainman, who finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the heptathlon with 4,855 points.

Next on tap for the Bobcats is the outdoor season. With the momentum fully on their side, the 'Cats are expecting big things.

"Our main focus of the outdoor season will be at winning the NE-SCAC championship," noted Sean Enos. "Our team is set up very well for it. It will be a tough battle and will take a lot of hard preparations, but we're up for the challenge," he concluded.

Both teams are back in action on March 28<sup>th</sup> to kick off their outdoor season at the University of Maine.



The Men's Track & Field team celebrates after capturing the ECAC Championship ADAM SPENCER/COURTESY PHOTO

## BASEBALL

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The scoreboard didn't look promising early with the Panthers up 6-0 in the second inning, but the Bobcats showed some early-season fight and began their comeback in the top of the third with Tewksbury's three-run homer. Davis knocked in another run to chip away the deficit to 6-4 by the end of the inning.

Bates took the lead in the top of the fourth with two forced runs home by walks from seniors Steve Burke and Jeff Gunn (two RBIs each).

Old Westbury regained the lead in the bottom of the fourth but the Bobcats came right back with a tremendous fifth inning, putting six on the board.

Lefty senior Brad Reynolds received the win with support from the Bobcat's resilient offense and the relief of sophomores Mark Cunningham and Chris Ward.

The victory marked the Bobcats second come-from-behind win in as many games. Jackson commented, "these wins have shown us how we should play every game expecting to win."

The Bates College Baseball team highlighted their strong offense with a 7-2 victory in the final game of their sweep against Old Westbury in Patchogue, N.Y. on Sunday. Senior Dean Bonneau earned the win coming in during the fifth inning to secure the victory.

Senior Jeff Gunn led the offensive barrage for the Bobcats, going 3-4 with two runs scored. Sam Warren and Kevin Davis once again had strong performances at the dish, going 2-5 in the 7-2 victory.

Jackson says the team's success this weekend was a result of "every member of our team contribut[ing] to put us in a position to win each game, even when coming from behind."

The Bobcats are optimistic about upcoming play as they take on Salem State and Husson University in a pair of doubleheaders this weekend before looking forward to conference play the following week. "Our goal is simple:"

Nate Pajka explains, "win a NE-SCAC title. Every single guy in our locker room believes strongly that is a more than realistic bar to set."

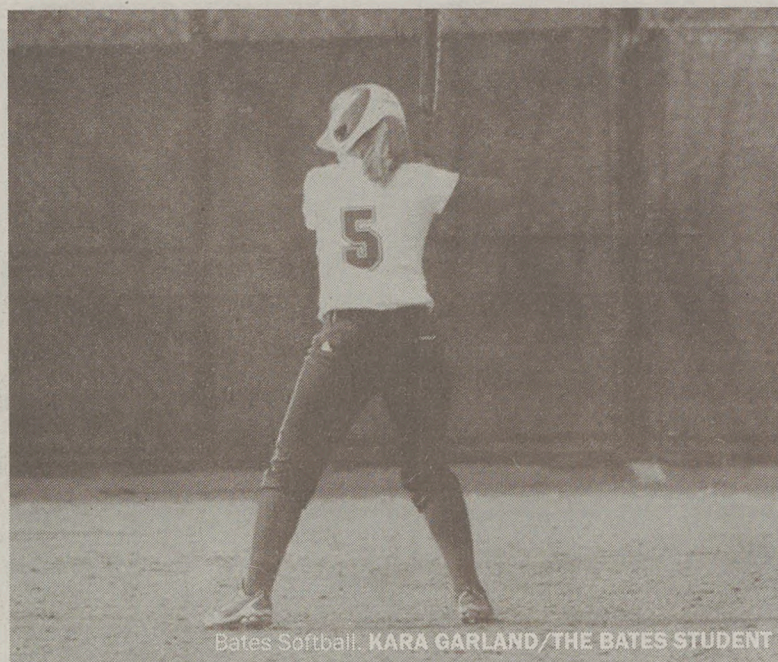
## Women's Softball

# Softball season commences in Florida

**NOAH LEVICK**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Bates softball began their season in Clermont, Florida with a series of three doubleheaders from Thursday through Saturday against six different teams, starting 2-4 in the sun, a stark contrast to the forecasted chilly weather of their upcoming New England matchups.

Although they received some solid performances on Opening Day, the Bobcats dropped their game against WPI by a tally of 8-5 and their second matchup versus Hood 10-1. Bates notched three runs in the top of the 1<sup>st</sup> against WPI to take a quick lead, but WPI immediately responded with seven unanswered runs. In the third inning, freshman shortstop Maddie Inlow hit a two-run home run in her college debut. Inlow appears to be a fantastic piece for the future of Bates softball, as she currently holds a .389 batting average, good for second on the team behind junior Kelsey Freedman, who is hitting .444. Unfortunately, the Bobcats were unable to ride any momentum from Inlow's homer to spark a comeback against WPI, dropping the first game of rookie coach McKell Barnes' tenure. Junior Brenna Callahan pitched the second game of the day for Bates, allowing just two earned runs. The main problem for the Bobcats against Hood was early errors, as they fell behind 7-0 after two innings due to defensive mistakes and never were able to make a serious dent into the Hood lead.



Bates Softball. KARA GARLAND/THE BATES STUDENT

On Friday, Bates shored up defensively, losing their first game to Transylvania 2-0 despite an excellent pitching performance by Kelsey Freedman, then earning their first win of the year by a score of 9-5 over Becker. While Callahan again started the second game of the day against Becker, Freedman came in to seal the win in relief by notching six strikeouts over the final three innings. Sophomores Karen Lockhart and Alex Eliopoulos combined for five of Bates' nine hits, while Inlow added two doubles. Looking ahead, this strong play of the Bobcats younger players is definitely encouraging for this year and beyond.

Finally, Bates wrapped up their stay in Florida by splitting another

doubleheader, defeating Oswego State 8-4 and losing to Western New England 4-0. Freedman starred again with a perfect 4-4 at the plate, while sophomore Melissa Paione stepped up with an impressive 3-4 performance that included a homer and five RBIs. Though Bates' offense was held to two hits against Western New England, their defense improvement across the course of the weekend was notable; the Bobcats had just one error over 14 innings on the final day of their Florida stay.

The Bobcats now have time to rest up and practice before their home opener, a doubleheader against Maine Maritime on March 22nd that begins at noon.

# UPCOMING HOME GAMES

## Women's Lacrosse

vs Endicott

Wednesday, 3/19 @ 4:30 pm

## Men's Lacrosse

vs Husson

Wednesday, 3/19 @ 7:00 pm

## Men's Lacrosse

vs Williams

Saturday, 3/22 @ 1:00 am

## Men's Lacrosse

vs Keene State

Wednesday, 3/26 @ 5:00 pm



Men's Lacrosse

# Men's lacrosse goes 1-1 on the week, 0-3 in NESCAC

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As a busy stretch for the Bobcats comes to an end, the Bates men's Lacrosse team is staring down an overall record of 1-3 and 0-3 in NESCAC play. But getting one win under their belt provided the Bobcats something to cheer about last Tuesday night. Coming off a tough loss to Wesleyan on the road, the game against Skidmore was a chance for the Bobcats to assert themselves in non-conference play but also, to honor former Bobcat captain Morgan McDuffee who passed away in an unexpected tragedy in Lewiston in the spring of 2002.

Former Skidmore coach Jack Sandler, who played with McDuffee under coach Peter Lasagna, has had his team come together with Bates the last couple years to take the time to honor McDuffee's life through the game that he loved. Although Coach Sandler has moved on to coach Colby, the relationship between Skidmore and Bates remains as the two competed in a neutral site at Brown.

Junior Tucker Whiter and senior Wylie Leabo paced the 'Cats with a goal a piece in the first quarter while Skidmore's three put Bates behind 3-2. Down 5-3 as the first half came to a close, the stage was set for a Bobcat comeback. Junior Evan Chen scored the first goal of

his second half hat trick in the third to kick-start the surge. Junior Conor Henrie and sophomore Chuck Hildebrand also added goals of their own to pull Bates within one of the Thoroughbreds at 7-6. Chen wasn't finished, contributing two more to a four goal final quarter for the 'Cats. Bates pulled out the 10-9 victory with a lock down defense that allowed just one goal for Skidmore in the final frame.

Fresh off their first win of the season, Bates was ready for their home opener on Saturday against Trinity, and what's more, ready to get their first NESCAC win of the season. In a back and forth game with no teams showing any signs of pulling away, the Bantams and Bobcats were tied in a low scoring affair 3-3 at the break. But just as the sun was emerging on a grey morning on Garcelon Field, the second half brought some excitement and flare. Both defenses got physical and both squads were letting shots fly. Sophomore stud Jack Allard came into form, as well as Henrie, netting two apiece. Senior captain Will Gilkeson stung one home off an assist from fellow captain junior Jack Strain. But Trinity proved too tough in the end, escaping the Bobcats' surge with an 8-7 victory. Bates had a chance to tie in the end, but just couldn't find the right shot. Despite holding the advantage in shots, ground balls, saves, and face-offs, Bates couldn't grab their first win in

the NESCAC.

Sitting at the bottom of the league, Bates is nowhere near where they want to be, or perhaps, where they expected to be. In a week of ups and down, Henrie isn't satisfied, "While we were able to pick up our first win this week, showing some positive signs along the way, we know there is still work to be done. Trinity reminded us of that." A harsh reminder at that, Trinity was certainly one that Bates had circled for a must win. Concerning the squad's lack of offensive production, Henrie believes in the talent the team possesses, "We can always tighten up our shooting, and as we continue to add wrinkles and play together, our level of talent should show through." There have been moments of brilliance from this Bates team, but a lack of consistency, and as sophomore Kenneth O'Friel explained bluntly, "Missed opportunities have lead to us not scoring as many as we could have." O'Friel, a phenomenal athlete with exceptional size and speed, forced three turnovers at the long stick midfield position, and provided a spark throwing some nifty checks and scooping up five groundballs. He's looking at things the same way as most, "We've put the loss behind us and are now focusing on what we can do to win the upcoming games this week." The 'Cats are moving on to the next one, and won't let the losses shake them quite yet.

# Could 2014 be Federer's year?

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After a tough 2013 season, Roger Federer is poised to have the typical fantastic season we've all grown accustomed to for over a decade. The aging Federer has proved that he can never be counted out. With his new racket, new coach and a healthy body, Federer is feeling confident in his abilities. "There is a sense of calmness in my game now. Also confidence. So now I've got it all," states Federer to *The Guardian*. Federer's new coach, Stefan Edberg, has been training hard with him and the results are now starting to show.

In his first tournament of the year, Brisbane International, Federer lost in the finals to hometown favorite Lleyton Hewitt. The next tournament on the agenda was the first grand slam of the year, the Australian Open. His first match against a real competitor was in the fourth round where he beat Jo-Wilfred Tsonga in straight sets. The win brought Fed to his eleventh consecutive Australian open quarterfinal.

Roger then beat number six in the world Andy Murray in four sets and went on to lose to Rafael Nadal in the semifinals. After Melbourne, the next tournament for Federer was Dubai. He cruised through the first few rounds before beating defending champion Novak Djokovic in the semifinals. This was his first victory over Djokovic in a year and a half. In the finals, Fed took down Tomas Berdych to win his sixth Dubai title and his 78<sup>th</sup> career title. The win was Federer's biggest title in almost two years and he has propelled himself into third place for most ATP titles ever.

Currently Federer is in the semifinals of the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells after defeating No. 18 Kevin Anderson in straight sets. With the win, Roger is back at five in the world after dropping out of the top five last year. He faces Alexander Dolgoplov in the semis. Federer is looking to win his fifth Indian Wells tournament. One thing's for sure; Federer certainly has great things in store for us this year.



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## Women's Lacrosse

# Women's lacrosse upsets #2 Trinity

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Facing a team that hasn't lost in the regular season since April 2012 is certainly a daunting task. Yet the Bates women's lacrosse squad pulled off a massive upset on Saturday, beating #2 Trinity on the road 6-3. Thanks to their vast experience, talented core, and fearless attitude, the Bobcats have started the season 5-1, their best start in 11 years.

Against Trinity, Bates immediately made it clear that they weren't going to give the vaunted Bantams an easy win. Sophomore Moriah Greenstein opened the scoring three minutes in, and the Bobcats maintained the momentum with consecutive goals by sophomore Kelan McCann and senior Blair Shrewsbury. Considering that Trinity has won the NESCAC title each of the last four seasons, finishing second in the nation last year after winning the national title the year prior, it was key for the Bobcats to show they were a threat to such a historically dominant team. As Greenstein said, "To beat a team with that type of reputation is huge for our program."

Shrewsbury attributed Bates' impressive competitive toughness to the fact that "as a team there has been a huge mindset shift to knowing that we can win games. Having this mental composure has helped us in executing in games; keeping a lead if we have one or coming back if we're down." Both Shrewsbury and Greenstein also had high praise for the play of the Bates defense and sophomore goalkeeper Hannah Jeffrey. Shrewsbury commented, "I may be biased, but she [Jeffrey] is the best in the league and shut down Trinity's attack. There were 24 shots



Emma Getsinger '15. KARA GARLAND/THE BATES STUDENT

and only three went in. It's an unbelievable thing to hold a team to three goals, let alone the number two team in the country." The experience of Bates' seven seniors is another asset they can always lean on in difficult games like the matchup against Trinity. Despite conceding a goal to Trinity soon after Shrewsbury netted Bates' third goal, the Bobcats never allowed the Bantams to gain any momentum. The closest Trinity got was at 5-3 with a little over 10 minutes remaining, but McCann sealed the victory on a catch-and-shoot goal assisted by Greenstein with 3 minutes left.

Though their current hot streak will be challenged over the next several weeks, the foundation for greatness is definitely there for this Bates team. Along with the aforementioned outstanding defense that just neutralized one of the best teams in the country, the Bobcats are lethal offensively. Sophomore midfielder Cara Cappellini, senior

midfielder Wally Pierce, and attackers Greenstein and Shrewsbury have all already netted double digit goals. According to Shrewsbury, this extremely balanced attack has manifested because, "In past years we may have relied on one or two key players to step up. This year it's not about one person making the drive, but recognizing it takes someone else to make a cut to give you the lane to drive, and realizing that has been crucial in working together." The Bobcats hope to host a NESCAC first round game by finishing in the league's top 4 teams, along with earning a spot in the NCAA Championships. Greenstein sums up the team's motto for this promising season: "The attitude of our team this year is to play every minute like it's our last. Our seven talented seniors have one season left and we all want to play to win for them, for each other, and for the Bates community."

## Men's Tennis

# Men's tennis pummels MIT

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MIT came to Bates on Friday looking for a highly competitive match between the two closely ranked teams (27th and 25th respectively). Instead, Bates charged out of the gate, winning all three doubles matches easily. The first doubles team of junior Pierre Planche and senior Timmy Berg defeated Edwin Zhang and Curtis Wu 8-4, second doubles freshman Patrick Ordway and senior Ben Bogard bested Eugene Oh and Kevin Wang 8-2, and third doubles freshman Chris Ellis and senior Eric Ruta beat Kenny Gea and Jeffrey Bu 8-2.

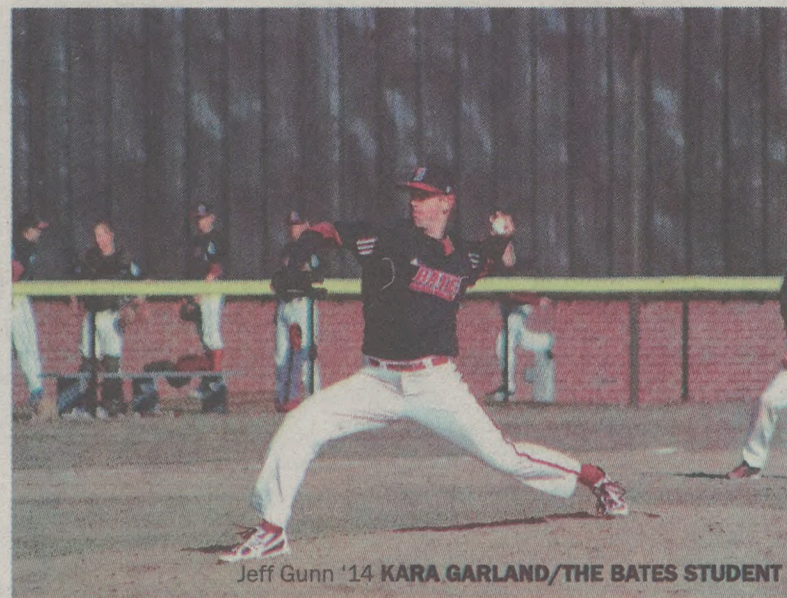
Senior captain Bogard commented, "It was awesome coming out and really taking it to them in doubles. The sweep really set the tone for the rest of the match." Once up three-nil, Bates never looked back, capturing four of the six singles matchups. MIT's only two wins came at first singles, where

Edwin Zhang defeated Timmy Berg in a hard grind 6-3, 3-6, 7-6, and at fourth singles, where freshman Brent Feldman lost to Eugene Oh in another close match, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2. The only other close match was fifth singles, where Curtis Wu (MIT) took junior Henry Lee (Bates) to a third set tiebreak. Lee persevered to get the win by a score of 6-4, 1-6, 10-6. The other three singles matches Bates won with relative ease. At second singles, Planche triumphed over Kevin Wang 6-2, 6-2. Ellis defeated Kenny Gea 6-3, 6-1 at third singles while fellow first year Ordway won 6-3, 6-4 at sixth singles.

The team was proud of their win over MIT but aspires for much more future success. Ordway said, "We're just getting started. We won't be happy until we get that national title. This was just an appetizer; the main course is still on the way." The team will look to use that confidence on their trip to Virginia from March 21<sup>st</sup> through March 23<sup>rd</sup> before they resume NESCAC play against Amherst on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Men's Baseball

# Baseball sweeps SUNY Old Westbury for 4th straight win



Jeff Gunn '14. KARA GARLAND/THE BATES STUDENT

ALYSSA MORGOSH  
STAFF WRITER

The Bates baseball squad bested SUNY Old Westbury in all three games last weekend giving them the series sweep and their fourth straight win, and bringing their overall record to 4-6.

In the opener, senior designated hitter Griff Tewksbury launched a first inning homer to give the Bobcats an early lead, but the opposing Panthers responded in the second with two solo knocks to give Old Westbury the advantage, 2-1. These pair of homeruns were the only two runs allowed by senior lefthander Chris Fusco, who pitched through the first five innings, recording two strikeouts, and the only two times a Panther would cross the plate that game.

Sophomore righty Rob DiFranco relieved Fusco in the sixth and would go on to earn the win as the Bobcat bats came alive in the seventh: senior Kevin Davis singled and was driven home by sophomore Sam Warren to tie the game in the top of the last scheduled inning. Junior Nate Pajka recalls the excitement: "I remember being shocked at how loud we actually got after Rob DiFranco's strikeout and Kevin

Davis's base hit. Every single guy firmly believed we were going to win that game."

Pajka carried that energy and confidence into the top of the second extra inning as he led off ninth with his second homerun of the season, giving Bates the advantage.

In the bottom of the ninth, Warren, who RBI'd in the seventh, sealed the deal for the 'Cats, earning the final three outs of the game on just four batters faced to record his first save of the season.

When asked about the game and his heroic homerun, Pajka replied, "It was a great team win. Every single guy battled until the very last out. It was just a fun game to be a part of [that helped build] a sense of camaraderie we will carry through the season."

The second of the three game series against Old Westbury was a back-and-forth thriller that ended with the 'Cats on top, 14-9. Tewksbury put another one over the fence, going 3-for-5 with five RBI's, while junior Rockwell Jackson recorded two hits. Tewksbury and Jackson combined to score six of Bates' 14 runs, at three each.

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## BOBCATS OF THE WEEK

### HANNAH JEFFREY '16

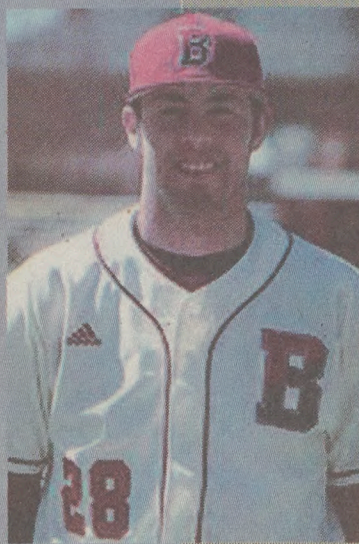
Jeffrey, the sophomore goal keeper for the women's lacrosse team, had a sensational performance against #2 Trinity. With 12 saves, Jeffrey helped secure the 6-3 victory for the 'Cats, their fourth win in a row. Overall, behind the sophomore goalie, the Bobcats stand at 6-1 overall on the season.



## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

### GRIFF TEWKSBURY '14

The senior first baseman had a sensational weekend against SUNY Old Westbury with two homeruns and eight RBIs in just 14 plate appearances. Overall, Tewksbury posted a .357 average, which helped the Bobcats sweep Old Westbury en route to a four-game winning streak.



## BASEBALL

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