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THE GIGGLES OF BATES COLLEGE SINCE SOMEONE CLEVER DECIDED TO MAKE A JOKE PAPER

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Housing office unveils new plan to handle housing shortage



Students indulge in a quick nap between classes in the Chase Hall Lounge, one of the low-chem options for students being placed in one of the new couch dorms. Given the size of the couches in this couch dorm region, they have been allocated as doubles. **SELF TIMER/COURTESY PHOTO**

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STAFF WRITER

The class of 2017 was the largest in Bates College history, resulting in a high number of senior students getting placed in overflow housing options. The admission process for the Class of 2018 was as competitive, if not more, and promises a housing challenge for the college seeing as proposed new dorms are years away from being constructed.

In order to meet the housing needs of the growing body the Student Housing and Residence Life office has gotten creative by taking advantage of every part of campus. "We tried to think of places that students could sleep and actually realized there are a ton of places on campus that students sleep all the time other than their dorm rooms," said a representative from the housing office.

Many first year students who are overwhelmed with the new increased work load use their dorm rooms exclusively for sleeping and storing their belongings anyways so the office added a new question on the housing questionnaire asking students how much time they realistically expect to spend in their room. The new housing options are designed for these types of students who do not spend a lot of time in their rooms.

In order to give every entering student and returning student on summer housing, a comfortable place to sleep the housing office is going to assign couches in academic buildings like Pettengill Hall, Roger Williams Hall, Hedge Hall and the George and Helen Ladd Library. "We see it as kind of like a huge slumber party every night," said The Spudent's source in the housing office.

Just like first-year centers in dorms, the housing office has divided the "couch dorm" areas into regions and hopes to assign students to couches near other people who share similar interests as them. "When I was a first-year I loved living on a hall with a bunch of other first-year kids that I got along with really well so I am glad that the housing office is taking this into consideration with the couch dorms," said a rising junior.

"I kind of wish I could have lived in one of the new couch dorms," said a graduating senior, "It sounds like the most epic opportunity for pillow talk ever!"

Returning students can rest assured that they will not end up living in a couch dorm region overwhelmed with first-years, however. The housing office has reserved all the study lounges for returning students who are stuck on summer housing. "I was just notified that I get the Environmental Studies lounge with two

of my friends! I was hoping for the French and Francophone Studies lounge because it is closer to Commons but Hedge is a pretty cool building, I guess," said a rising sophomore who was formerly on the summer housing list.

As far as storage for students in couch dorms, the Housing Office has found a variety of areas on campus where students will be granted areas for their clothes and other belongings. For students living in Pettengill Hall, for example, the fabled "bomb shelter" hallway connecting Pettengill to Lane Hall has been cleared out and re-designed into a series of individual storage areas for students.

Even President Spencer has generously volunteered her basement to store the belongings of students who will be living in couch dorms. "I realize this is not a standard college housing experience, but I think couch dorms will help add to the community at Bates," the president said.

With a growing student body and a campus limited in size because of the residential Lewiston community surrounding Bates, the couch dorm plan for next year will serve as a pilot program. If it works as well as the housing office hopes it will, the college administration sees couch dorms as a feasible way to make the most of our campus space.

Skye Event Center and The Blue Goose: A re-view of Lewiston's teeming social hot-spots

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You may have heard of Tao night club in Las Vegas or The 40/40 Club in New York, but what about Skye Event Center, located in the heart of Lewiston's exclusive Promenade Mall Shopping Center? Recently established, Club Skye follows the likes of Vybz, Karma, and Rondevu (accurate spelling apparently off-trend) as the premiere location for Batesies and Lewiston locals. Skye has burst onto the Lewiston scene as the trendy spot for Bates students to nurse a (heavy handed) Long Island Ice Tea and dance until the early hours of the morning (or until 1am, when the lights get turned on).

One might survey Skye's sprawling set-up and think, "This place must be perfect for all of the Bat/Bar Mitzvah's hosted among the Lewiston/Auburn population!" What might not come to mind is that it's actually an opportune setting for a celebrity birthday celebration. This past weekend, Skye Event Center hosted a star studded bash for Lewiston's own Patrick Dempsey. Thankfully, reporters from *The Spudent* were on hand to cover the season's most talked about event.

"It doesn't come as a shock to me that Lewiston would be home to such an illustrious night club," commented Katherine Heigl, Dempsey's former Grey's Anatomy colleague and A-List star. "Patrick would sing the praises of his home city-- often referring to it as 'LA.'"

Due to Skye's lack of provided transportation for club-goers, Dempsey's party guests were forced to find alternative

modes of transit. "Someone gave us a tip to reserve a spot in a Papa John's delivery car," explains party guest Reese Witherspoon. "It worked out great, we even got a few slices of pizza out of it."

While Club Skye has gained a lot of attention for the recent birthday event, the city's most trusted drinking establishment, The Blue Goose, has made some changes to try and keep up. Widely esteemed among the Bates student community and local social circuit for its laissez-faire rules and regulations, Lewiston's finest drinking establishment "The Blue Goose" now requires each patron to perform a personalized talent act in order to gain entrance. Goose regulars were shocked when the bar started requiring two forms of identification, even scanning ID's to ensure legitimacy. But the bar has taken its entrance policy to a new level by demanding that the many customers who wish to enter must perform some kind of personal talent.

A member of the newly-formed Bates Circus Arts Club had no problem gaining entrance, as she came prepared with the tools necessary to perform an act of baton twirling. Other performed talents have included specialized skills such as shot-gunning a beer in under two seconds, answering useless trivia questions, and slack-lining between nearby buildings on Sabbath.

If you've heard the rumor that there isn't a lot happening in the twin cities, you've heard wrong. Sky's the limit at Lewiston's hottest event center, and there is now a lot more than questionable exchanges and sketchy drive-by's happening at the door of The Blue Goose.



Formerly hidden talents, like those of this baton twirler pictured above, have come out of the woodwork in front of The Blue Goose.

PHOTOSHOP/COURTESY PHOTO

Commons mugs to be replaced by Mason jars and protein supplements

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It's every coffee drinkers worst nightmare. The mugs will no longer be a part of the New Commons Dining experience.

In an announce email about the Iron Chef Competition this past week, Cheryl Lacey, Director of Dining, mentioned in a P.S. that the mugs will slowly be phased out of Commons this short term. Instead, Mason jars will be provided near the vegan bar. Her message did not go unnoticed, as the buzz in the fire-place lounge was all about the surprising lack of mugs in recent weeks. Lacey claims that budget cuts have forced the dining department to opt for a cheaper beverage container. After some research on Pinterest, Lacey and her cohorts decided on Mason

jars, for they are "both practical and stylish."

The Spudent was sent an anonymous tip via Yahoo messenger that Christine Schwartz of Dining has been secretly planning to replace the mugs with glass Mason jars for years now. The tip claims that Schwartz saw keeping Sushi Night in the budget as more crucial to the overall mission of the dining experience at Bates.

When BEAM caught wind of the impending shift, there was an uproar in upstairs commons. A protest has been planned in order to restore the College's sustainable dining reputation. "We plan to occupy the green room until Schwarz acquiesces to our demands," says a BEAM member.

This new development is also seen as another attack in the on-

going feud between President Spencer and BEAM. "Have you ever seen Clayton drinking from a mug? Well I have not...clearly that woman runs on Dunkin'," adds another BEAM activist.

There are economic repercussions to this switch as well, for several students will be out of a job. The mug collector position is no longer relevant, as students are encouraged to wash their own jars at water pumps located around campus. "I am sure going to miss driving around campus and emptying the mug bins. It's the only time I could really think about my thesis," says a senior mug collector, who hopes to finish his thesis soon without the aid of Commons coffee.

The pain of this loss is being felt all across class years. A freshman girl was heard whining as

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Students disguise themselves as varsity athletes

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After countless occasions on which they've been pushed away from athletic venues by incredulous yet steadfast security personnel, there are reports that the intramural athlete population of Bates is fighting for an end to discrimination against the athletically challenged.

The Spudent has received numerous allegations of students disguising themselves as varsity athletes to seamlessly blend into the daily off-season practices and workouts held by Bates varsity teams. A disgruntled, anonymous freshman who proudly states that he has led this underground movement explained the strategies he and his unathletic cohorts have tried: "We've found stores in Lewiston that still have a Halloween section open in the back and bought those six-packs you always see on Superman costumes. One time I even stole my roommate's XXXL clothing and stood on top of my 5' 2" friend to sneak into Alumni Gym so we could play some pickup hoops without looking noticeably shorter than the 'real' basketball players."

In a conversation with a member of Bates Security who had recently been alerted to this trend of illicit amateur competition, *The Spudent* learned that this issue may be more insidious than originally thought. The security staff member noted that he hasn't yet disciplined any students for illegal athletic disguises, but he's encountered sev-

eral suspicious incidents. "Last Saturday I was patrolling the athletic facilities when I saw this little runt working out while the football players were lifting. The kid didn't even look like he could bench a Commons tray, so I got right in his scrawny, peach fuzz filled face and said, 'Son, there's no way you're on the team.' But when he replied, 'Do you even lift bro?' I knew I was mistaken and sincerely apologized to him for my misconduct."

He also recounted another incident involving suspicious activity on the softball field. "I figured that no sane kid would willingly play softball unless they were on the varsity, but I had to make my rounds. I saw this girl in the outfield during batting practice with a stellar arm and amazing instincts, which instantly piqued my curiosity." After taking a few laps around the softball diamond while on the lookout for more odd behavior, the security member stopped to watch when he saw the seemingly athletic girl stride up to the plate to hit. "I was actually starting to buy all of this nonsense about kids making the heroic effort to screw over us good security people by appearing like varsity athletes. But when I saw this girl take four meager whiffs at the ball before finally fouling one off, I knew I was looking at a true Bates varsity softball player."

Error in tuition change

HUGH JAZZ
STAFF WRITER

It is no secret the gradual increase in price to attend Bates College has been a heated topic for debate over the years. The latest change, per the direction of The Bates College Board of Trustees, is to set the fee for attendance for the 2014-15 academic year at \$60,720. However, after some more analytical and budgeting work, Bates College released a statement explaining they had made a grave mistake in their calculations for the new fee.

In an exclusive report to *The Spudent*, President Clayton Spencer explained, "I know that

college costs are of significant concern to our families, and I assure you that we share that concern." She went on to add, "in lieu of our recent mistakes calculating the new fee for the next academic year, we have reworked the new tuition price and see an actual 80% drop in tuition, from \$58,898.40 to \$11,779.68."

For Bates students and their families, this drastic decrease may come as a surprise, but President Spencer assured Bobcat Nation, "this drop in price is in fact real and we have made the necessary corrections to make sure that costs will be covered and that no such error happens again."

The cause to the incredible

THE SPUDENT "PEPPER FLIPS" VARIOUS FACULTY/ STAFF MEMBERS

The Pepper Flip. A common experience for a frequenter of Commons, an individual makes a challenge or bet to another diner. If the challenged diner accepts, the pepper shaker is flipped. If the shaker sticks a complete full rotation, the challenged diner must execute said task.

Clayton Spencer, President: must divest from fossil fuel companies

Keith Tannenbaum, Assistant Dean of Students: must go an entire school year without taking a picture at a dance (this means 80's AND 90's, Keith!)

Holly Gurney, Associate Dean of Students: must shotgun a beer on a table in Commons at Friday dinner

Kevin McHugh, Director of Athletics: must practice and condition with each varsity sports team for one week, including intramural and club teams

Loring Danforth, Charles A. Dana Professor of Anthropology: must shave his epic mustache

Ron, Assistant Director of Security: must challenge Smith Middle girls to a game of pong

drop in price remains a mystery, but some information has been leaked to *The Bates Spudent*, such as the college's successful investment in tar sands, the controversial alternate energy resource, and the planned monthly bake sale led by Commons.

When looking for reactions from the student body, the *Spudent* witnessed a fair share of excitement, "I am incredibly excited at the drop in price," explained a gullible freshman. "It's good to know I won't have hundreds of thousands worth of debt

when (if) I graduate," the freshman stated as he looked for a table in commons with his TRAY of food.

Others, however, were wary of the drop in tuition, "But, but what will happen to Humans versus Zombies?" explained a sophomore girl just before she got mauled by a horde of zombies. The allocation of club budgets has often concerned members of the community but President Spencer assures students that her new budget will pay for anything clubs need.

All student programming, in fact, is being supported by President Spencer's hefty growth to the endowment. "Yo, if this school don't have enough money to buy footballs and football equipment, I'm transferring.... swag," explained a clearly disgruntled football player.

The Bates *Spudent* reached out to Dean of Students Keith Tannenbaum, but he was too busy playing with his dog.



Senior gift student donors are LITERALLY throwing money at the college after the reduction in tuition.



Bates Dining Services just received a shipment of the new Bates Mason jars this morning! Stop by the far side of Commons to check them out!

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she left commons Thursday evening, sobbing “But how will I get a chaser for Skye tonight!” Some students are in favor of the switch. “The mugs are ugly anyways. The mason jars are far more aesthetically pleasing and

play into the rising hipster culture taking over Bates campus,” says a member of Pierce House. And The Ronj thinks this will be great for business. Additionally, Schwartz claimed that the reduced cost of the jars will allow for the addition of protein supplements in the spice rack. They will be strategically placed near front of the dining hall to allow for easy ac-

cess to the athletes. Rumour has it extra large drinking glasses will be provided as well, so there will no longer be a need to take two cups for their Powerade. The adjustment will be a difficult one, reminiscent of the Broken Toaster fiasco of 2014. Yet Batesies and Bobcats alike will muddle through and learn to embrace the Mason jar.

President Spencer gets onboard with Michelle Obama’s anti-obesity campaign

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President Spencer voiced her support of Michelle Obama’s anti-obesity campaign, Let’s Move, this past Monday in Alumni gym, and in an effort to spearhead the movement on college campuses, announced that by the beginning of fall semester 2014, Bates would remove the pizza bar, desert bar, ice cream bar, and all fried and fatty foods from the dining hall menu. She detailed the plan to phase out those foods deemed “unhealthy.” First to perish in the plan will be the pizza bar. The salad bar, now a somewhat significant part of Commons, will extend to where the pizza bar now stands. The salad bar will, Spencer declared, “become the center piece of the Commons experience.”

The desert bar will be the second station to hit the axe. In its place, Spencer hopes to introduce a juicing station. Plates of kale, carrots, apples, garlic, spinach, tomatoes will replace the cookies, brownies, cakes, donuts, and even the muffins and sweet breads. When asked what would happen to the stations that only sometimes have unhealthy food, Clayton Spencer said that when the cycle came up for fried chicken, or general Tso’s or whatever, heaps of kale would be offered instead. “Kale is truly a super food,” Spencer added, “It’s low calorie, it has plenty of antioxidants, it has vitamin K, vitamin A, and vitamin C, it’s an excellent source of potassium, and it is great for your muscles and heart health. So yes, we will replace any unhealthy food with *the* super food, Kale.” The students in attendance to President Spencer’s announcement remained speechless and left Alumni gym dazed, questioning their decision to choose Bates over Colby because of

Commons. An assistant coach cried: “Four long years I’ve loved that pizza as a student. I came back to Bates to coach two years ago, and don’t think that pizza bar wasn’t a part of my decision to come back here.” “Is she calling me fat?” one student yelled when approached to offer her viewpoint on the situation. We approached a group of the Bates football team. “I need to eat. A lot. Like I already need to eat six times a day with fried food at every meal,” one of them said. “How am I supposed to get up to 270, like Coach wanted, eating *kale*?” Another one sighed, “So much for putting an effort into boosting our football program.” By far the most vehement reaction came from an anonymous letter to *The Spudent*. Due to the threats and violent animosity expressed later in the letter, we have only excerpted this portion: “I *live* off chocolate. I mean live. That chocolate chip bin? They refill that at least once a day just because of me. They can’t phase chocolate out of commons. I *won’t* let them.”

While Bates students deplore the decision and question whether they should transfer, restaurants across Lewiston rejoice. Denny’s and Dairy Joy, expect to see a growth in their sales in the next year. “We expect a 50% increase in our sales beginning in September. So long as enough people stay at Bates and don’t transfer, we should be making bank,” stated a Denny’s spokesman. In concluding her speech, President Spencer stated: “So Batesies, say sayonara to that Generals Tso’s and Sunday Sundae, and,” she paused, scanning the crowd, “say hello to kale.”

Are you hungry?
How about...NOW?
We would say call the Den Delivery guys but...
There is none during Short Term!

SHAME!

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BatesRates

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The Student FINALLY becomes #1 news source at Bates!!	
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Despite being close to Maine’s beautiful coastline, student’s flock to a local “diamond in the rough:” Range Pond	
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Student passes out in well-ventilated Merrill Gym	
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That was SO junior year.	

Starting 2014-15 academic year: “Shorter Term” because who doesn’t love academic exploration?

CARLOS DANGER
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Citing the lack of academic rigor associated with Short Term, President Clayton Spencer announced on Monday the creation of a fourth academic semester to be known as “Shorter Term”.

“Shorter Term will be a mandatory, rigorous two weeks of academic focus during which students complete a final GEC course,” explained President Spencer during Monday’s press conference. “The universal support for the GEC program prompted us to expand the requirement to this mandatory two weeks of academic immersion.”

Specific details of Shorter Term are still unknown, but this is what we know so far. Shorter Term will be two weeks long, starting the Monday after senior graduation. Classes will be held seven days a week for 10 hours per day. The semester will be a mandatory requirement to complete each GEC; therefore, students must complete one Shorter Term for each of their GECs. Due to the large number of hours required for each Shorter Term class, tuition will be the same as that of a regular academic semester.

“We figured that 70 hours of classes per week would provide the opportunity for a comprehensive learning experience, while still allowing for at least several minutes per week for students to sleep, eat and enjoy themselves,” explained President Spencer.

Student responses to Shorter

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Cancel

22 Tweet



President Spencer
@PrezzySpence

You want to save Short Term? I agree!!! Here we gooooo SHORTER TERM!!!! #Bates #saveshorterterm #yay #school #knowledge



A screen shot of President Spencer's drafted tweet regarding Shorter Term. PRESIDENT CLAYTON SPENCER/COURTESY PHOTO

Term have been mixed. Immediately following President Spencer's announcement, #saveshort-

erterm was trending on Twitter. The following day, a protest outside of Lane Hall reportedly fea-

tured over fifty angry students. However, not all of the reactions have been negative. A representative from the Sunshine Society was seen optimistically skipping around commons singing to herself: “I can’t wait for Shorter Term!” An eager first-year student who wished to remain anonymous told *The Student*: “I am SO excited for the opportunity to expand my Bates education into Shorter Term! I LOVE my GECs and I love Bates, so two more weeks spent in a classroom in the basement of PGill is like a dream come true for me!”

Student organizations have already begun planning events for the two weeks of Shorter Term. The Chase Hall Committee is planning on hosting an annual “*Actually* the Last Chance Dance”, the Men’s club rugby team will host a full contact student versus faculty charity game, and WRBC will bring in some of the biggest names in classical music for a “Bach Party” in the Library Arcade.

Since Shorter Term will take place during the weeks after graduation, underclassmen will be allowed to move into rooms in the Village and other senior housing on a first-come-first-serve basis. Additionally, Range Pond will be offering a student 1% discount.

“Since I believe Shorter Term will be a monumental success, I have already been in talks with faculty about creating a fifth semester to be called ‘Shortest Term,’” President Spender said at the end of her press conference.

Senior Week Schedule

Monday
BATES CRAWL
4 pm Page Hall

Tuesday
OLD PORT
8 & 9 pm bus

Wednesday
SENIOR SOIREE
10 pm - 2 am
Old Commons

Thursday
STUDENT/FACULTY RECEPTION
5:30-7 pm
Gray Cage
LAST CHANCE DANCE
10 pm - 2 am
Library Arcade

Friday
CHAMPAGNE SEMI-FORMAL
9 - 11 pm
Chase Hall

Then graduation
stuff...

WRBC PRESENTS TO YOU: A BAND SOMEONE HAS HEARD OF! QUEEN BEY and JAY-Z in a pre-“On The Run”-tour concert May 25th right after commencement!

Be(y) there or you're cra(Jay-)zy

