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Faculty Takes Stand On Standardized Testing

by Evan Silverman
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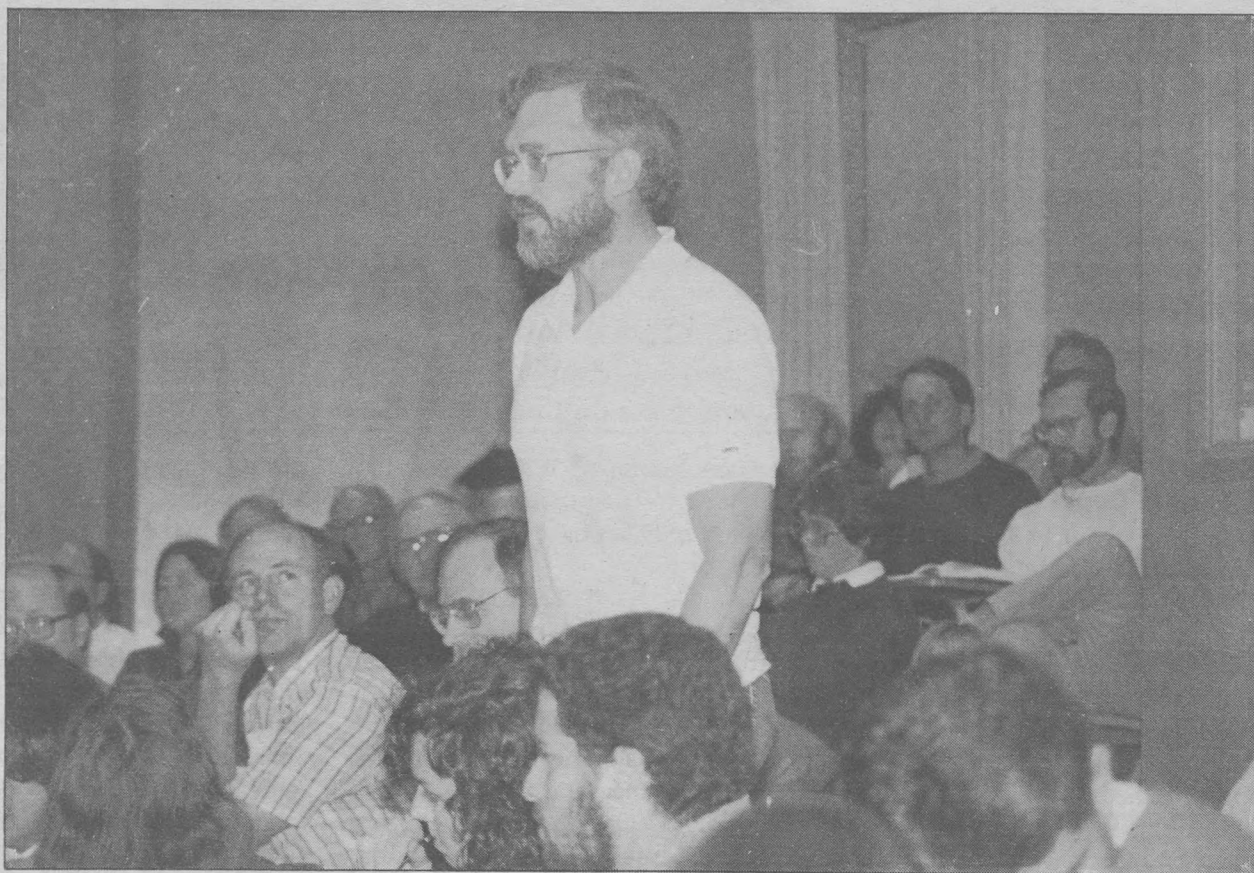
Faculty members, discussing the Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid's recommendation to broaden testing requirements for applicants, proposed Monday that all testing requirements be abolished for applicants to the college.

The original legislation under consideration by the Faculty stated, "Applicants must submit the official results of at least one of the following forms of standardized testing: the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), three Achievement (ACH) tests including the English Composition Test (with or without the essay), or the American College Testing (ACT)."

In 1984, the Faculty approved legislation still in effect requiring applicants to submit three ACHs, or the ACT, and SAT scores at their discretion.

The original proposal also contained the provision that students who do not speak English as a first language may submit the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or another parallel form of testing, and non-traditional students do not have to submit any forms of testing. The Admissions Office considers applicants outside the 18-22 age bracket and applicants with dependents or exceptional experiences as non-traditional.

If the proposed changes take effect, students who do not speak English as a first language will still likely be required to submit some form of testing.



Psychology Professor Drake Bradley at faculty meeting discussing the merits of abolishing testing requirements for college applicants. Sarah Dunham Photo.

Each year approximately one million students take SATs, but of these students only 200,000 white students and 15,000 minority students take one or more Achievement tests, according to the College Board. As a result, Bates turns away 80% of the potential SAT testers and 93% of the minority SAT testers at the pre-inquiry stage.

"We're truncating our (admissions) pool for no good reason I can see," said Dean of Admissions William Hiss.

Anne Thompson, Professor of Eng-

lish, first questioned the Committee's original recommendation. "There is something very troubling to me about now saying students must take either the SAT or ACHs because in effect, we are now making mandatory a test which five years ago we said was a culture biased test," she commented.

Many students, she added, fail to take three ACHs and would be forced to take the SAT under the legislation, a biased

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Three Departments Awarded Funds For New Professors

By Laura Mytels
Student Correspondent

Accepting a recommendation by the Committee of Four regarding additions to staff, President Donald Harward approved three new teaching positions to be filled as early as next year. The Committee of Four, comprised of the three academic division chairs and the Dean of the Faculty, annually receives and analyzes department requests for new staff.

A search will soon start for three full-time positions, one each in the Psychology, Physics, and Classics departments. The new faculty will "start in September next year if the department is capable of filling the position," commented Thomas Wenzel, Committee member and Chair of the Math and Science academic division. "The hope is that these three positions will have people starting September, 1991."

The Committee receives many more

requests for faculty than they are able to grant. When processing the applications, the committee looks for both effects on the school and the department. "It's considering those proposals and weighing them against each other. We look at the curriculum of not just the department but the school," said Wenzel.

The two main reasons for adding classes are either demand for more professors by the number of students enrolled in that department's classes, or a determinable lack in the school's curriculum. "There's been a strong sentiment in a school like Bates that Classics are important, courses that aren't on the books that we need to have," said Wenzel.

"Some departments are simply overwhelmed by the numbers of students and the demands on them," said Professor of Music Ann Scott, standing Chair of the Humanities division and member of the Committee of Four. The additions in the

Physics and Psychology department should help to alleviate heavy enrollment in these departments, said Scott.

By prioritizing which department it feels should receive new positions, the Committee of Four also had to turn down requests for staff additions. "The real problem is that there are more needs than funds," said Wenzel. "There are departments that will be disappointed, to say the least. A lot of the departments that didn't get them [new positions] have clear and justifiable needs."

The Committee annually recommends to the President those departments that it has designated as having a priority for new professors. "It's quite astounding that three new positions were authorized," remarked Scott. The President must decide how many new positions can be accommodated in the budget, usually zero, one, or two, said Scott.

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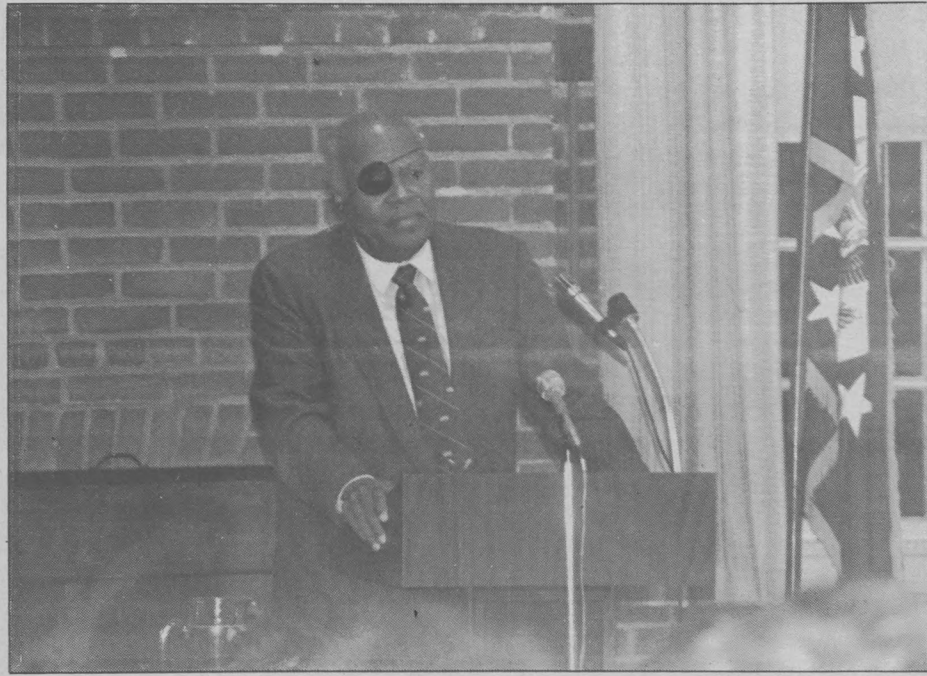
CORE Founder Lectures On Voting Rights Act of 1965

by Tabitha Sparks
Copy Editor

James Farmer, a founder of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) spoke on his experiences in the Civil Rights movement in the 1960's and specifically, the Voting Rights Act of 1965. As the first of three speakers on this Act, part of a symposium sponsored by the Muskie Archives, Farmer was hailed as a visionary by Dean Carignan, who introduced the lecture.

"I never had a feel for power. . . I never really wanted to be a leader," began Farmer, discussing his early motivation for civil rights activism. It was Mahatma Gandhi's non-violent leadership that inspired Farmer to act, for "nobody was willing to bring segregation to an end because nobody was willing to disobey it." Farmer's non-violent refusal to comply with segregation was a driving force of the Voting Rights Act, which he referred to as "the capital moment of our efforts."

Farmer and his CORE staff decided to focus on voting and voter registration in the black community, while they were in jail for civil rights demonstrations. Farmer recalled Robert Kennedy's efforts for gaining voting rights for people of color, motivated by insecurity in his brother's ability to collect enough votes in his



James Farmer, CORE founder, lecturing in the Muskie Archives about his experiences in the Civil Rights movement. Nell Leadley Photo.

coming election. CORE saw Kennedy as trying to curb their activism and consequently appeal to them as a new voting faction.

Farmer repeatedly discussed instances of violence and brutality towards himself and his fellow activists, acts often practiced by state employees. For example, he missed the March on Washington because he was "an involuntary guest of the state of Louisiana..." Once he was freed from this jail sentence, Farmer was entrapped by a lynch mob comprised of

state troopers who wore tape over their names and badges. With the help of two ex-Marines, Farmer narrowly escaped in the back of a hearse.

In describing response to civil rights demonstrations, Farmer emphasized that "People did not die in the freedom rides, they got beaten...they went to jail and got brutalized, but they lived to tell it. It was when we were conducting voting registration that we died," he said. The vote of the black citizen in the '60's was more threatening to anti-

semites than their attempts at equal treatment, as the black community potentially had between 45% and 55% of the vote.

When the Voting Right Act passed, "it changed the South," noted Farmer, creating a political foundation accessible to activists like himself. Yet, speaking of contemporary politics, Farmer pointed out that "Black people have discovered painfully that the color of the office holder does not necessarily cause the problems of office." He went on to say, "There are black crooks as well as white crooks (in office), being elected does not give (black officers) wisdom or solutions," though it creates a voice of representation for other people of color.

Because minority candidates are expected to set a precedent for their race as well as defend their own principles, "Candidates that are African American are expected to walk the tight rope."

Farmer included in his speech an affirmation of the necessity of activism: "We often have to agitate to get the recognition we need..." ending with a quotation from Frederick Douglas, "Those who profess to favor freedom and yet deprecate agitation want the crops without the plowing up the ground, the rain without thunder and lightning, and the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters."

FACULTY PROFILE:

Criminologist Sylvester Takes The Serious Approach

By Beck Schoenfeld
Student Correspondent

"I feel more at home in Maine than in Flatbush," commented Professor Sawyer Sylvester, Chairman of the Sociology Department. After completing both undergraduate and graduate studies at Boston University, Maine native Sawyer Sylvester taught for one year at Brooklyn College. He described his experience in New York City as "an interesting year," but decided to return to Maine and apply for a job opening as a specialist in Criminology. In 1969, Bates hired Sylvester to teach Criminology, a subject he still teaches today.

"I think I always wanted to teach graduate studies," noted Sylvester. Majoring in Criminology as an undergraduate, he remembers his Professor of Criminology Albert Morris as a great source of inspiration. "At graduate school, I became his assistant and eventually taught my own courses and developed a program," Sylvester recalled.

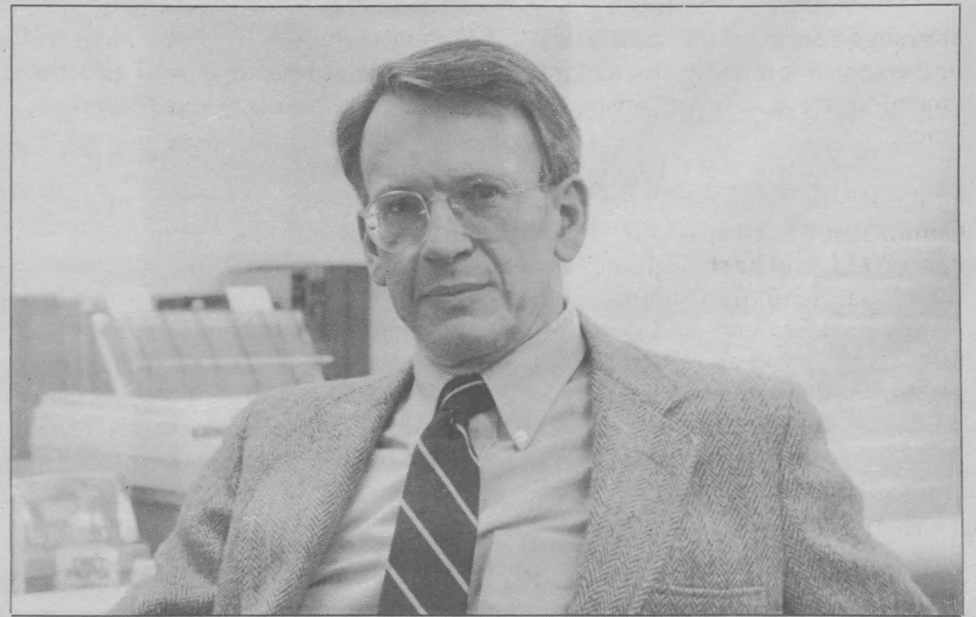
"I helped with the basic

courses, while Morris taught advanced courses," elaborated Sylvester on his assistant teaching career at Boston University. He then introduced specialized courses, such as criminal law and juvenile delinquency. "Specialized courses are not appropriate for a college like Bates. You can't have the luxury of specializing in your own area," he added.

In his seventh year as Chairman of the Sociology Department, Sylvester admits that the administrative paperwork often becomes tedious. "I must confess there are other things I enjoy more. I enjoy offering whatever help I can to other people in the department," he said.

Sylvester is also instrumental in hiring and filling vacant positions within his department. Recently, Sylvester has been responsible for the hiring of Assistant Professor of Sociology Marjorie Starrels in her second year, Assistant Professor of Sociology Kathleen Young in her third year, and Instructor of Anthropology Elizabeth Eames in her third year.

Concerning student input



Sawyer Sylvester, Bates Professor of Sociology. Sarah Dunham Photo.

and inspiration, Sylvester commented, "Any teacher is happy to have some students interested in the subject taught. I've got some good students in criminology," he added.

Sylvester believes professors should "maintain good relationships with students, but it should be profes-

sional. It's a matter of personal choice, but it's difficult enough to be a good teacher - it's an effort for me. Students are entirely capable of choosing their own friends."

Twenty-one years later, Sylvester continues to make the effort quite successfully.



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Dith Prahm Speaks Out About Cambodian Holocaust

By Steve Ryder
Staff Reporter

Dith Pran, whom the movie "The Killing Fields" was based upon, spoke to a filled Bates College Chapel Monday evening. Pran said that during their time of power in Cambodia from 1975 to 1979, the Khmer Rouge "destroyed more than Hitler."

Pran gave a brief history of how Cambodia got sucked into the conflict in Vietnam, discussed his experiences during rule of the Khmer Rouge, and answered questions pertaining to Cambodia's future.

In April of 1975, the Khmer Rouge came to power by overthrowing a regime that had been put into power by the United States in 1970. This began a reign of terror that would claim the lives of between two and three million Cambodians, out of a population of 7 million. Pran said, "The Killing Fields helped . . . you start to understand what was happening to Cambodia." However, according to Pran, the movie only touched the surface of the brutalities committed by the Khmer Rouge.

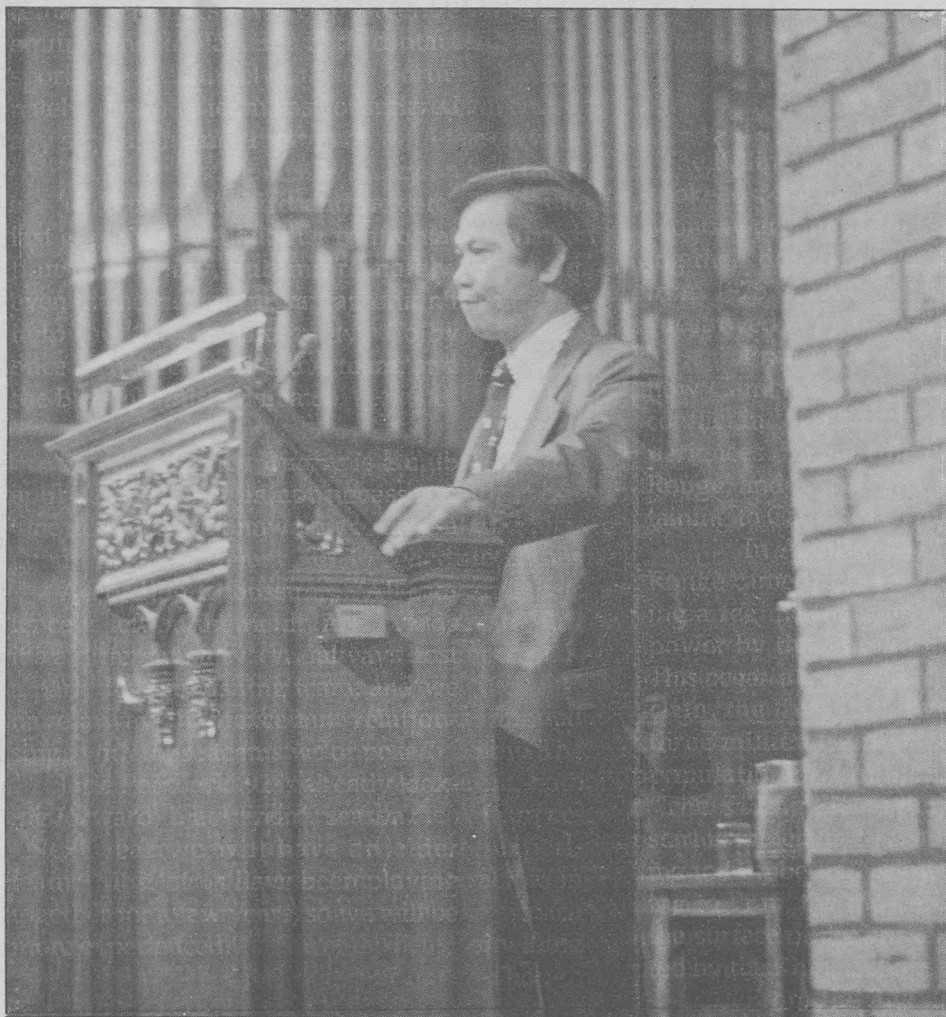
From the age of eight, said Pran, if a person did not work in the fields for 14-18 hours a day, they were not fed. In order to survive, he contin-

ued, he had to "eat snakes, grasshoppers, rats and spiders."

Pran stated that the Khmer Rouge, by eliminating schools and churches, "turned Cambodian culture upside down." He continued that Khmer Rouge had no respect for senior citizens and "made them carry human excrement."

In 1979, the invading Vietnamese ousted the Khmer Rouge from power, and installed what Pran called a "puppet government" of the Soviet Union. In opposition to this government, two non-Communist groups joined powers with the remnants of the Khmer Rouge. With the removal of most Vietnamese forces from Cambodia in late 1989, and eased tension in Soviet-American relations, Pran predicts that aid from the Soviet Union will dry up and the Vietnamese-installed government will die.

This means that a return to power of the Khmer Rouge is a possibility in Cambodia's future. It is this possibility that drives Pran to tell his story of the Killing Fields. "My mission," Pran said, "is to bring the killer to stand trial."



Dith Pran lecturing in the chapel. Alexis Gentile Photo.

Requirements-A Thing Of The Past?

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test that favors white, upper-middle class students. "Shouldn't we acknowledge that all of these tests are bad? . . . Shouldn't we use other measures to evaluate students?" said Thompson.

Paul Kuritz, professor of theater, suggested that the second word of the legislation under discussion be amended to read, "may," instead of "must."

Professor of Psychology Drake Bradley, former Chair of the Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid, said he strongly supports the recommendation to abolish all testing requirements and described the new proposal as "a natural outgrowth and extension" of current policy.

"The policy (making SATs optional) hasn't produced a negative trend, and it appears very much that the (positive) effects probably are due to having a larger group of people applying to Bates. It allows Admissions to do a better job of selecting the most qualified students. If you have big numbers, you're going to be able to do a better job picking the cream of the crop. Anything that increases the number of applicants helps admissions do that," he commented.

He explained that the Committee decided not to "go the full nine yards" last year and propose abolishing all tests because they "didn't have quite enough data" to justify the change solely on the basis of data. He added that researcher David Das did extra analysis for the Admissions Office which suggests that the abolishment of all testing would be a positive change.

Dean Hiss estimated that press coverage would triple or qua-

druple if the Faculty ratified the proposed change, and the Admissions Office would be willing and prepared to handle the onslaught of coverage. "We would jump for joy," if tests were no longer required, Hiss said.

Director of Admissions Wylie Mitchell said, "If the amendment goes through whereby students have the option of submitting their testing, Bates will receive continued favorable press about the way in which we review applicants, and I think, that in turn will have a favorable effect on the number of students that apply to Bates."

Critics of the changes question whether the Admissions Office will lose some of their ability to predict student's performances. Mitchell explained, however, "I feel very confident that we could make informed decisions on the applicants who may elect not to submit testing."

He adds, "Currently, about 25% of the students are non-submitters . . . My guess is that we will see 1/4-1/3 of the students taking the option of not submitting testing. . . I do not have any reservations," about abolishing all testing requirements, commented Mitchell.

The amended proposed change would place Bates "out on the front edge," said Dean Hiss. Aside from Bowdoin College, virtually all colleges in the nation require applicants to submit some of their standardized testing scores. According to Dean Hiss, Bowdoin's applicant pool "almost doubled," and competition among applicants increased after the college changed its policy.

The Faculty will convene for a special meeting on Monday, November 12 at 4:10 p.m. to vote on the proposed changes.



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Faculty Takes A Stand On Standardized Tests

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Six years ago, Bates' testing requirements for admissions almost became true to the college's commitment to equal opportunity. The Faculty took a courageous step and voted to give applicants the choice to submit their SAT scores. Faculty members felt that the college could not continue to require its students to submit the results of a culturally-biased test. After six years of endless research, the policy change has been proven to have helped minority applicants and to have increased diversity at the college.

There are many good arguments for maintaining standardized testing. After all, every school is different. How can Admissions possibly select the most capable applicant with no uniform measure of accomplishment? Certainly, Bates would be going out on a limb with this decision, becoming one of the first colleges to adopt such a policy.

The question stirred so much controversy that the faculty had to adjourn until the following Monday, and this is appropriate. However, before we try to protect Bates' prestige, let's remember why Bates is here at all, why the first applicants applied to Bates, and what we all hope Bates sincerely is: an institution that does not discriminate on the basis of, among other things, race or sex.

The college has invested money into the investigation of standardized testing, and if the conclusion indicates that these tests discriminate against minorities and women, then it simply should not matter whether or not it would be nice to have a standardized test: One does not exist. One could see what the faculty may well do as a risk to our college's reputation, but what kind of reputation do we desire when we will sacrifice the basic creed of our institution to maintain a standard?

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Letters to the Editor

Student "Hypocrisy" Evident

To the Editor,

Is your daughter safe at Bates? I don't know, only she can tell you how she feels walking around campus, but I can tell you that there are a lot of hypocritical students here at Bates. I can also say that after spending four years on campus as a student and six more months as a member of the staff, not once have I felt threatened or in danger. That's not to say that there isn't a problem here that needs to be addressed.

Not long ago the administration was attacked for not providing sufficient protection for its students and not taking the situation seriously enough. This past weekend a student or group of students were so bold as to produce a flier asking parents if their daughters were safe here at Bates. These were carefully distributed across campus, to parents' hotel rooms and on any avail-

able windshield. While this flier brought up some important points which need to be addressed, it failed to mention many of the positive steps taken by the administration to improve the safety of all students, not just women.

All of the trenches that made the Quad look like it had been attacked by a hungry gopher were the result of five new telephones and four new lamp posts installed to improve the lighting for students walking at night. Maintenance is also in the process of installing new light fixtures on more of the buildings and improving the luminosity of 90 or more present fixtures by 35 percent. These are all steps that should be commended not ignored. The flier also failed to mention the fact that the first of a series of three educational workshops concerning assaultive behavior

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Sexism Debate Continues

To the Editor,

I am writing this letter in response to a letter published last week entitled "Man Responds to 'Sexism' Letter". I was appalled by the fact that the author of the letter felt that there was no connection between sexism and rape. Yes, sexism and rape are different acts—but one is the result of the other and in seeking to eliminate rape from our society we must also abolish the sexism that presently abounds. I am sorry that Mr. Montgomery was offended by the statement which referred to rape as being a "...crime by men on women." But that is precisely what it is. It is not implying that all men are raping women, nor that all men are

"...the type who rape..." It is merely pointing out the fact that within this society where we are all conditioned in a sexist manner one of the results is rape.

I realize that many people may refute the fact that sexism exists in our society but one need not look too far to find evidence of such sexism. I would like to appeal to each individual member of our Bates community and ask you each to honestly examine the world in which you live in. Look at the portrayal of women as compared to the portrayal of men in magazines, television shows, advertising, and music. (I

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Budget Committee Clarifies Merimanders Situation

To the Editor,

Last week's article, "The Merimanders Deserve A Little Respect" contained several inaccuracies. Although we agree with the title of the piece, the RA Budget and Allocations Committee would like to clarify these issues:

The article states that the Budget Committee "turned down" the Merimanders request for money to record an album. In fact, the Merimanders 1990-91 budget contained no request for such funds. It was the Budget Committee that suggested a recording during Short Term as a means of using the group's large projected carryover. The minutes of this meeting and the Merimander's budget are on file in the RA office.

The article also points out that the Merimanders receive less money than "other" campus singing groups. This

is true, but the reason for the difference in allocations is the past financial performance of both groups, their projected spending, and the amount of their requests. The Republicans' and Democrats' budgets are not linked together despite the similarities in these group's activities. We do not compare the Merimanders to "other" campus singing groups.

Finally, the article asserts that the Budget Committee penalized the group for giving free performances for charity. This is absurd. The Budget Committee merely suggested to the Merimanders that they ask for contributions at some appearances as a way of supplementing their income. We suggested this because "other" campus

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The views expressed in columns and letters to the editor voice the opinions of the writers and not necessarily those of the Editorial Board of the Bates Student.

Beating the Odds: How to Study Effectively

I am motivated. I am determined. It is midnight and this time I am really going to get some studying done. I am going to get in two good hours before I go to bed. I am going to really Crank.

I sit on my bed for maximum com-

Jesseca Timmons

fort. *I feel a draft!* I get up to shut the window. I knock my dying potted spathyphylum onto my bed. I pull the bed out from the wall and sweep the dirt onto the floor. There is quite a lot of dirt there now but this is no time to worry about that, since I have to study.

Once the window is shut, I sit down to concentrate. Four minutes later the radiator starts mumbling *toktoktoktingwakawakawaka...* and I reach over to turn it off. Soon my room is unbearably hot. I open the window again, this time more carefully. I resume studying.

Twenty minutes later, I wake up. There is drool on my Geo book and an ink stain spreading across my quilt where I dropped my pen. I decide sitting on the comfy ol' bed is a bad idea. I sit at my desk. I look at the patterns in the formica. They look like bark. I look at the patterns in the wood of my closet door. They look sort of phallic. Out of curiosity I pull up the rug and look at the patterns on the floor. Maybe there is a pattern here: bark, phallic, and

some kind of casserole—my roommate walks in and tells me to quite procrastinating.

Soon my ankles start to feel out of sorts. I change my socks and moisturize my ankles. They feel a little better. It is still too hot. I take off my sweat-shirt. I notice that my t-shirt clashes with the pants I am wearing. This bothers me! I get up to change. I can't decide what to wear. I find sweatpants that match. I realize I have to do laundry and wonder if I have any quarters. I look in my roommate's desk for quarters and realize that I owe her anyway. I wonder where she is and remember she's at the library. Oh yeah! Studying!

I sit back down at my desk, armed with a mango tinted highlighter. I chose this color because it matches the cover of the textbook. Everything coordinates nicely. I read for approximately seven minutes.

My attention starts to wander. I glance up at my bulletin board and my eye lands on a postcard from a friend "studying" abroad in the sunny Mediterranean. She has sent me six pictures of the same beach. She must like it a lot. It's very nice beach—if I look closely I can see fish meandering through the turquoise water. (Fish don't have to study.)

Some people on the beach appear to be naked. I wonder if my friend went naked on this beach! That is probably one of those "experiences" JYA people

rave about and make everyone else feel bad for missing. This beach is sheltered and looks like a safe place to be naked. I would think, though, that you would get sunburned all over and end up looking like a reverse Coppertone

I look over at the windowsill to see what my plants are up to. They're saying, Hey, man, let's go out for a ride! You're not doing anything important! Or how about a dunk in the shower?

child. I wonder if my friend has a burned butt right now.

I look over at the windowsill to see what my plants are up to. They're saying, Hey, man, let's go out for a ride! You're not doing anything important! Or how about a dunk in the shower? This radiator is drivin' us bananas!

Managing to ignore their pleas, I read for four minutes straight. Then I encounter a picture of the Grand Canyon in the text. I remember the family pilgrimage to the Grand Canyon! Four kids from Saddle River, New Jersey were making fun of us because

we had a canoe on top of our car. They said we looked like Oakies. My sister and I told them they looked like festering snotheads. My mother said we didn't have to apologize.

Next there is a picture of Mount Shasta—we went to Mt. Shasta on our trip too. At the hotel in Mount Shasta the owner had installed toilets in all the closets so people wouldn't have to walk down the hall. My sister and I pondered this for a very long time and decided something just wasn't right about that. We preferred to walk down the hall.

I manage to get past the pictures—(although the next one is Crater Lake and we went there too and ran into the same kids from New Jersey and all hell broke loose at the Kampground Kid-die Korral)—and keep reading. Three minutes later I'm hungry. We have nothing to eat in our room but some saltines we bought on the fourteenth of September and some warm yogurt. I eat the saltines.

These make me thirsty. I go downstairs to the Coke machine and get something to drink. I encounter a friend in the hallway, lose all self-control, and spend the rest of the night watching Nick at Nite. My friend asks me if I got a lot done tonight. I answer that for me, it was very enjoyable, and that is what matters, right?

The Sad State of American Ethics in the 90's

It seems to me that over the last thirty years, Americans have experienced a break-down in their traditional values. For various reasons, people are

Jacqueline Epsimos

now willing to accept things that in the past would have been considered completely immoral. This change in society has brought about much controversy and debate over exactly what is "ethical". In such a stressful and complex environment, deciding on what are the basic principles of right action is not basic.

We in the United States have become overly obsessed with money and all that it entails. The cost of living has risen and so too have the pressures on the average person, which forces people to look for other outlets for their stress. People now want want instant gratification and are willing to go to extremes to get this. The worst example in this money hungry society is found in the business sector.

There seem to very little, if any, ethics on Wall Street. People cheat, steal, and walk all over each other in pursuit of wealth; avarice has replaced compassion and honesty in this capitalistic world. Dollar signs seem to blind

people to the injustice of their actions. This lack of ethics must be confronted

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now if we want a more just society in the future. Perhaps by instilling old fashioned morals and good values into

the youth, we can change this negative status.

For example, Dean John MacArthur of the Harvard Business School, realizing that the issues of ethics has been de-emphasized in this country, has decided to bring courses on ethics into the Business School curriculum. He hopes to influence his students, and perhaps the faculty, into doing public service and volunteer work as well as earn a living.

This education is beneficial to all and if followed by other schools, it could bring high moral standards back into society.

Sexism

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could go on, but I hope that you get the point.) Do you see women being portrayed as real people with real needs or are they depicted as secretaries, housewives and sex objects whose main concern always appear to be petty: their hair color, their laundry detergent or the menu for dinner? Compare this to men who are seen as businessmen, doctors and police. They are depicted as being assertive, dominant, and aggressive. But notice how once these characteristics are applied to a woman she becomes a bitch.

Now do such conditions foster the development of such an abominable act as rape? The answer is undoubtedly yes. With men constantly being bludgeoned with images of dominance and women with those of

passivity one exaggerated outcome is bound to be rape.

To return to Mr. Montgomery's point, I hope it becomes evident, after acknowledging the existence of sexism in society today, that after we are all conditioned in our respective rolls men as the dominant figure and women as the submissive one that rape is an inevitable consequence. Mr. Montgomery is correct in saying that we are all on the same side, and I hope that I have not offended him. But this is a matter which must be dealt with immediately and the more we can try and understand about each other the more we can work together to fight such atrocities as rape.

Thank You.

Shahana Koslofsky '94

Hypocrisy

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and personal safety was being held that very weekend.

This is where the hypocrisy becomes evident. In spite of all the apparent concern expressed over the lack of administrative action, only four students found the time to show up for the first part of this educational series. Now some may say they had too much work to do because their parents were up. Well, you could have stopped watching the Pats/Eagles blowout 40 minutes early -- you knew who was going to win -- done some work and then gone to the first of the informational sessions. Lack of publicity is no excuse either. Every student, faculty and staff member received in their box an announcement, detailing dates, times and speakers for each of the three workshops.

It's bothersome to think that while students are so quick to condemn over what they feel is a lack of administrative response, they are not nearly as eager to spend an hour learning how to make this campus a safer place. Fortunately the administration is displaying more persistence than the students in this matter and will continue the Assaultive Behavior and Personal Safety Series this Sunday and Monday, November 11 & 12 from 7:30 - 9:30 in Alumni Gym. The student body will again be notified about these opportunities and it is my sincere hope that all our concerned students will participate in and support the administration's concerted effort to help make Bates a safer community for everyone.

Ramalda Clark '90

Human Nature and the Heart of Darkness

And now for something cheerful... the heart of darkness. What is the source of darkness in our society? How does it grow? How does it spread? How can we kill it?

By darkness I mean all the many problems we as a people face, including, but not limited to: international aggression, illiteracy, domestic violence, rape, suicide, sexism, gang warfare, drug abuse, unwanted pregnancy, national debt, unemployment, racial discrimination, apathy, homophobia, neglected and abused children, the forgotten elderly, oil spills, acid rain, endangered species, air pollution, poverty, malnutrition, and starvation.

Some people, when confronted with a list like this, (it could be a lot longer) are all for ignoring it. "I can't change any of it. That's just the way it is." Others say, "I really wish I had time to tackle some of these problems, but I can't dedicate my life to it, you know?"

Then there are those who *do* dedicate their lives to it: long hours on committees and fundraisers, petitions and demonstrations, speeches and fasts. "We bust our butts and no one else is helping out!" they say. "We've got to act immediately to change the political system (economy, education, church, the corrupt structure of your choice) or

else we're all doomed!"

There are so many things to attack, so little time to spare. It seems that even dedicating our lives doesn't accomplish what we had hoped for. But what if all these problems were actu-

Rich Taylor

ally symptoms of a greater disease and not true causes of darkness in themselves? *What if the real problem is human nature itself?*

It is very tempting to attack immediately whatever seems corrupt and ignore the *really* threatening but hidden forces.

We try to legislate morality in our courts and Congress. We try to restructure society by redistributing the wealth or having a violent revolution. We try to set up relief networks to feed the starving and the poor. We try to elect the "right" people to lead us to freedom and happiness; these things are not useless, they might even work in the short run. But attacking the outer forms of evil will not kill the *heart* of darkness. If the real problem remains it will only surface again and again in new and terrible forms.

We may blame our government if we like, or foreign governments, or the economy, or the social structure, or the rich, or the ignorant and narrow-minded. But when it comes to down to it the problem is right here in front of us. It's you and me. Who among us can claim to be entirely free from greed, from anger, from prejudice, from the desire to do violence? Who is entirely free from egotism, from impatience, from veiled hatred, from vanity?

If we look for the source of all darkness we face as a people, it stems not ultimately from our structures, for we ourselves build and maintain these structures. The rot is in our own impure natures. All of the negative qualities in human nature that I've listed seem to spring from one central core—selfishness.

At the heart of all our problems seems to be the desire to promote ourselves to the exclusion of others. Selfishness appears not only in personal forms, but in larger groups, like families, cities, races, nations—all trying to promote themselves at the expense of others. It's not enough to live; we need to "get ahead" ("of others" is implied of course).

On the other hand, all our goodness, our altruism, our true progress, our

triumphs—these come from selflessness, self-sacrifice and unconditional generosity.

These two—selfishness and selflessness—appear to be the real forces that we contend with. This is the true battle, not "out there" but "in here". We may say the problem is simply human nature, but it can be overcome.

To some this will sound ridiculous, trying to fight global problems by making ourselves better human beings: more selfless, more generous, less selfish, less materialistic.

"What we need is ACTION not high moral character!" some will cry. They will find their own answers.

But in our hearts appears to be the real genesis of evil, and the real solution. If darkness comes from within, then so does light.

"To the pure all things are pure;" and a loving people will naturally develop just laws, equal opportunity for all, and lasting peace. They will not need to be forced on an unwilling crowd.

Hopefully I will get a rash of objections to this column, both in print and in person. An objection is better than no response at all, and with any luck leads to dialogue and finally to understanding.

More Letters To the Editor

"View From The Right"

To the Editor,

There is a great deal of confusion and misinformation circulating about what the purpose is of the United States stationing troops in Saudi Arabia, and I thought I'd make an attempt to clear it up.

Many people, both here and elsewhere in America, have heard too much shallow, biased and oversimplified rhetoric from various sources and consequently are laboring under the misapprehension that we have sent troops to Saudi Arabia "just for oil." I won't deny that the oil supply of America (and the rest of the world) is in jeopardy, but that is only one of the many reasons why we are there, and

by no means the most important, regardless of what anyone claims or would like to believe.

People seem to have forgotten that Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait several months ago, in a brutally efficient manner, and in the process killed many innocent civilians. Soon afterwards, he made several futile attempts to rationalize the action, but he was grasping at straws—what he did was completely unjustified. Just because his country was suffering after the long war with Iran, just because he was suffering from the delusion that Ku-

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Budget

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singing groups have earned money in this manner.

The RA has a Special Projects and New Ideas Fund. If the Merimanders went over their budget while recording, they could have requested money from this fund. They chose not to do this.

The RA Budget/Allocations Committee is not a group of ogres. We are not out to "get" certain groups, or opposed to charity. Last week's article makes it difficult for us to do our job by

creating a climate of mistrust and animosity between student groups and the Committee. We encourage groups with problems, complaints, or comments about their budgets to meet with us to discuss them. We're there to help. We meet in the RA office on Monday evenings at 5:45.

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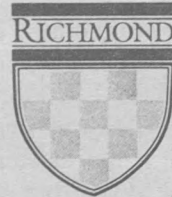
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Arts and Entertainment

Cast Out, Cast Out: Tagliabue Reads the Talking Word

by Bob Parks
Staff Reporter

The crowd was stretched to the radiators of Chase Lounge, with every folding chair in the room unfolded and at attention, when John Tagliabue began reading the loose pages of his recent poems, works yet to be bound in any book. "The Philosophic Pond" told of some of his time spent on Campus: "Walking around the pond...waving college buildings...perpetuating Plato."

The poem was like much of Tagliabue's poetry: a mixture of the mystical and the concrete. His words have an elan best described by the last line of the poem, "The trembling of all that signifies." Tagliabue remembers the way we all have looked at Lake Andrews under the Autumn moon and thought it more than a puddle. He retired from the Bates faculty last year after more than thirty years in the English Department.

The Professor Emeritus smiled at many friends and members of the audience; he hailed professor Yang Ye under whom he studied Chinese poetry last semester. Tagliabue backtracked to his first writings as an undergraduate at Columbia University. At that time he had witnessed the splitting of families when sons and husbands became soldiers in the second World War. His poem, "The bare arms of trees," unpublished in any of his books, describes his own general mood at the time. In it he spoke of the "lean coldness" and "terrible desire."

From the first book of his poems published in 1959, written during his first years at Bates, Tagliabue read, "Cast out, Cast out." It describes a beggar, "Now follow now, now follow him/ He may but need a word" and

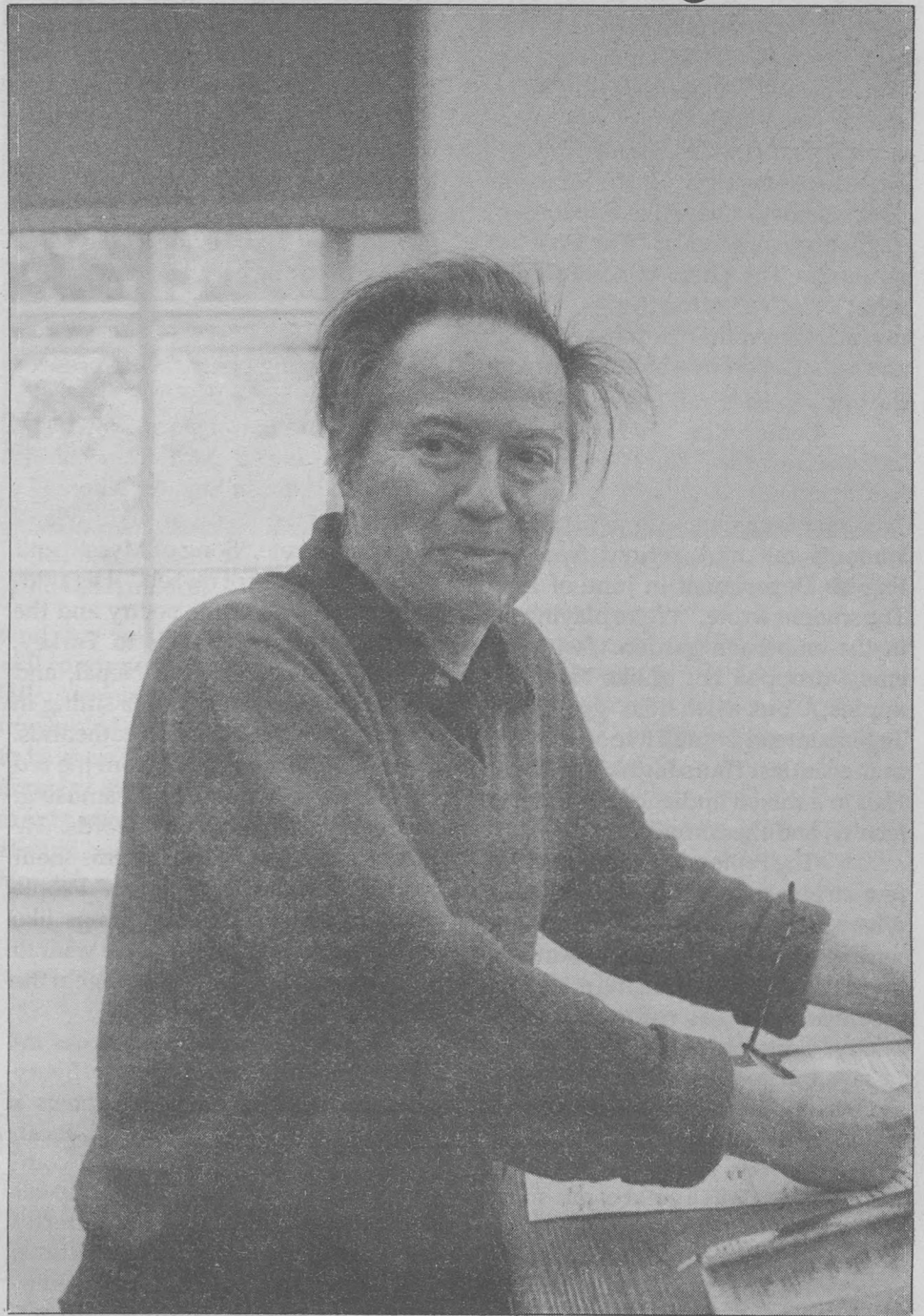
then, "The joy begins to stir his feet,/ The water turns to wine." Critics and writers have said these poems of his first book have the resonance of Dylan Thomas.

Ever since his college days Tagliabue has read Chinese and Japanese poetry. He has travelled to Japan many times and spent a two-year Fulbright lectureship at the University

At Allen Ginsberg's reading in the Bates Chapel in 1989, Tagliabue introduced Ginsberg by saying, "A poet must know the nativity and the crucifixion."

of Tokyo. In 1984, he spent a Fulbright semester at Fudam in the People's Republic of China. Tagliabue read only a few pieces from *The Doorless Door* and *The Japanese Journal*. The poems are meant to be seen on the page; there is a lot of emptiness which was lost in the crowded Chase hall. Each word is written down on the page directly under the former word. But "Emptiness is not sterility" he said. One poem was sponsored by a quotation from a Noh play by Kannami Riyotsugu: "The brightest mirror is not on the wall."

His latest book, "The Great Day," published in 1984, contains some of Tagliabue's vegetable poems. Some of the verses were inspired by produce from the garden of fellow poet Robert Chute, like the odes to "tremendous cabbages" and "A huge potato." On a cold Autumn evening, Tagliabue put us before the fall, in a state of innocence, pure land, and harmony. It was as if the poems projected us into the "Garden of Earthly Delights" of Hieronymus Bosch. Tagliabue has his



Professor Emeritus of English John Tagliabue.

Jay Parkhill photo.

life-blood in things that grow; his Maine Journal says, "First thoughts that come to you have a special nature, akin to

seeing with a clear mind in the morning a field of vegetables."

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Comic Relief for a big heart and an aching head

by Mary Lehman

Tonight's evening of comedy will provide two kinds of relief: monetary relief for Maine charities and relief for your aching head from one too many you know whats. Comic Relief is organized by Side Effects member Jeff Snell '91, who admits that he did steal the idea from cable giant HBO.

The event, which will figure many venues of simultaneous entertainment, charges no entry fee, only a request that students donate funds which they would have spent on alcohol that evening. "We're suggesting, asking, not challenging (students) to not drink that night, and to give their money to a good cause," said Snell.

Members of Side Effects Snell, Kevin Wetmore '91, Richard Sautter '92, Mark Gilboard '93, Megan Masson '94, Meagan Burchrichter '91, Rachel Hatt '93, and Michele Martin '91 will be only one of the attractions in Chase Hall. In addition, Anthony Miller '91, Alicia Tomasian '91, Sean Andrews '91, Jeff Smithson '93, Ozzie Jones '92 and Chris Donovan '92 will do stand-up comedy.

Side Effects will also host The Bowdoin Improvisations and Tufts' Side Effects. ("They copied us," the Bates group explained.)

The comedians will be performing in Commons, while CHC is sponsoring Halleck Lefferts in a coffeehouse for the event in Chase Lounge. Lefferts is a New Englander who lives in Lewiston and has travelled extensively with his acoustic guitar through Europe and the West Coast. CHC President Lisa Bommarito '91 said that some of Lefferts' favorites are Crosby Stills and Nash covers, along with his own original music that focuses on environmental issues. Later in the evening, the campus band Behind Door #4 will also play a set or two.

The comedians were excited as they posed for their photo on Wednesday night. Sean Andrews, who plans to discuss toilets, his dog Oliver, and grandparents, commented, "It's gonna be insane." Anthony Miller agreed, and confessed to a deep love of microphones. To the question of why he is offering himself up to be laughed



A few of the many people who can make you laugh tonight.

Sarah Dunham photo.

at he added, "I said 'yes' without thinking."

But the event does have a serious motivation behind it that should not evade students. Snell explained, "I think it's something different on the campus...it improves relations be-

tween Bates and the community." All proceeds will go to local charities the Good Shepherd Food Bank, the Rural Community Action Missionary (who Snell added had many funds stolen from their office recently), and the Abused Womens' Advocacy Program.

Interview with Tagliabue in his red chair

by Bob Parks
Staff Reporter

Last Wednesday was John Keats' birthday so John Tagliabue read from his red couch in his home a section of Keats' "To Spring." Tagliabue almost sings each line of the poem, then speaks of the "swooning wonder" Keats had for spring. On the Romantic poet's claim to "Negative Capability", Tagliabue conjectures: "The poet has no mind. The poem is according to what you're minding." Keats mysticizes over the blooming of spring and actually becomes an empty urn for the buzzing bees and heavy apples.

Senior Ken Sherwood published a poem in "The Garnish" that has to do with heavy apples and with Professor Tagliabue. Tag, as his former students call him, retired from the English Department in June of 1989. The student wrote, "We're playing tag in the emperor's garden.../with poems,/ dropped not unlike Newton's apples,/ but with less gravity..." Tagliabue read from all five of his books in an event last Thursday night in Chase Hall to a mixed audience of students, faculty, and the community.

The Professor Emeritus lives a few streets over from Mount David where he interrupts his reading and writing to take daily walks around the puddle. On the red chair, he makes the case that Plato was really in favor of poetry. Certainly not in *The Republic*, he says, but people change. In *The Ion*, Plato says that the poet is directly inspired by the gods, that poets are our link to divinity. However, Tagliabue says that Plato was a great comic spirit. Throughout our talk about poets and philosophers, cabbages and kings, the Professor Emeritus is never didactic; he is, simply, Amused.

Every day Tagliabue spends an hour dancing, sometimes to Jazz or Japanese music. He has danced all his life and written poems since the beginning of college. In both, his passion is motion and, in both, he creates his own form. Tagliabue's poetry is a celebration like a line from Carlyle, "light dancing with guitar-music." He brings together a poem with the religious fervor of both East and West, thinking of Hemingway and Haiku in the same breath, choosing each word with high sentence.

Writing poetry is a process of collecting by the active-self. He talks of collection and transformation, "The active self collects parts from life. It leads us. It doesn't matter where -- a love affair, the moon at night, Plato. Whitman wrote, 'Song of Myself' and poems are a song of myself." His autobiography is all of his poetry and the journals from his travels to Turkey, England, Mexico, Syria, Nepal, and Peru. This semester, Tag is sitting in Professor Corrie's class on cathedrals.

Tagliabue spoke from the red couch as a poet amused and amusing, the reverence of joy in his words. He also stressed that he has "poems about suicide, war, and deformation." People want to run over living things like snakes with their cars. People want to drop bombs. Some poems cringe at the harsh, dismal, and cold.

Much of his poetry seeks integrity within community. "Every poem or work of art which shows a sense of drama of values is a 'political' poem...the self and family and community can't be unrelated without war being the result...Directly or indirectly maybe all my poems are peace activists; that pleases me." In one of his recent poems, the phrase, "Cain in chains,"

recalls the Romantics and the events around us in a woe and wail for Modernkind.

Tagliabue says that poetry is different from prose because it has "the rhythm and repetition of music. I like the rhythm of sounds. Alliteration and assonance is a kind of rhyme." In his poetry meter can be traced to dance. His poems flow with a kind of unheeded energy: "Only so much is rational."

However, poetry is not reckless. Meaning does not follow creation as an afterthought. Tagliabue says, "I

am critical; not everything goes for me. Poetry is a process of selection...I don't like a contraction of deliberate complexity. Lucidity and clarity come in how you select. A good sport makes split decisions in the game." However, he is wary to make statements which impose a definition on poetry. In the game of poetry, the critic is not an umpire; she is limited to only a personal call. Tagliabue protests that his assertions are subjective, recalling St. Francis who went everywhere saying, "I am the fool." He says, "It all needs so much more explaining..."

Tagliabue Reads

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Tagliabue said during the poetry reading that modern poets often reject or condemn themselves, whereas in the *Maine Journal* he says, "The act of writing may be a celebration for those of us in need of religious holidays in a bleak world." Tagliabue's poetry is sincere celebration, not simple bosh; however, the poet believes that tragedy is just as important as comedy. At Allen Ginsberg's reading in the Bates Chapel in 1989, Tagliabue introduced Ginsberg by saying, "A poet must know the nativity and the crucifixion."

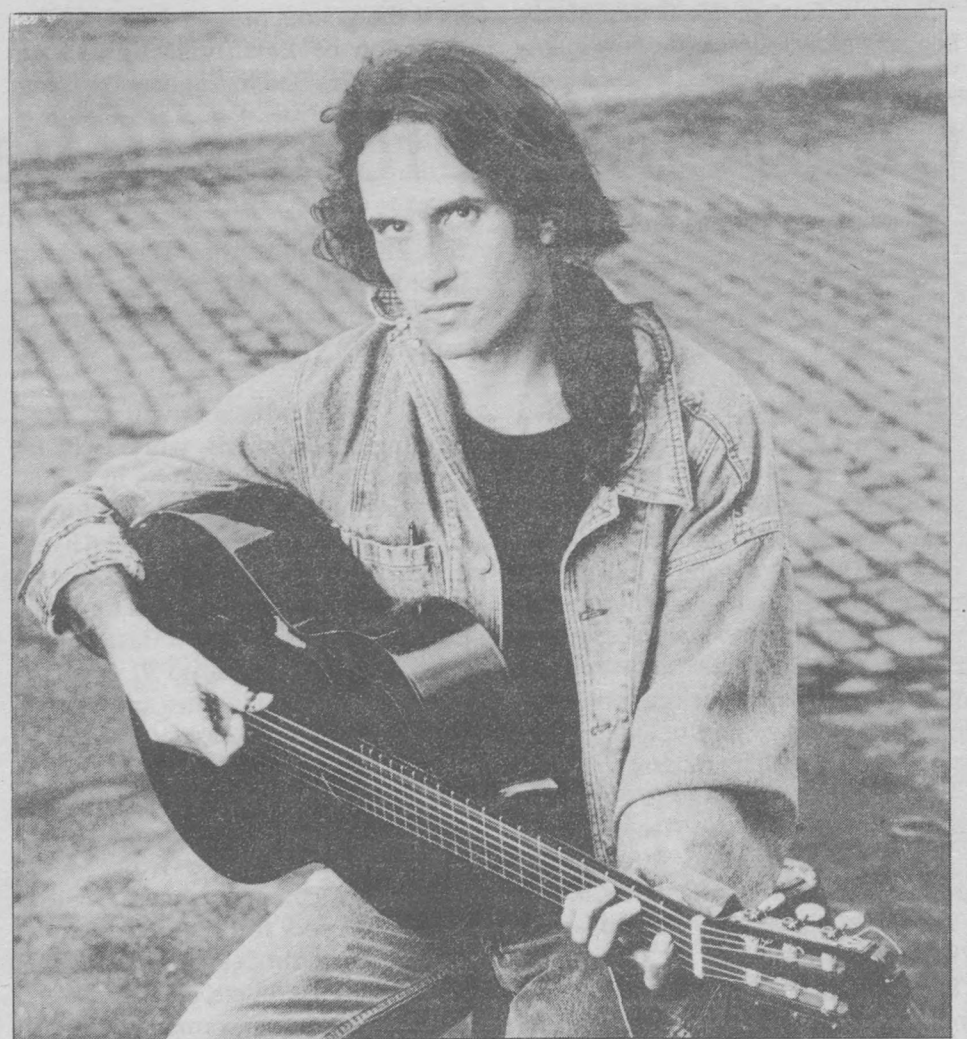
At the poetry reading last Thursday night, he closed the evening with some of his poems of dismay and defended himself against the appearance of being as he said a "Smiling Jack Buddha." In contrast to the vision of Tagliabue's garden with its empyrean above, Tagliabue read from "American Complicated with Integrity: Homage to Muriel": "It is difficult to see in this harsh light, in the glare of/ this machine place/ with ferocity of bland-

ness..."

When he spoke about students protesting and doing everything to fight preparations for war, he was harking back to the beginning of this evening of verse when his introducer, Robert Chute, praised the dedication of the six members of the Democratic Socialists of America. Chute felt that by staging a sit-in at the Marine Recruiting Office in Lewiston and being arrested for it, they were willing to put something on the line.

Chute, whose book "Uncle George" has just been re-released and is in the bookstore, read a poem with the lines, "That is all I shall do/ a spy in the land of him/ never through me shall you be overcome." Both Chute and Tagliabue stressed an event taking place in the chapel on Veteran's Day, Sunday, November 11th: a poetry reading will bring poets there to share in verse their outrage at the involvement of the United States in the Middle East.

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Don't Miss *The Misanthrope*

by Isabel Roche
Student Correspondent

If you are looking for something to do this weekend, put seeing Moliere's *The Misanthrope* at the top of your list. The Theater Department's fall semester mainstage production is truly successful. It both entertains and asks serious questions about the nature of our society — this is no small task. It is evident that director Martin Andrucki's cast has put a great deal of time and effort into this production, and it does not go unnoticed.

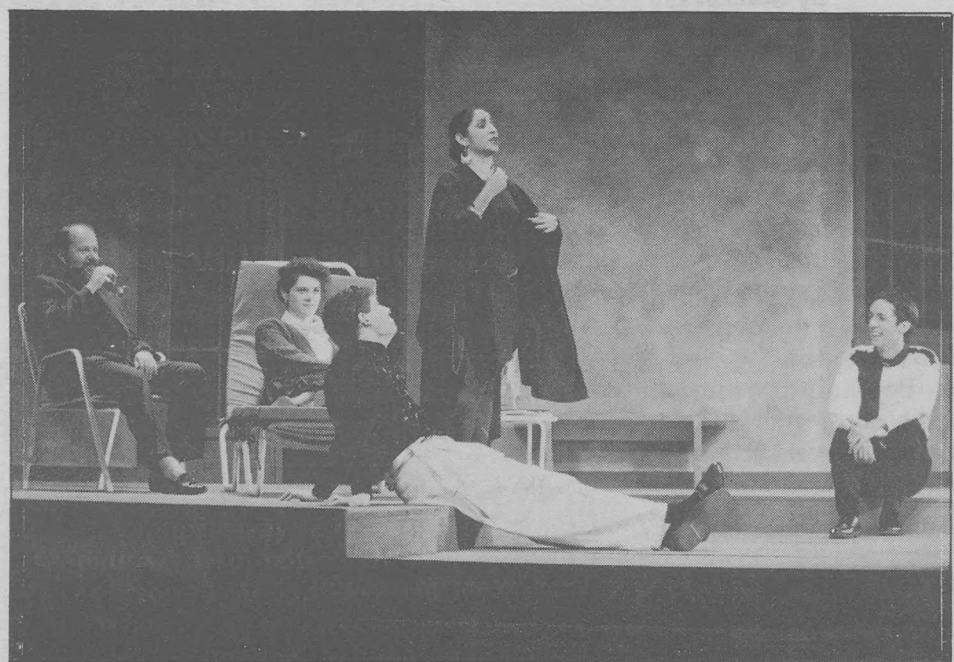
Andrucki's version of *The Misanthrope* is in a contemporary setting, although the play was written over three hundred years ago. This points to both the transcendent quality of literature and raises relevant concerns about the condition of the society in which we live. The scenery (designed by senior A. J. Humphrey) is reflective of the theme. The play is set on the deck of a beach house, overlooking the Pacific Ocean — it is not distinctive other than for its monetary value. The house is gray and drab; there isn't much light. This shows the narrowness of their world. This is a world of shadows and illusion. The world of the characters is as colorless as the stage design.

Only one among them, the misanthrope Alceste, (well played by

Adam Fifield '94) acknowledges the absurdity of their existence. He sees that it is built on superficiality: "Mankind has grown so base, that I need to break with the whole human race." Yet, for all of his awareness, he is as much a part connected to the society as is anyone else. For he is in love Celimene (played nicely by Liliana Amador '91), a rich young widow who is courted by not only Alceste, but a slew of other eligible men.

This leaves room for much conflict: conflict between Alceste and Celimene, conflict between Alceste and the other suitors, and conflict within Alceste himself. The play gets off to a slow start in advancing these conflicts, with the first few scenes seeming rather disconnected. But after the introduction of all of the principal characters, it has no problem exploring the conflicts. In fact, the rapport between the actors, and the increased pace of the dialogue succeed in moving the play along to what is perhaps the most essential question: Is one ultimately forced to accept the society of which they are a product?

Philinte, Alceste's advisor, (played by Michael Murray) says that: "Wise men accept the times," and for all his protesting, in the end, Alceste does just that. He is willing to accept the illusion, telling Celimene to "pre-



Cast members of *The Misanthrope* listen intently to Celimene, played by Liliana Amador.
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tend that you are just and true, and I will continue loving you." When this fails, Alceste leaves, "seeking some part unpeopled and apart, where one is free to have an honest heart." Yet we are aware of the futility of his attempt. He cannot escape from society — he will always encounter, in the very least, himself.

While the performances of the principal players are commendable, it is the minor characters that give the play its dimension. Most notable are

the characters of Orante (played by Louis Carbonneau '94) and Dubious (played by Richard Sautter '92). Their humor gives the play some of its richest moments.

There will be performances of *The Misanthrope* tonight and tomorrow night at 8:00 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$2 for students, staff, and senior citizens, and \$4 for the general public. Reservations can be made by calling the Schaeffer Theater Box Office at 786-6161.

Right

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wait has less of a right to ownership to certain regions of Kuwait than Iraq does not give him the right to barge in and do what he wishes.

It is also interesting how people have forgotten that the United States was requested by Saudi Arabia to send forces there, as they too were concerned, to say the least, about Hussein. Other countries (Great Britain, Australia, and France, to name a few) also have sent troops there. People claim it is an "Arab matter, and we have no business interfering," but the fact is, the majority of Arab nations are glad we are present, and it is not merely an "Arab matter"—it is a global matter.

Those who think the United States, and the other countries that have troops in Saudi Arabia should withdraw them immediately have forgotten their history and/or have lost contact with reality. Iraq, with the possible exception of Israel, is by a very wide margin the strongest military power in then

Middle East. Germany during the Second World War was in a similar position. Hussein has the power to conquer the surrounding countries relatively quickly, as did Adolf Hitler. The industrialized countries, and certainly America, would be forced to formally declare war on Iraq, and tens or even hundreds of thousand of American lives, not to mention the lives of our allies, could be lost.

Thus, Hussein must be stopped—to rescue and protect Kuwait, to reestablish and preserve world order, to punish him and Iraq for what he has done, to make sure he never has the power to do it again, and to serve as a future deterrent to other countries and world leaders.

Since the Second World War the United States has been playing the role of the "Great Fighter for Justice and Freedom in the World." This was proven by its leading role in the Korean War and the Vietnam War—we did much of the fighting. I am not happy with the fact that we are in such a position, but we are for now, whether

we like it or not. Consequently, we must live up to the responsibility we have. Although the rest of the world is supportive of us, as is the United Nations, if things become more serious in the Middle East, we all know that America will probably be if not the sole, the main fighter against Hussein. George Washington once said, "There can be no greater error than to expect or calculate upon real favors from nation to nation," and I think he was correct—it will be just Iraq and America in the ring.

As to how to stop Hussein, I would like to see George Bush order a one-time devastating and crippling military strike against Iraq to be made with conventional weapons. I hope this can be done in such a way as to minimize the loss of American lives. This should be done as soon as possible, since a long war would bring about the loss of more American lives, and it is costing us too much money to stay in Saudi Arabia every day—money which could be spent on space exploration missions, SDI research, a few stealth bombers,

cancer research, or some other worthy cause. Personally I don't like the use of force except as a last resort, but nothing else has worked. Bush is right in not wanting to negotiate with Hussein until he withdraws from Kuwait, since you can't negotiate with a man like him. Economic boycotts have been unsuccessful, blockades have not fazed him (despite the fact that people are starving in his country), nor does the mere presence of troops in Saudi Arabia seem to frighten him. Thus, we can logically arrive at the conclusion that we are dealing with an irrational person who only understands force. This must be done for all of the reasons mentioned earlier. The President has done all he can to solve this problem peacefully. Now is the time to act, and act with strength and power, for our good and the good of the civilized world so we and then rest of the world can put this problem behind us.
Just an opinion.

Brendan J. Gillis '91

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History of Activism at Bates: A Call for Greater Involvement Now?

Bates Professors Admire Student Activism But Decry the Frequent Lack Of It

by Beck Schoenfeld
Student Correspondent

Activism, whether in the form of public protests, petitions, guerrilla tactics, exchange programs, marches, academic actions, lectures, forums, or chapel services, seems to appear in waves on the Bates campus.

Beginning in the sixties and early seventies, the first major wave peaked with the

"I think movements for women's rights go in fits and starts . . . at Bates, the population here has been slower to get real active on women's issues."

- Elizabeth Tobin

Civil Rights Movement and Vietnam War protests. After its ebb, another wave resurfaced in the Eighties, concerning the issue of women's rights. Currently, a new wave is rising at the beginning of this decade, over the crisis in the Gulf. Let it suffice to say that history repeats itself.

Women's Rights

"Student activism isn't just outward. It's personal and inter-personal," said Associate Professor of History Elizabeth Tobin, who is also director of Bates' Women's Studies Program. "Rape and pro-choice are big issues for women, but there's more to it," she insisted.

According to Tobin, the formation of Womyn's Awareness approximately 11 to 12 years ago is in itself a statement.

Describing the organization as a "consciousness-raising" one, Tobin noted that the group is "a place where

activism can grow. A place where women can talk also becomes a place where women can act."

Particular examples of Womyn's Awareness activist events include the 'Take Back The Night' Marches both last year and this year in response to campus assault and rapes; member Alicia LaFosse '92 attended a rally at

many car windshields.

Last year at inauguration, an anonymous group of female students renamed many buildings after famous women.

Additionally, two years ago members of the senior class wore purple arm bands at graduation, petitioning for a Women's Studies program.

"At Bates, the population here has been slower to get real active on women's issues," she added.

Civil Rights

Regarding the historical Civil Rights Movement, Professor of Biology Robert Chute, an active participant in the cause, remembers a lack of concern with the issue at Bates until the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"There was quite a sharp reaction on campus to Martin Luther King's death. It was traumatic for everyone," Chute recalled.

A chapel memorial service was held in King's honor, and Chute, along with other faculty members, replaced their own class material with a temporary 'sociopolitical education.' "I stopped my biology class," Chute stated. "My classes were altered to teach about other things."

Having difficulty "recreating a state of mind," Chute left Bates shortly afterward to teach at the predominantly black Florida Memorial College for a year. "My departure from the college was to protest that they weren't doing enough for minority education," he claimed.

However, he discovered the situation on the black campus not an improvement over that of the white campus. "The administration there paid less attention to

fundamental student rights," observed Chute.

As an example, he said that, "When black students demonstrated, the president (of the college) didn't hesitate to call in the white police."

At the tail end of the Civil Rights

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Movement, Chute, along with Professor Emeritus John Tagliabue, established a "sister school arrangement" with Florida Memorial College, wherein students and faculty from both colleges participated in an exchange program.

According to Chute, reaction to black students and faculty at Bates wasn't as significant a reaction to white students and faculty in Florida. "It was a very unusual event for people in that town," he reasoned. "There were stares and comments, and the school suffered serious harassment. There was more of an impact here than here."

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Students protesting Carter's reinstatement of the mandatory draft registration policy in December, 1980, here seen marching down Central Avenue. Similar to the current situation in the Middle East, the action was taken in response to threats to the OPEC oil supply to the U.S.

Photo courtesy Special Collections

Waterville last fall in response to a pro-life demonstration, and also joined Womyn's Awareness at the national pro-choice march in Kennebunk.

Besides the creation of this committee, and planned public demonstrations, Tobin also mentioned feminist "guerilla actions" that occurred on campus. During Parents' Weekend, for instance, signs and notices "painting the issue of rape" were placed on

Tobin even recalled a group of feminists who took over Associate Professor of Political Science William Corlett's political theory class. "Many female students thought the feminist theory being studied was not taken seriously," she explained. "They put on guerilla theater where both faculty and students participated."

In addition to public actions, Tobin referred to "academic action," such as the formation of a Women's Studies major, as a stand for women's rights. "It's expressed by how many people are interested in Women's Studies. So far, thirteen people either plan or declared this as their major," she said.

Currently, the Women's Studies department is sponsoring an inaugural lecture series dealing with 'Perspectives On The Body.'

Womyn's Awareness initiated the idea of a major or just some classes focusing solely upon women's issues. "They formed the Equality Curriculum Committee. From here, it was a long process of lobbying the administration and consulting other colleges," Tobin explained. "Students were the driving force," she said. "They encouraged the faculty and packed the meetings with the administration."

The issue of women's rights and feminist activism has influenced the Bates campus for the past ten years. "I think movements for women's rights go in fits and starts," commented Tobin.



President Reynolds, driving the truck that led a protest reacting to the Kent State killings during the Vietnam Era. Photo courtesy Special Collections

"Androscoggin Coalition For Peace in the Middle East" Formed

Organization Reacts to Middle East Crisis by Scheduling a Protest in Lewiston

by Mark Freeman
Focus Editor

Christopher Beam, director of the Muskie archives, also teaches a class in history at Bates, called "The U.S. in Vietnam, 1941-1975." His interest in the problems of military involvement in a situation like Vietnam has led to a similar interest in the problems of the Middle East.

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- Christopher Beam

"I'm president of the Lewiston Auburn chapter of the Veterans for Peace (VFP)," said Beam, stating the role of this organization in that they "mostly engage in protest . . . The Veterans for Peace was formed here in Maine in 1985, and still has its headquarters here . . . (it is composed of) veterans trying to raise consciousness about the costs of war."

Beam commented that the central concern of the organization now is in the Middle East. "Last week," said Beam, "members of the Veterans for Peace and other peace organizations formed an Androscoggin Coalition for Peace in the Middle East."

Beam stated the purposes of the organization as follows: "We worked out two basic demands: 1) Immediate withdrawal of all U.S. military personnel from Saudi Arabia and 2) support international efforts to achieve a negotiated resolution of the Persian Gulf crisis and other conflict in the Middle East."

"We're going to conduct a Veterans Day walk for Peace in the Middle East on November 11 Kennedy Park, Lewiston," said Beam, noting the coalition's first priority at this point.

"It's a four-mile walk through Lewiston-Auburn; we'll be walking down Campus Ave."

Beam elaborated on the purpose of the walk, saying, "My feeling about this walk for peace is to try and test the waters . . . to get a gauge of any opposition there might be to operation Desert Shield . . . I think from the publicity I hope to get from this walk, we can get some sense of what public sentiment is like on the issue of the Persian Gulf."

Beam continued, "Often with these protest groups you go one step at a time . . . (after the march) we'll have another meeting, assess the reaction to the walk for peace, and organize a structure."

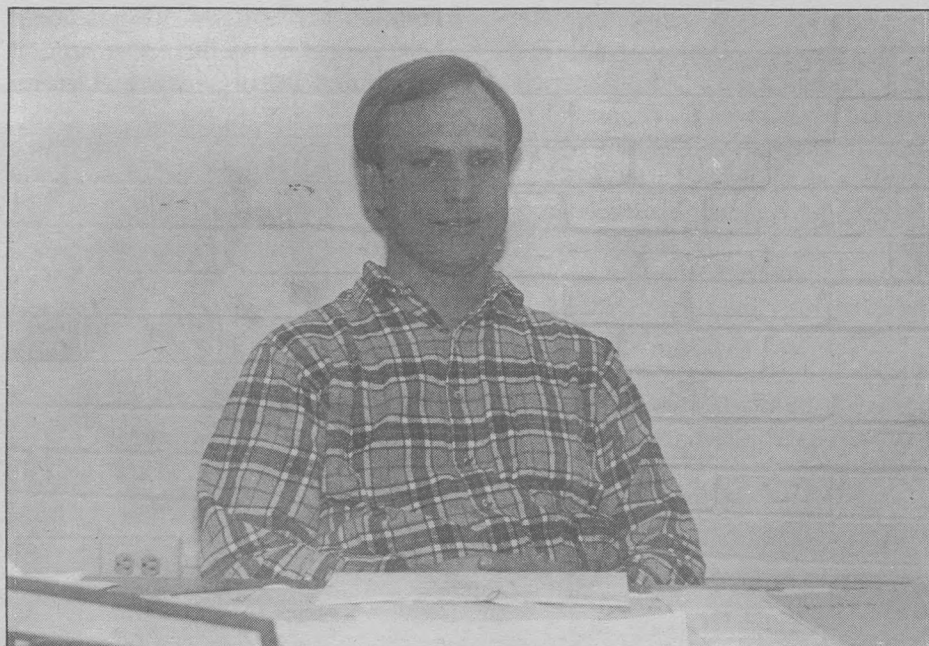
Commenting on possible future goals of the organization, Beam said, "That's (the march) the only thing we have right now . . . but what we want to do is work up a community-based organization to oppose the deployment of forces to the Middle East."

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- Christopher Beam

"This area recruits very heavily," said Beam, explaining the reason for such an organization, "there are a number of area residents in Saudi Arabia, which, if war breaks out, a lot of them are going to be in mortal danger."

Beam's reaction to the Middle East crisis stems partly out of his own involvement in the Vietnam war and in protests of that war. "I was in the



Christopher Beam, director of Muskie Archives, president of the Lewiston chapter of the Veterans for Peace Organization, and member-organizer of the Androscoggin Coalition for Peace.

Sarah Dunham Photo

service from 1966-1970, and was in Vietnam from 1968-1969," said Beam, "I was very much opposed to the war . . . I became opposed to the war when I was in the service . . . after I got out of the service I became a member of Vietnam Veterans Against the War."

Also involved in protesting U.S. military involvement in Central America: "I went to Washington and became active in my local union . . . when the Central America issue surfaced . . . I helped form a group called the Washington Labor Committee on Central America and the Caribbean, which helped organize trade unions opposed to Reagan's policy on Central America."

Beam commented on his involvement with the VFP, saying, "I organized a chapter of the Veterans for Peace in Washington in 1987, and when I came to Auburn in 1988, I organized a chapter here."

Hypothesizing as to future

goals of the Androscoggin Coalition for Peace, Beam said, "One thing I'd like to do is to try to get into high schools in the area . . . it's difficult to do that, but if we can get teachers to invite us, that would be good . . . the Lewiston High School has an active Junior ROTC program . . . the program may come up for review this winter. If we're involved in the war (by that time), I think it would be important to have people from the Coalition try to terminate that program."

Beam continued, "Any ROTC program is a military program, and the purpose of the military is to wage war . . . If we do get into the war, I'd want to raise the question, 'What is the purpose of the ROTC?'" It certainly isn't education, and it isn't skill-training."

Concluding with a final comment, Beam said, "The type of war we might get into (in the Middle East) will be like Vietnam . . . very controversial."

Democratic Socialists of America Cultivate Activist Ideals

by Adam Fifield
Student Correspondent

Political Activism has sprung up with a renewed vigor at Bates this semester. For two consecutive nights Bates students slept outside to express their solidarity with the homeless; six Bates students were arrested for staging a sit-in a Marine recruiting office to protest U.S. military intervention in the Middle East; teach-ins held in classrooms spurred discussion on operation Desert Shield.

These are a few examples of activist events which have occurred on Campus in the past few months. They were organized by a relatively new organization on campus, the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA).

An excerpt from the DSA's statement of purpose states, "The Democratic Socialists of America rejects an economic

sexual preference. We share a vision of a humane society based on democracy and self-determination, popular control of resources and production, equi-



Alexander Dwinell, '93, national liaison for the Democratic Socialists of America.

Sarah Dunham Photo

and social order based on private profit, gross inequalities of wealth and power, and discrimination based on race and

table distribution, feminism, and racial equality." The organization was founded officially in September of 1989.

The DSA has been well received on Campus by students and faculty alike, according to Alex Dwinell, the organization's national liaison.

However, Dwinell, who considers himself a socialist, says the inclusion of the word 'socialist' in the name of the organization may discourage some people from joining.

"It's because people don't understand the ideas behind socialism - people think of socialism as totalitarian Russia," he says. "That's not what we stand for." But, the organization is a socialist one, says DSA secretary Jeffrey Harding, and he feels that, "we shouldn't try to hide under any other name."

The Campus Association, Harding says, is hesitant to allocate funds to the DSA. Dwinell expresses his bewilderment at this hesitancy: "I don't know if it's because we're a leftist organization or a new organization."

Harding claims that there is a lot of faculty support for the DSA, especially

for the group's stand on the Persian Gulf issue, and he especially acknowledges Dean Carignan's support.

The Middle East crisis has received the majority of the DSA's attention as of late, states Dwinell, "because we see it as an essential issue."

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- Alexander Dwinell, '93

He claims success in achieving the main objectives of DSA's rallying efforts on the Middle East crisis. "A lot more people are now talking about Iraq, which is what we wanted," says Dwinell.

The DSA will take part in a protest against U.S. military intervention this Sunday, sponsored by the Androscoggin Coalition, a group of Lewiston community members and

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Amandla! Outlines Its History and Present Purpose

by Mary Lehman
Arts Editor

Although the name Amandla! is new, the organization is not. Formerly known as the Afro-American Society (or Afro-Am), Amandla! began in the late sixties or early seventies as a support group for students of African heritage at Bates.

But its original purpose as a support group has expanded and changed with the group's needs, says the group's advisor, Assistant Dean of Student and Coordinator of Minority & International Students James Reese. "As I gather," he said, "they organized to bring more aspects of African American life to light."

Amandla thus serves as a cultural, political, educational, social and support organization. Reese explained that one facet of its purpose may become more prominent depending upon the imminent concerns of its members.

The group voted to change its name earlier this year. Co-president Khairah Kain '91 explained to *The Student* in September that the term 'Afro' has become "archaic" since its coinage in the 1960's. Reese added that the name African American Society also excluded non-black members. 'Amandla' means 'power' in the Zulu language, and Reese said the present group liked the change to a more "aggressive" name.

Kain agreed, saying that she was particularly concerned that South Af-

was constantly in the news. Kain expressed the hope that the name Amandla! would serve as a constant reminder to the Bates campus about those concerns. At the same time, it will remind the organization's mem-



James Reese, assistant dean of students and coordinator of minority & international affairs.

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bers: "One of the things we wanted to do with the name change was to identify ourselves with South Africa," Kain said.

playwright Ntozake Shange, who wrote "For Colored Girls Who've Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf." Kain remembered that the play was performed at Bates in 1985. In addition, Kain said the group will be very visible during Black History Month in February, and will work with Womyn's Awareness during March for International Women's Week.

The organization has sponsored many political speakers on Campus in the past, although almost all could also address Amandla's other cultural concerns. In the early to mid-eighties the organization hosted Bobby Seale, a co-founder of the Black Panthers political party; Montalepula Chabaku, a native of South Africa who spoke on the system of apartheid; the poet, playwright and civil rights activist Amiri Baraka (Leroi Jones); and Kwame Toure (Stokely Carmichael), a Black Power activist in the sixties and a Pan-Africanism advocate. Recently, the group has also sponsored Congressional Representative and former presidential candidate Shirley Chisholm and the poet, playwright and social commentator Maya Angelou.

Reese related a story of a Representative Assembly ad hoc committee organized in 1985 to investigate Bates' investments in South Africa. The committee consisted of many interested students, not only members of the African-American Society. The group formulated an

sources without changing the overall monetary yield. The faculty had also expressed interest in the cause, and the students met with a small number of the trustees to propose that the divestment issue be considered at the general

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trustee meeting in January of 1986.

Approximately seventy-five students who supported divestment gathered outside President Hedley's house on the night before the general trustee meeting that May, in a non-confrontational, silent candlelight vigil to remind the Administrators of the issue.

The President and several board members came outside to speak with the students and were convinced by the students' argument. The next day, the trustee board passed a motion to divest the College's investments from South Africa, six months ahead of schedule. "I'm not proposing it's that easy and smooth...(but) I thought it was a great example of political activism on campus," said Reese.

Reese stressed that many students, when he or she has become an upper-classman and an officer of a campus organization, tend to feel that the organization has done nothing significant while that individual was not involved.

GLBSA Seeks to Create Environment of Support and Acceptance

by Tabitha Sparks
Copy Editor

The role of activism in the Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual-Straight Alliance (GLBSA) is defined according to its necessity; primarily, GLBSA is an organization that promotes support for its members.

Carole Taylor, associate professor of English and an advisor to GLBSA, comments upon activism within the group as, "up to the individual mem-

"Separate organization is probably necessary in order for these (oppressed minority) groups to discover and reinforce the positivity of their specific experience..."

- Iris Marian Young, from her book *Justice and the Politics of Difference*

bers of the organization."

According to Taylor, the GLBSA holds no definite commitment to political or ideological activism, since the group's goal is to serve the varying needs of its members. The group sometimes protests or takes active stands when members deem them appropriate.

Taylor points to the name change

of GLBSA, which now includes bisexuals in its title, as promoting support for those members who want sexual specification in a dominantly heterosexual society.

"Though naming any sexual identities creates a false model of sexual identity, the alternative argument is that because these are devalued members of the sexual community it matters to say these names aloud," said Taylor.

Similarly, Co-Coordinator of GLBSA Ben Dinglasan '92 describes the name change as the solution to some members' problems with misrepresentation. "Many (members) did not know where they stood (in the former GLSA)," he remembers.

Dinglasan co-heads this organization, which has 70 people on its mailing list and a regular membership of about 20 people.

An example of a more controversial measure of GLBSA is the "stand against military recruiters on campus," says Dinglasan. Explains Taylor, "(The movement against military recruitment) is the most important instigation of the GLBSA in recent times."

Because the military rejects homosexuals in its membership, GLBSA's protest theoretically opposes any group that discriminates against homosexuals, "just as the OCS discourages rampantly sexist recruiters," says Taylor. Contesting military recruitment is



Ben Dinglasan, Co-coordinator of the GLBSA

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one issue that Dinglasan would like to see "the College take a stand on."

In a more general sense, he describes his efforts as Co-Coordinator of GLBSA as geared towards "making the atmosphere a more comfortable place (for homosexuals)...if people (at Bates) are apathetic, they aren't open to gays on Campus."

Taylor mentions the GLBSA's contemporary involvement with the greater gay community in its support of homosexual political candidates in Maine, like Dale McCormick, who has

been to Campus several times. "But," clarifies Taylor, "this groups' activism has to be very sensitive to the fact that many members are not necessarily 'out' (open about their sexuality)"

Regarding the goal of maintaining a comfortable atmosphere for homosexuals on Campus, both Taylor and Dinglasan agree that special categories of GLBSA members are sometimes necessary. Sub-groups can promote communication not tempered by removed objectivity or defensiveness.

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New World Coalition Strives to Incite Greater Student Activism

by Mark Freeman
Focus Editor

Co-coordinator of New World Coalition (NWC) Neal Cunningham '93 explained the goals of this organization by saying, "We're concerned with social, political, and economic injustice . . . one of our purposes is to create a more unified and aware campus."

Co-coordinator Nicole Bingham '92 expanded this definition in saying that a major goal of the NWC lies in "bringing activism to campus . . . (since) there certainly isn't enough of it at the College."

Bingham continued, stating that "Activism and participation in it should be part of everyone's education here; and you don't just learn that in the classroom."

"There are people starving in the streets, countries about to go to war . . . as college students we have an obligation to them," said Cunningham.

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- Nicole Bingham, '92

Bingham added, "I think there's a general apathy on this campus . . . it's the same core group of people that do everything (involved with activism), and it's a pretty small group." Bingham further decried this situation, saying, "in terms of the Middle East, by the time the students wake up, it will be too late."

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timent, commenting, "Too many students 'don't give a damn.'"

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ism through various means, such as staging protest marches, petitions, demonstrations, inviting speakers to campus, and scheduling activities like the recently promoted OXFAM fast.

The NWC began as an organization over a decade ago, and, as Bingham noted, "The emphasis in the beginning was on (dealing with the problems in) Central America . . . it had a more limited focus then, and our focus today has broadened."

Though the NWC deals primarily with the Campus community, it is "exclusive to Bates and the Lewiston community . . . we occasionally have people from off-campus join us."

One such case involving off-campus participation is the upcoming march protesting U.S. military involvement in the Middle East. The march is being organized by the recently formed Androsoggin Coalition for Peace, a group that includes several NWC members.

In addition to working with people off Campus, the NWC tries to work with other groups at Bates. Bingham said, "We have started trying to work together with other groups . . . with Amandla!, with the DSA (Democratic



Neal Cunningham, '93, and Nicole Bingham, '92, Co-coordinators of New World Coalition.

Sarah Dunham Photo

Socialists of America), and with Womyn's Awareness."

The NWC is further aiding the cause of protesting U.S. involvement in the Middle East by "taking a van on Saturday to Portland to protest the deployment of U.S. military to the Middle East."

Bingham noted some of the more successful events run by the NWC,

"Too many students 'don't give a damn.'"

- Neal Cunningham, '93

saying, "We had a focus on South Africa . . . we had a speaker from the African National Congress (come to Bates)."

The NWC has protested activities in other geographical areas as well. Continued Bingham, "we've done things with issues ranging from the Middle East, Central America, and South Africa."

Recalling other prominent NWC activities, Bingham said, "We participated a great deal in the 'Take Back the Night' march . . . we went to Washington last year to protest Bush's budget cuts in education."

Cunningham added, "We organized and ran the demonstration against the Secretaries of State last year."

The NWC is also involved with the production of 'The Other,' a student-run and funded newspaper on Campus.

Amnesty International Fights to Free 'Prisoners of Conscience'

by Evan Silverman
News Editor

Twenty years after Peter Benenson founded Amnesty International (AI) in 1961 "to bring out of the dungeons the forgotten prisoners," Bates students established an AI chapter under the guidelines of the national organization.

According to Coordinator Ellen Holty '92, AI "provides education on human rights violations to the community" and attempts to protect the international human rights of political

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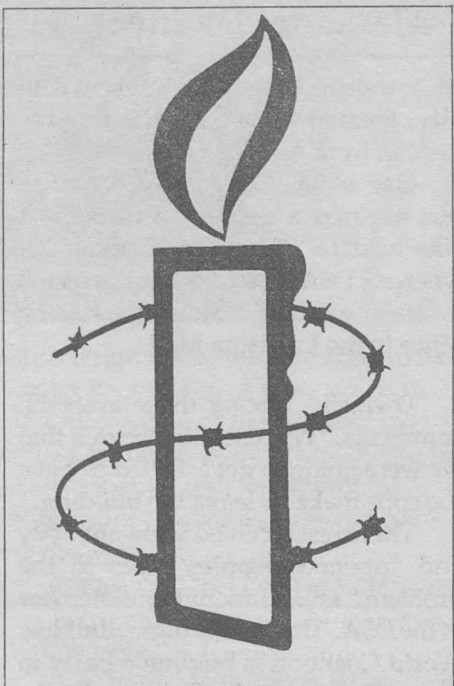
- Ellen Holty, '92

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The mandate of AI states that the group "seeks the release of men and

women detained anywhere for their beliefs, colour, sex, ethnic origin, language or religion, provided they have not used or advocated violence." AI describes such detainees as "prisoners of conscience."

AI also "advocates fair and prompt



trials for all political prisoners and works on behalf of such people detained without charge or without trial."

Finally, AI "opposes the death penalty and torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or pun-

ishment of all prisoners without reservation."

Every week, the organization sends approximately twenty-five letters "to the authorities that are detaining (the prisoners), and asks that prisoners receive a fair and prompt trial, legal counsel, medical care," and other reasonable treatment, says Holty. In addition, AI members write to newspapers, ambassadors, and country leaders.

Nationally, AI has been criticized for endangering the lives of prisoners. Some opponents feel that governments hide or even kill prisoners that are publicized by AI in order to avoid international disgrace and embarrassment. Holty, however, says that little evidence exists to validate these claims.

Annually on Human Rights Day, AI blueslips Chase Lounge, shows movies, and throws a "holiday card party" during which students write cards to political prisoners, wishing them season's greetings, peace, or simply words of comfort. Human Rights Day 1990 is scheduled for December 10 and AI will once again throw a party.

"Letters help emotionally . . . it's heartening (for prisoners) to know that people think about you . . . that your life means something to someone . . .

Also pressure on the different governments is kind of a slap in the face (to these governments)," says Holty.

AI also brings featured speakers to Bates College and shows movies about

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prisoners and human rights violations. Last year, South African prisoner of conscience Nomgcobo Sangweni spoke about her experiences as a prisoner. In another lecture, Iranian poet Reza Jalili discussed being detained in India.

AI maintains an active membership of over 20 students, and holds a meeting every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

A film depicting human rights violations in the Israeli occupied territory will be shown in Skelton Lounge Tuesday. All guests are welcome.

Volunteer Coordinator Notes Significant Increase in Student Involvement

by Mark Freeman
Focus Editor

Referring to student interest in volunteer work, Joanne Walton, '90, present Volunteer Coordinator at the Office of Career Services said, "It's definitely improved over the last few years."

"I hate to generalize," Walton continued, "(but) I've seen by talking to other colleges that there's an increased awareness, and Bates is definitely keeping up... I don't often feel that 'we're not involved' or 'we don't care.'"

Despite the fact that "We've got over 300 people now involved... it's getting a lot easier (to get people to help)," at a few other schools participation is even higher, since "some schools require volunteer service to graduate," said Walton.

Walton said she sees a single primary force behind the recent upsurge in volunteer work, saying, "I think the media had a lot to do with it, as much as we put it down."

Walton expressed excitement in a new program she hopes to implement at the college, called "Habitat for Humanity." Another recent Bates graduate, Samuel Browning '90, contacted Walton in hopes of bringing the program to Bates. Browning will aid Walton in this endeavor.

"Habitat for Humanity" is designed to motivate the construction of

"low-income housing in Androscoggin County," said Walton, who first heard of the program when "Samuel Browning called (her), to see if (she) could get people together, to see if there's inter-



Joanne Walton, Volunteer Coordinator, and participant in the program, Leilani Nelson.

Photo courtesy Joanne Walton

est at Bates," recalled Walton.

Housing programs for the Lewiston area do exist, but Walton said

she feels that this one might be especially successful because "A lot of people interested in homeless issues tend to stay away from homeless programs because they are religiously affiliated." This new program has no religious affiliation, and hopefully will seem more open to potential participants.

Speaking more generally on the homelessness issue, Walton said, "I feel that this is something that concerns people. There was a lot of support for the DSA (Democratic Socialists of America) sleepout, (and) quite a few people have come in (to my office) this year wanting to help out with housing (in Androscoggin County)."

Some of most successful programs that Walton helps organize are "Little Brother/Little Sister program, the Abused Women's Advocacy Project (AWAP), that's pretty popular, since they have a lot of opportunities, English as a Second Language (ESL), and a student-run tutoring program, that started with eight people, and now we're up to thirty students. Another program is called SEARCH, which involves helping the elderly."

The position Walton fills is new this year. Walton said, "We convinced the Administration last year to make

(Volunteer Coordinator) a position. It has made a big difference, not only in matching people up (to the appropriate work), but in tapping into all the opportunities."

Walton said that, "President Harward had been very supportive (of

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the program)," adding that, "this never would have happened if Reynolds was still here."

Commenting on the benefits of volunteering above and beyond the obvious one of personal satisfaction, Walton said, "you get a different perspective than you would from reading a book or anything else... it gives you a new perspective and genuine insight into the issues."

"I want people to look at it from the idealistic standpoint," said Walton, but added that volunteer work, "has a very practical result: it looks great on a resume."

Walton concluded, "I think that one person can make a difference... I don't think that's just rhetorical baloney."

Tobin Discusses Womyn's Awareness

by Beck Schoenfeld
Student Correspondent

"In the last three to four years, Womyn's Awareness has been a real force to reckon with on campus," declared Associate Professor of History and Director of the Women's Studies program Elizabeth Tobin.

"Womyn's Awareness began right before I came - about 11 to 12 years ago," said Tobin. "A group of students were interested in issues of sexuality. Women decided they needed an organization where they could be assured full weight," she reasoned.

Since the establishment of this organization, Tobin claims that it has developed into "a place where activism can grow." In reaction to the rapes and assaults occurring on campus, the committee organized and created the 'Take Back The Night March' for both last year and this year.

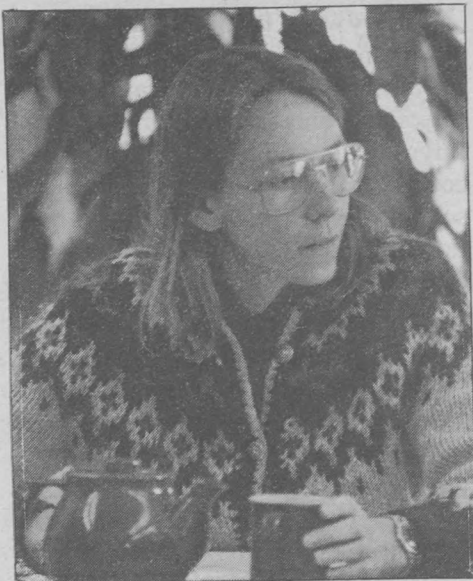
According to Tobin, the first march involved approximately 300 people. Most females, said Tobin, adopted the philosophy of, "that could have been me."

Additionally, Alicia LaFosse '92 mentioned that the group traveled to Waterville in response to a pro-life rally. Tobin also recalled Womyn's Awareness participation in the pro-choice Kennebunk demonstration.

Approximately 30 Bates students and four faculty members attended. "Amongst the feminists on campus, there isn't too much argument about pro-choice," Tobin added.

Womyn's Awareness has also involved itself academically in the advocacy and final approval of a Women's Studies

program. According to Tobin, questions first arose in Womyn's Awareness as to why there weren't classes dealing with women's issues. The concern for a Women's Studies department spread outside of the group as both students and faculty challenged the administration and eventually succeeded in attaining permission to develop



Elizabeth Tobin, Associate Professor of history. Marlan Proctor Photo

a Women's Studies major.

The group is currently in the process of exploring the lives of both Jewish and Japanese women. Members of Womyn's Awareness have also contributed time and effort in the Women's Studies inaugural lecture series about Perspectives on the Body.

"Trying to form a supportive group and close network of women is (by itself) an activist statement," proclaimed Tobin.

DSA Cultivates Activism

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Bates organizations unified for peace in the Middle East.

The rally is scheduled for 1pm at Kennedy park in Lewiston, and the

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- Alexander Dwinell, '93

DSA welcomes anyone interested to meet them at 12:30 p.m., this Sunday 11th, in front of Chase Hall.

One of the DSA's past activities that aroused a good deal of interest was held on Thursday, October 25, when six DSA members were arrested for staging a sit-in at Marine recruiting office in the Lewiston Mall.

Dwinell, among those arrested, comments, "We basically decided that we were going to get arrested or have the cops make us leave the building."

The arrest received wide publicity and "opened peoples' eyes to the problem," says an anonymous member of the DSA. This Friday night, the New World Coalition is holding a party in Chase Hall to raise bail money for the six students.

At the DSA's weekly meeting on Monday, November 5, an visitor with extensive acquaintance with the mili-

tary, who preferred to remain anonymous, commented on the DSA's sit-in: "Though I can sympathize with your (the DSA's) efforts, it (the protest) didn't sit with me."

The protest, he said, was directed at people (Marine recruiters) who don't have any say in U.S. policy in the Middle East.

Speaking on other misdirected protests, the visitor referred to the type of harsh treatment American soldiers received upon their return from Vietnam, saying that it, "was wrong and shouldn't happen again with the Middle East crisis," he says.

"When my dad came back from Vietnam, I was hit on the back of the head with a bottle somebody threw, while I waited for him to get off the plane. I will not let these troops go through that again," added the visitor.

DSA members welcomed this man's views, and Tim Walsh, also among those arrested, commented, "I think you have a very good point. I know some people over there (Saudi Arabia) myself."

DSA members later discussed the possibility of following a suggestion made by the visitor of staging a protest at Senator George Mitchell's or Senator Bill Cohen's office, since they both support intervention in the Middle East and have the power to influence the situation.

Dwinell speculates on the reason for increased political activism at Bates: "I think there's simply more to be active about."

College Chaplain Helps to Organize Series of Events to Raise Awareness on Iraq Crisis

by Mark Freeman
Focus Editor

Reverend Wes Avram, College Chaplain, hopes to raise awareness of the crisis in the Middle East with a series of events, some of them religiously based.

An excerpt from the letter sent out to faculty, students and staff on the subject read, "... for many of us the region's problems are so complex that it is difficult to understand. Some of us stop trying... whether war is imminent or waiting some future crisis, it behooves us all to make an effort to learn and evaluate the situation."

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Avram commented on the purpose of the scheduled events, noting that the goal is, "Greater awareness. (To organize) a core group of people who are willing to organize further events... it's our hope that a steering committee will be shaped."

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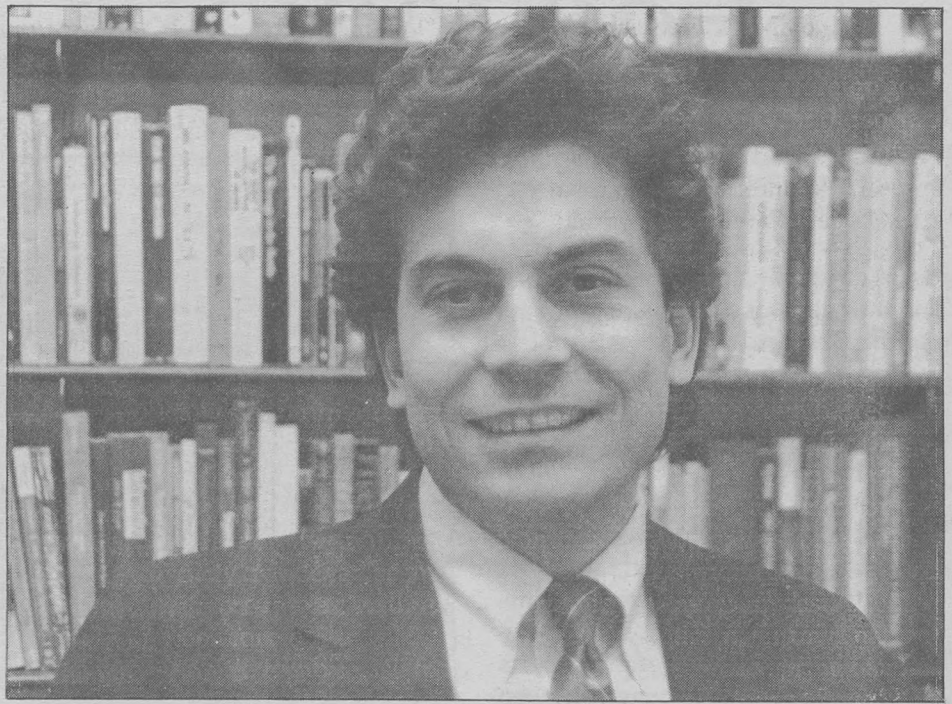
we need to be ready," Avram continued.

Avram has spent a large amount of time in the Middle East, primarily in Israel, but has significant acquaintance with other areas of the Middle East through that involvement. "My tie to the Middle East is mostly through the Palestinian-Israeli conflict... (and) you can't divorce that from the Persian Gulf crisis," Avram said.

The whole project began when, "the Chapel Board decided to set Sunday evening worship time aside for a special interfaith service of prayer and reflection," said Avram, adding that, "out of that group that gathered, the idea was shaped to have a whole series of events, involving the Quaker group, the Muskie archives, and the Jewish Cultural Community."

The special Interfaith Chapel service will include, "Quaker, Jewish, Christian, and Buddhist prayers for peace... persons from the Campus and the community at large will offer readings, statements of concern, prayers, and artistic expression."

Another of the highlights of the scheduled events will include "John Anderson, who ran for President in 1980 as an Independent... who now teaches law at Nova University. He's



Wes Avram, college chaplain.

Scott Pim Photo

a member of the Council on National Interest, a Washington-based public policy organization. It includes a number of former government officials who have particular interest in the Middle East," said Avram.

Avram said that the series of events have a further purpose of promoting campus unity: "It's a great opportu-

nity for not only different faiths do come together... but for organizations to come together."

Avram concluded by stating the ultimate purpose of the events, saying, "It's what's happening now. It's a serious and potentially volatile situation that could profoundly affect each one of us."

History of Activism at Bates and the Call for Current Awareness

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While at the Florida Memorial campus, Bates students and faculty attended classes and lectures. "We did poetry readings about civil rights and puppet plays," noted Tagliabue. "At Bates, students from the black college sang and played music," he added.

The purpose of the exchange was "to get people use to seeing people of

life in a community of our own (race) unless we seek (other races) out."

During the peak of the Civil Rights Era, Chute recalls Bates having only a "handful of black students - about half a dozen." Now with the comparative increase in minority students, Chute, referring to Amandla!, commented, "They are active in it for themselves which is healthier than us

sixties activist Angela Davis, once wanted by the FBI, will speak on race, gender, and class in the United States.

War Protests

"It wasn't like Berkeley or Columbia," declared Professor Tagliabue. There were some gatherings and peace marches, but the number of students protesting Vietnam was minimal.

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- President Reynolds (1968)

Referring to the Bates campus, Tagliabue observed, "In the far past, Bates did not have much of a political imagination; (but) I'm not trying to say they didn't have a conscience," he assured.

He did, in fact, encourage the small group of students who were active in protesting the war. "They were the most admirable and most intelligent politically," he commented. "I applauded them."

According to Tagliabue, a variety of teachers also contributed greatly to the activism of the Vietnam Era, with wives of the faculty doing much of the organization. "Everybody tried to get people to write opinions to the (state) representatives," he stated.

"Some of the most imaginative, articulate, vocal students went to the March on Washington," recalled Tagliabue. Upon their arrival back on the

Bates campus, there was "a huge meeting in the Chapel where they reported on it," he noted.

Although the turnout was large, "lots of students were hostile to them (the protestors). Many left insulting messages on their doors," he added.

However, Tagliabue also detailed a positive attitude throughout the Bates campus when Joan Baez arrived as a guest. "She must have been nineteen," remembers Tagliabue. "She was a beautiful young girl, and it was a vivid experience - much animation, excitement among students," he recalls.

In reaction to the Kent State shootings, Bates students protested in the Lewiston area in May of 1970.

Taken from an issue of the Bates Alumnus, now retired President Reynolds commented, "Most of these young people - and there are over 200 of them here this morning - are too young to vote, and yet they are the ones that we are sending off to fight this war in Vietnam. They do not believe in this war," he declared. "Most of them are willing to fight - are willing to die for their nation - but many of them do not believe that this is a just battle. They are trying desperately to show the rest of the community their

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According to Tagliabue, a special chapel service will be held this Sunday in honor of Veteran's Day. Apprehension to the current situation in the Middle East will be emphasized. "Bob Chute and I will recite anti-war poetry," said Tagliabue.



James Farmer, one of the most prominent civil rights activists. He came to Bates in December of 1968 to speak on the Voting Rights Act. At one point in that lecture, he said, "The college has become a microcosm of the nation; (and) the nation is on the threshold of going through a catharsis, which should also take place on the college campus... but, remember, it will be agonizing." He returned to Bates this last Wednesday, November 7, offering a retrospective of his involvement with civil rights. (See page 2)

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the other race and work with them," Chute explained. He said he believes the whole concept of exposure had a positive impact.

"For most, it was the first time an intimate relationship occurred with people of another race," Chute elaborated, adding that, "Most of us grow up in a neighborhood and go through

helping."

Additionally, Chute mentioned a constant upkeep of civil rights lecturers, one being Dick Gregory. Last Wednesday and Thursday, civil rights pioneer James Farmer and New York City University Professor of History David Garrow both discussed the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In January,

Sports

For Whom The Bells Toll Football Beats Bowdoin 19-14 Before the Home Crowd

by Laura Sullivan
Staff Reporter

We weren't sure they could do it, and they gave us a good scare, but the Bobcats emerged victorious from last weekend's contest with arch-rival Bowdoin. Batesies finally had something to cheer about in what has been a long and difficult season for the Bobcat Football Team.

The first quarter proved a defensive battle as the teams sized each other up. By the end of the quarter it became obvious that the momentum was beginning to shift in favor of the Bobcats as the offense began to penetrate deep into Polar Bear territory.

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After starting on their own 21-yard line, the Bobcats began to drive down the field. Quarterback Steve Bucci '93 had an outstanding day, completing 10 passes in 16 attempts for 155 yards including two touchdown passes. On a 3rd and 3 play Bucci completed a 15-yard pass to Senior tight end Scott Higgins to move his team to the Bates 48-yard line. Two plays later Bucci completed another 15-yard pass to Junior running back Seth Almansi to put the Bobcats into Bowdoin territory.

On the first play of the second quarter Bucci handed off to Sophomore running back Jay Yuskis who exploded for a 28-yard touchdown run. Yuskis was another offensive stand-out, leading the team in rushing with 100 yards on 21 carries. Sophomore Jason St. Peter's extra point attempt was good, making the score 7-0.

The rest of the quarter saw the defensive battle heat up again as each team blocked a field goal attempt. Bates's block came from Junior defensive back Mark Paone, who continued his outstanding defensive play by



Sophomore John Yuskis (28) hurdles over a Bowdoin defender in Saturday's 19-14 home victory. Scott Pim Photo.

deflecting a 32-yard Polar Bear field goal attempt.

In the third quarter, turnovers and penalties helped the Bobcats to widen their lead over the Polar Bears. After a 32-yard punt by Junior Doug Coupe the Bears fumbled the ball on their own 45 yard line. Freshman special teams player Tom Lent recovered the fumble, giving the Bobcats a 1st and 10 on the Bowdoin 45-yard line. Again Bucci was able to move his team to the Bowdoin 2-yard line where he then completed a pass to Higgins for the touch down. St. Peter's extra point attempt was blocked, leaving the score at 13-0.

As has been the case all season, the defense hammered away at the opposing offense, preventing them from scoring and forcing the turnovers. On the next series Senior captain Chris Magendantz intercepted a Bowdoin

pass and returned it for 14 yards. Magendantz leads the defense in interceptions with 3 and in solo tackles with 42.

As the third quarter wound down Bowdoin was still unable to mount any real scoring threat. The Bobcats got the ball back with just over three minutes remaining in the quarter. On 1st and 10 Bucci unleashed a 69-yard pass play to Sophomore wide receiver Chris Plante for a touchdown. Plante racked up 100 yards on the day with just 2 receptions. St. Peter's extra point attempt failed, leaving the score at 19-0. The Bobcat fans breathed a sigh of relief as the fourth quarter began with a comfortable lead.

But they wouldn't be the Bobcats if they didn't give us a good scare. The Bowdoin offense, ineffective all

day, exploded for two touchdowns in the first eight minutes of the fourth quarter, with plenty of time remaining. The mood of the crowd shifted from smugly satisfied to frantic as it looked like Bates was going to blow a 19-point lead.

The Polar Bears got the ball back with about three minutes left to play. But as we might have expected the defense saved the day with two sacks to bring up a 3rd and 19. The Polar Bears tried to convert but Bowdoin's quarterback slipped and fell for a six yard loss. Bowdoin's final gasp was a Hail Mary pass which junior defensive back Bob Al-Chokhachy batted down, keeping the final score at 19-14.

As the Hathorn bell rang, everyone looked around in bewilderment until they realized that it was ringing in honor of the victory. It was a great sound.

Volleyball Ranked First for ECAC Tourney

by Peter Carr
Staff Reporter

It is easier to move up in the ranks then remain a consistent champion.

The Women's Volleyball Team found this sports adage to be true over the past two weeks when University of New England, an unranked contender, knocked the champion Bobcats out; not once, but twice.

Bates, who held MAIAW volleyball title for the last five seasons, was dropped by a scrappy UNE squad in three games during the final round in last weekend's Maine State Tournament. The championship loss marked only the second time that Bates has dropped a game to UNE in six years. The first came on Halloween Night

when UNE shocked the Bobcats in a five game series in Biddeford. In fact, that fateful Wednesday marked Bates' first loss to another Maine team in over three years.

Although Bates maintains its top slot in the New England polls, the loss to UNE hurt the Bobcats.

"I am disappointed but not shocked," noted Coach Marsha Graef. "They have a strong NAIA scholarship team. They do a lot of recruiting and their players come from strong programs."

Despite the loss, the Bobcats received the news they were anxiously waiting for: an ECAC Tournament bid. At 34-6, Bates posted the best record in the Division III East Region, good enough for the top-seed position. The

Bobcats ranked ahead of St. John's Fisher (the school the Bobcats defeated for the title in 1989), Eastern Connecticut, and the University of Rochester.

But, because two Rochester schools

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received bids, and politics run high in college volleyball, Bates lost the hosting privileges usually reserved for the top seed and must travel to Rochester, a ten hour bus trip.

"At first we were disappointed about not hosting the ECAC's and

playing in front of a packed house again this year," noted Graef. "But the Team has gotten over that and the bus trip. We now feel that we are not going to travel that far for one match. We want to bring another plaque home."

"The competition will be tough. It doesn't really matter what seed you are. During tournament time, the Team that wants it the most wins. We will see what we are made of this weekend."

Bates goes into battle currently ranked nationally in individual categories. Senior co-captains Julie Roche and Jen White again will be the keys to Bates' offense this weekend. Roche, who is among leaders in serving average, was recently named to the All-Maine First Team and to the Maine

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Women's Soccer Stopped by Williams in ECACs

by Christopher Locke
Student Correspondent

The Women's Soccer Team finished a very successful season last Saturday with a difficult loss in the second round of the ECAC tournament. Bates, ranked #3 in New England prior to the tournament, was named the first seed in the ECAC tourney, and therefore received a bye in the first round.

Unfortunately, the Bobcats were paired off against Williams, the eventual tournament champion, in the following round.

Williams and Bates came into the game boasting identical 11-2-2 records. Williams, however, was stiffer competition than most of the opponents that Bates faced during the regular season, and, despite an early lead supplied by a Sarah Carothers's '92 goal, the Bobcats were unable to hold off Williams, eventually losing 2-1 in double overtime.

Williams then defeated Bowdoin on Sunday to clinch the New England Division III Championship.

Saturday's game was the last one for the two Bobcat Seniors, Leah Ciappennelli (captain), and Pam Kove. Both players expressed similar sentiments on the season.

Said Ciappennelli, "It was a great season—the final loss is irrelevant (to our success). We had a very hard pre-season, a lot of people dropped out at the start, but everyone who stayed on wanted to be there more than anything.



Soccer captain Leah Ciappennelli '91 winds up for a shot against Williams last Saturday.
Scott Pim Photo.

We promised not to use the words 'could, should, would...' and made an effort to learn from our mistakes, but didn't let bad practices or games be obstacles to our progress."

"There was a strong feeling of

family on the Team. It was a great feeling to be in the middle of the field, tired, during a game and hear the entire bench singing the fight song. It wasn't just one or two players on the field telling you to suck it up—it was

the whole Team. We're all proud of what we did."

Kove agreed: "Everything clicked. I've never seen a team come together like this. I really didn't expect it. The new players adjusted really well, but I couldn't say "this is why we won." Kove also gave a lot of credit for the

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-Leah Ciappennelli

team's success to new Head Coach Marti Kingsley. "Marti gave us (the players) the freedom to play as we wanted, within certain constraints. She had a lot of confidence in me, personally. By allowing me to play the way I needed to, she brought me up to my potential. Marti brings everyone up to their potential. She communicates to the team as players and as individuals—she used that to pull everyone together."

"The time I spent was worth it—the people I met—it was fun. That's what was important to me: having fun and winning. Having a good soccer team."

Loss to Bowdoin Summarizes Men's Soccer Season

by Kim Small
Student Correspondent

The result of last Friday's game against Bowdoin accurately reflects the Men's Soccer Team's overall performance this season. Despite losing 1-0 to Bowdoin, Bates remained strong throughout the match yet could not capitalize on numerous opportunities.

Statistically, the Bobcats outshot the Polar Bears 18 to 12 but failed to convert one of them into a goal. Bates particularly pressured the Bowdoin goalkeeper in the second half when 11 of their 18 shots occurred. Their inability to score continually frustrated the Bobcats who displayed constant hustle in both halves of the game.

The first half resembled a ping pong match as both teams played consistently without much domination. This is not to say that both teams did not have a few good runs down the field. With about 19 minutes left in the first half, senior goalkeeper Mike Evans came up with a big save from a shot that could possibly have been a goal. Co-captain Gus Mulready '91 quickly countered this attack with a beautiful cross to Jose Freitas '91 who was ready in the middle. This type of play continued as both teams gave a constant effort until the half-time mark.

Evans continued to thwart some solid shots from the Bowdoin attackers, along with a nice save with two minutes left in the half. Evans then deflected a ball headed from the left wing.

Bowdoin's goalkeeper did not have a moments rest either as the Bates at-

tack continued to push forward and finished the half with a good rush at the net. Throughout the game, sophomore Phil Ryan's flip throw-ins resulted in many potential scoring opportunities for the Bobcats.

Disappointment overwhelmed the Bobcats early in the second half when Bowdoin took control of a loose ball that came from a direct kick. After beating a Bates player on the wing, a Bowdoin forward crossed the ball to an unmarked player who put the Polar Bears ahead. Dominating the rest of the half, the Bobcats pressured their opponent until the end and kept the game going at a high pace. A combination of little luck and much frustration caused Bates to leave the game with another loss. As Mike Evans remarked, "In many tough games we held our own but were unable to come away with a win."

Throughout the season, Bates has battled many competitive teams and met the challenge head on. Many times, they have proven their talent and reached levels of high quality play. Yet, they have continuously lost games by only one or two goals. These constant downfalls make it a difficult season in terms of success but as a team they have really come together. As Evans said, "Although the season might not have lived up to everyone's expectations, it remained enjoyable because of the individuals involved."

Holding their own, the Bobcats kept every game within reach and made other teams aware of their threatening ability. Coach George Purgavie noted that out of the 14 games Bates played,

ten ended with the Bobcats either outshooting the other team or matching them in number of shots. In looking for answers to explain the season outcome, Purgavie mentioned the abundance of injuries this year as well as their difficulty finishing plays. One of next year's goals will be to turn this problem around and change some of their losses to wins. With the loss of six seniors to graduation this task will not be an easy one.

Coach Purgavie remains optimistic about the Bobcats return next season with many experienced players along with some members of this year's Junior Varsity squad. "We have a good nucleus of players coming back next

season," commented Purgavie, who felt positive about this past season despite their record. Although they did not have many wins, Purgavie felt the overall level of play this year was much higher than in the past.

The fate of the '91 season depends on the amount of time spent playing in the next year and the Team's attitude. If hard work and positive feelings start off the new season, who is to say what will happen?

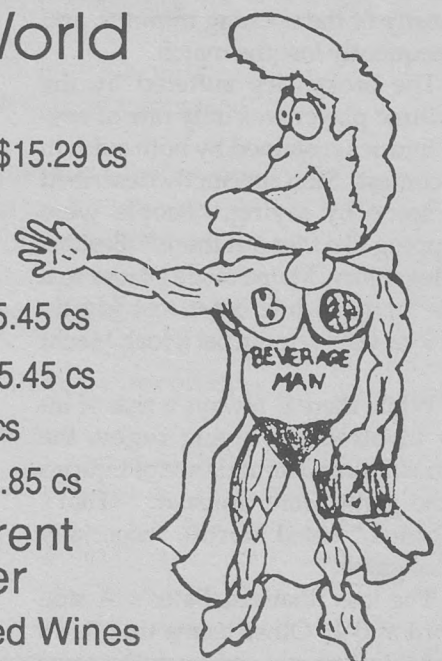
Perhaps Bates will have results similar to those experienced at Colby this year. As Coach Purgavie commented, "Last year Colby had about a .500 season and this year they ended up undefeated."

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Women's Rugby Completes Short, but Successful Season

by Meredith Davis
Student Correspondent

The Women's Rugby Team ended their short but successful season with a game against Wellsley on Saturday. Wellsley, however, came undermanned, so the game turned into a ninety minute, three period scrimmage instead of an official two period match. The extra block of time allowed all the Bates players field time for Parents' Weekend.

Since Women's Rugby is a club sport at Bates, it was hard for Presidents Abby McLaughlin '91 and Sharon Hartnett '91 to schedule games against other teams. They did their best, however, and managed to pull together a rather challenging schedule.

The Women Ruggers opened their season with a visit to Colby. The Mules came out on top, beating both of the A and B teams - the A team being composed of the more experienced players. One of the factors in the game was the presence of a coach on Colby's side of the field, something which Bates does not have. Though



Members of the Women's Rugby team bring down a Wellsley player in a match from last week.

Jason Patenaude Photo.

the Administration offers \$600 for payment of a coach, the Team was unable to find one; "It's hard to find people who have the expertise, the time and the desire," commented Julia Bossung '91. "Our practices in the afternoon sometimes cause scheduling problems."

Bates was not discouraged by the Colby loss, however, and they proved their strength with a convincing victory over UMO.

Stated Bossung, "This was a great victory for us because UMO has always been a really large team with huge girls." Since neither male nor

female ruggers wear protective equipment to play this high contact sport, size is definitely a factor. Fortunately, the Bates team has not suffered any serious injuries this year.

The ruggers' third and next-to-last game was yet another confrontation with Colby, but unfortunately, even the home field advantage didn't help the 'Cats considerably. Colby once again defeated the A team, and the B teams finished in a tie.

Since Women's Rugby is a club sport, experience is not necessary. One does need to know how to have a good time, however.

According to Bossung, "All violence is left on the field. Afterwards it's a different story. We always host a party for the visiting team, and we have always had excellent relationships with those teams we oppose."

Jasie Poodiack '92 is already looking forward to next year's season. "Next year we will have an older team. Most of us have been playing together for a few years, so we will be more experienced."

Men's Rugby Suffers Bad Breaks Against Maine Maritime

by Jason Patenaude
Sports Editor

A series of bad breaks, both physical and mental, helped cause the Men's Rugby Club to lose to Maine Maritime last Saturday.

Though Bates ultimately lost this, the final game of the official season, by a score of 22-16, the Bobcats scored first and took a 12-7 lead into the half. The first bad break occurred just after the original scoring drive when a member of the Maine team suffered a broken leg. Ironically the loss of the Maine team player may have ultimately hurt the Bates squad more than it did Maritime since the delay caused by the injury interrupted the 'Cats momentum.

"There was a long delay [after the injury]," noted Bates scrum captain Mike Martin '91. "We lost our intensity at the end of the half."

Senior hooker Roger Sion concurred, "It was an eighty minute game, but we thought we'd won it in the first two minutes."

Bates never regained the mental intensity of the opening minutes, and subsequently lost the match.

The broken leg suffered by the Maritime player was only one of several injuries sustained by both sides in the contest. Sion succinctly described the scene by saying, "People were dropping like flies out there." Besides the leg injury, Maine lost a player to a neck injury while Bates lost Martin and four year veteran back Josh Macht '91.

While there is always a risk of injury involved in playing rugby, the seriousness and abundance of injuries in the game were unusual. "That's abnormal," noted Martin, "especially in one game."

The loss finalized Bates's A side record at 0-4. Other teams that Bates faced this year as members of the same



A Bates rugger tries to grab a loose ball against M.Maritime. Scott Pim Photo

regional bracket were CBB rivals Bowdoin and Colby, as well as UMaine at Orono and of course, Maine Maritime.

Often the Club supplements this official four game schedule with games

organized between personal contacts on different clubs. Unfortunately, clashing vacation schedules made other matches impossible and the Team must now wait until next fall to get back on the field.

Despite the winless season, the club is looking forward to next year's matches. "This was a transition year," commented Martin. "We had so many new people and only one returning starter, (thus) it was all new."

Both Martin and Sion pointed to the 3-0-1 record of this year's B-side as one of the positive results of the season. The year of experience gained by the A-side team members, coupled with the upgrading of many members of the successful B-side to the first squad, should again make Bates a New England Division II tournament hopeful.

Helping the Bobcats on this road will be their volunteer Coach, Tom Cain. Cain, a player for a men's rugby club in Portland, works with the Team in helping improve technique and playing strategy. "He helps us tremendously," Martin said in praise of the coach.

Hopefully next year Bates will get all good breaks, and none related to legs.



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Harriers Have High Hopes for National Qualifiers this Weekend

by Grace Murphy
Staff Reporter

The Bates' Men's Cross-Country Team returned home Saturday afternoon after placing fourth in a field of 22 teams in last weekend's Division III ECAC's. With defending champion RIT winning with a low 26 points, only Tufts (86 points) and Bowdoin (107 points) managed to place ahead of Bates' 130 points.

Fourth place in the highly competitive ECAC meet is impressive; yet it becomes even more impressive when one realizes that Bates chose not to run their top five in the meet, resting them

up for this weekend's Division III New Englands/ National Qualifiers. RIT and Tufts ran their full varsity squads, as did most of the approximately 30 teams represented.

Steve Shea '93, finishing first for Bates, ran a time of 27:24, only 67 seconds behind winner Thompson from Colby. Shea showed remarkable talent, placing 17th in a competitive field in his third race of the season due to hold-ups from injury. Shea lead teammates Chris Parrish '93 (27:27), Pat Sullivan '94 (27:38), Jason Aldrich (27:43), and co-captain Ian Shearer '91 (27:54) to the team's best five-man

spread of thirty seconds. Jason Yaffe '93 and Ira Bird '93 rounded out the top seven. Praised Coach Walt Slovenski, "It was our best spread of the season, and contributed to our excellent fourth place finish among so many varsity teams." Parrish comments, "We really jammed on it."

Looking for another high finish, the Harriers have high hopes for this weekend. As co-captain Mike Clarke states, "We want to win." Placing sixth in the same race last year, Coach Slovenski realizes a higher place finish, "will be a challenge. We'll have to have extraordinary races from each

member of the Team in order to qualify anyone for Nationals."

The top six individuals and top four teams proceed to Division III Nationals held the following weekend in Grinnell, Iowa. However, even if Bates finishes among the top four teams, they would not be able to go due to NESCAC rules. Slovenski faces a choice between Pat Sullivan '94 and Chris Parrish '93 to join top six runners Joe Sears '92, Craig Sarney '94, Bob Parks '92, co-captain Mike Clarke '91, Joe Harrington '94, and Steve Shea '93. The Men's Team races Saturday, November 10 at Southeastern Massachusetts University.

Volleyball

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State All-Tournament Team. White, who has been also filling in for injured setter Allyson Reynolds '93, also received All-Tournament honors and named Second Team All-State. She is nationally ranked for digs per game. Both seniors have also been recognized as two of the top 12 volleyball players in the East Region chosen from over 70 schools on the East Coast.

GLBSA

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For instance, Dinglasan referred to monthly gender specific meetings of GLBSA members. "There is (sometimes) a need for exclusive space," says Dinglasan.

In response to exclusive meetings as theoretical rejections of the College's non-biased constitution, Taylor commented that "the notion that many Bates students have which is that everyone should have equal treatment is very naive and usually the determination of dominant groups. Equality cannot come from difference."

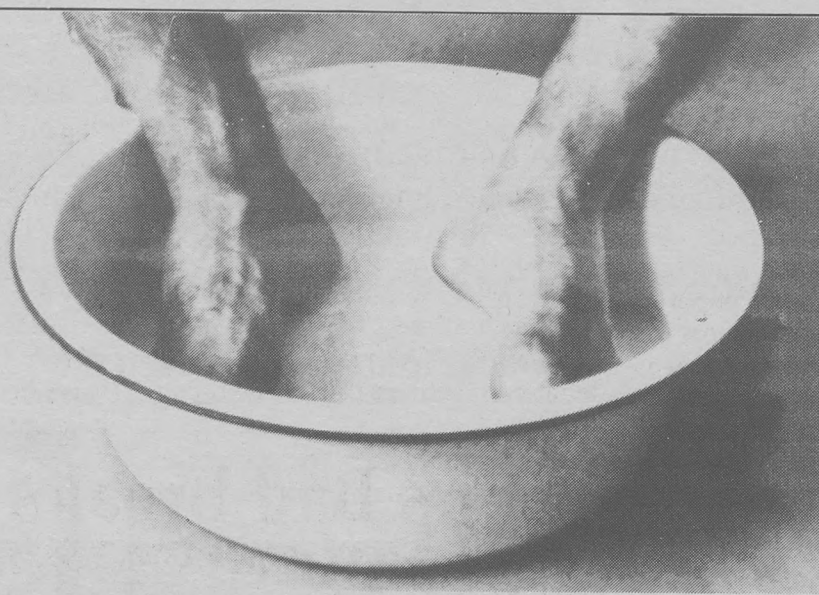
Taylor describes the gathering of exclusive sub-groups as a message that says, "we as oppressed minorities are under duress and we often need space apart from dominant majorities to work out our problems."

Taylor cites a passage from the book *Justice and the Politics of Difference* by Iris Marion Young as an explanation for the debate of possible biases in sub groups:

"...politics of group assertion takes as a basic principle that members of oppressed groups need separate organizations that exclude others, especially those from more privileged groups. Separate organization is probably necessary in order for these (oppressed minority) groups to discover and reinforce the positivity of their specific experience, to collapse and eliminate double consciousness" (p.167).

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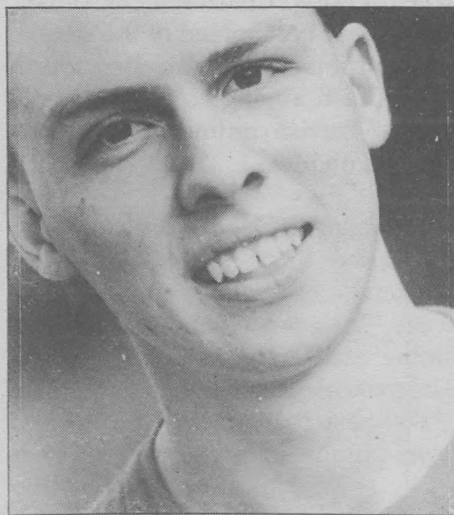
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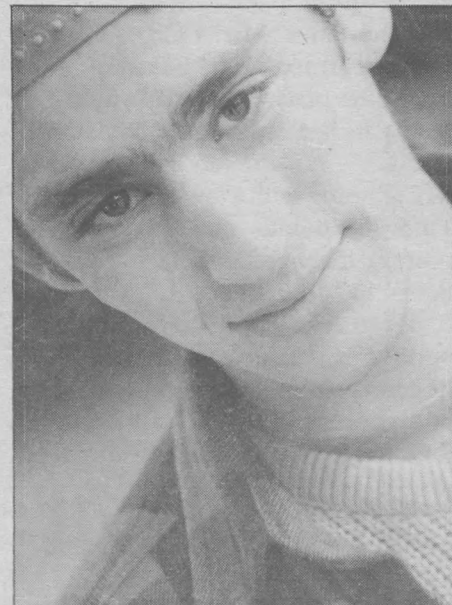
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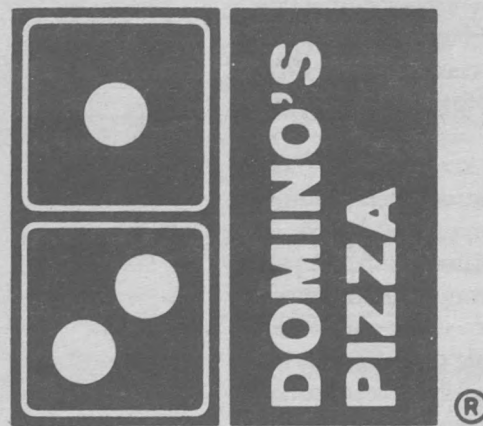
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