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Good, bad, blah? Alcohol policy revisited

Results of policy still unknown after one semester. Pre-partying on the rise, campus-wides still exist.

By ALEX BUDNEY
Staff Writer

"The campus will never be the same."
"You should have seen the parties last year."

"Hey man, what's your name? Will you be my case?"

All of these phrases are new to the 1997-1998 academic year, as is the current alcohol policy which was overhauled during summer 1997.

The alcohol policy overhaul was because of legal pressure placed on the administration (BY WHOM?). The policy now requires all student organizations to have their parties professionally catered, if alcohol is to be present.

According to the laws of Maine, selling tickets before the party, as was the usual, is actually considered the illegal sale of alcohol, without a license.

Reason for reform

The reform of the alcohol policy was triggered by the incidents of last spring, in which there were conflicts between the Bates community and the local law enforcement, regarding parties in which alcohol was involved. The administration decided that changes had to be made so that Bates would no longer be held liable for any future incidents that might occur.

Because the Joint Commission on Al-

cohol was not in session over the summer, the alteration was made without its input.

The Joint Commission on Alcohol, which has been in existence for two years this month, has now been called on to review

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Associate Dean of Students
Peter Taylor

the new policy. The commission consists of members of the Representative Assembly and the Extracurricular Activities and Residential Life (EARL) committee, and others from the entire Bates community.

Because of the lack of input on the current policy, the Commission has decided to conduct focus groups over the next couple of months to find out how the students feel about the changes.

The current changes are "not set in

stone, but the legal constraints do put parameters on the rules," said Peter Taylor, associate dean of students.

Fears played out, fears allayed

The new policy had some people worrying about the effects it might have on the Bates social scene. Many felt that it might hamper the attendance of parties, perhaps causing them to falter altogether. During the beginning of first semester, many parties were poorly attended, with students saying that they would "rather stay in our rooms, and drink with friends," said one sophomore.

Organization leaders have been worrying about profit incentive. Traditionally, organizations throw parties to boost their budgets. The new requirement of hiring a catering service, coupled with the banishment of pre-party ticket sales, put the financial outcome of a party in question.

In September, the deans of students office agreed to subsidize parties, and to work in conjunction with the organizations to ensure enough non-alcoholic beverages for the events, Taylor said. At the beginning of the year the office of student activities subsidized parties to help get things going. After the social scene picked up they again let organizations be financially independent.

According to Taylor, however, a turning point came with the weekend of the WRBC rave and the Turner House formal. The Rave, which Taylor described as "spectacularly done." Aside from a respectable attendance, the party made \$913, according

The campus was ripe for a party: everyone wanted one ...

Keith Gauger '99,
about WRBC Rave

to Megan Tobin, WRBC treasurer.

"The campus was ripe for a good party; everyone wanted one and the new alcohol policy puts pressure on organizations and organization leaders to do more work," said former WRBC General Manager Keith Gauger '99.

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Weather has no effect on building schedule

By EMILY WINSETT
Staff Writer

Despite the major disruption of this month's ice storm, the College's newest academic building is running according to the prearranged timetable. The building, which will house the social science departments, remains scheduled for completion in 1999.

The building is still on schedule thanks to the foresight of the contractor who "anticipated tough conditions in January and February, so the expectations for work output were reduced and will pick up after March," commented Bernard Carpenter, treasurer and vice president for financial affairs.

The story of the building, however, is not a complete fairy tale of timing. Time was

lost in steel erection due to the weather, but Carpenter anticipates that that area of the building should be back on track by the month's end.

Hedge residents agree that the building's noise, which once caused much disruption to their daily lives, is barely noticeable anymore. "I'm definitely immune to it," said Katherine Saegh, a first year resident of Hedge. "I've become basically used to the noise," commented Carrie Noel, another first year Hedge.

As for the festive decoration crowning the framework of the building, it was placed by the contractors themselves. Commented Carpenter, "it's just one of those things they do, at any site."



Frozen Puddle offers shortcuts for freezing students.

Patrick Serengulian photo

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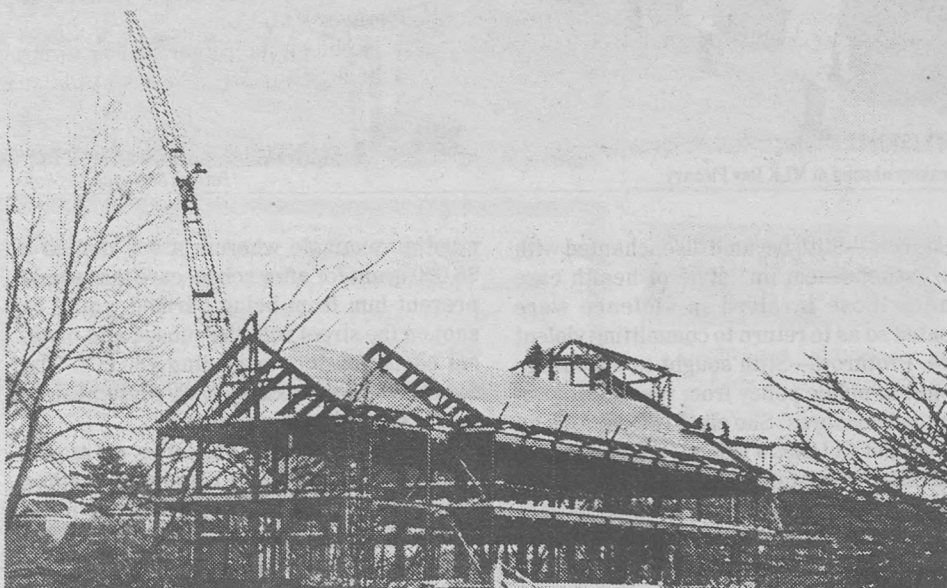
Last weekend indoor track outran Polar Bears AND White Mules. **Sprint to Sports, Page 14**

Quote of the week:

"Always give your best, never get discouraged, never be petty. Always remember, other's may hate you but those who hate you don't win unless you hate them. And then you destroy yourself."

— Richard M. Nixon
(August 9, 1974)

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New academic building begins to take shape.

Patrick Serengulian photo

News

Speaker struggles with sexuality and homophobia

By SHAWN P. O'LEARY
Forum Editor

Posters asking "Struggling with your sexuality?" are commonplace on campus. They offer a safe space for people to discuss issues of sexuality. Donald L. Johnson Ph.D., an openly gay psychologist at the University of Colorado, conducted the lecture, seemingly with this theme in mind. Johnson addressed the problems a person struggling with his or her sexuality must overcome in a lecture which took place in Chase Lounge Thursday evening.

Working from a grading system of sexuality developed in the 1930's by Dr. Kinsey, where an exclusively heterosexual person scored a zero and an exclusively homosexual person scores a six, Johnson showed that 13% of males and 7% of females interviewed fell into scores representing homosexual/bisexual behavior. Johnson, however, prefers to categorize sexuality based on who you love, rather than primarily on sexual behavior.

Describing the psycho-sexual development phases of adolescence and puberty, he

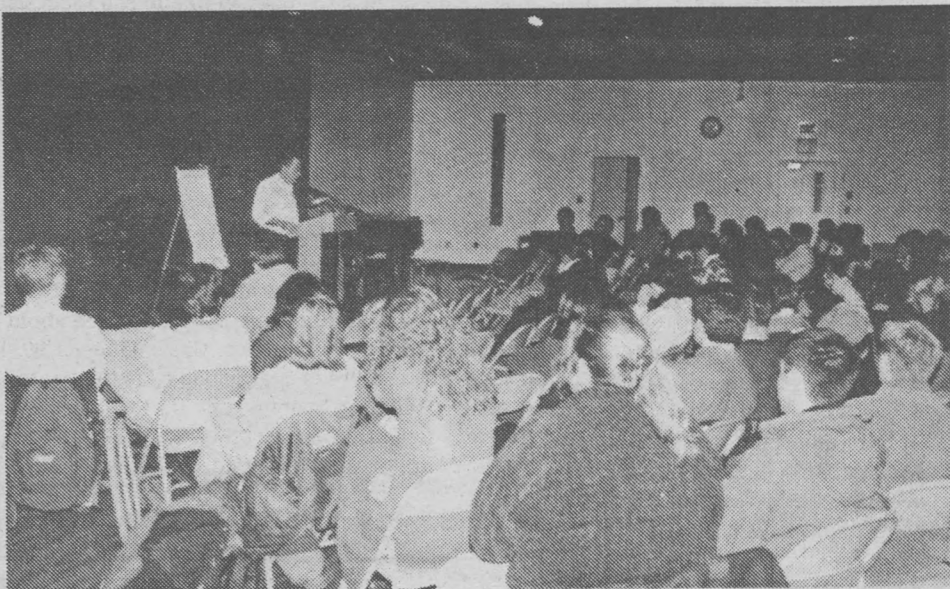
cited that this is a particularly difficult time in everyone's life. However, for those who are heterosexual there exists a massive support system of friends, parents, educators, and the society at large which acts to answer questions about heterosexuality and to reassure the younger generation.

For those who are gay and lesbian this support system does not exist, and often a person struggling with his or her sexuality follows two distinct patterns of behavior as he or she deals with feelings of fear, rejection, and intense loneliness. The first pattern is that of overcompensation, where a person becomes an excellent student, is active in school functions, and attempts to excel in all aspects of what society deems as a normal life. The second pattern describes those who drop out of society as they come to the realization that they are gay or a lesbian. They often turn to alcohol, drugs, etc. in their attempt to deny their identity.

As homosexuals come to realize their identity, Johnson claims that they deal with a profound sense of isolation, a lack of gay and lesbian role models, and the fact that their acceptance into society is based on their

ability to lie about their true identity. Johnson claims that these factors add up to feelings of low self-esteem, guilt, loneliness, depression, and anxiety. Further, he said that when a gay or lesbian person finally does

come out, he or she lives out his or her missed adolescence which he or she had earlier missed. The lecture concluded with a brief period of questions and answers and an informal discussion.



Donald L. Johnson Ph.D. discusses process of realization of homosexuals.

Patrick Serengulian photo

Preventative versus reactionary measures

MLK Day speaker puts public health spin on violence prevention, focusing on youth programs

By SHAWN P. O'LEARY
Forum Editor

As part of the Martin Luther King Day ceremonies Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith, assistant dean of government and community programs at the Harvard School of Public Health, conducted a seminar entitled "Violence as a Public Health Crisis." The upshot of her talk focused on the distinction between the public policy towards various groups as either preventive or reactive.

A graduate of Harvard Medical School,

violence prevention under the umbrella of public health, which unlike criminal justice does not focus on the individual, but on the community level. In doing so, an individual act of crime is not directly investigated, but a public health official would ask what was the rate, location and subsequent risk factors of such crimes. This would be used in order to develop public policy designed to prevent such acts, as opposed to merely reacting to them.

Prothrow-Stith pointed to the unwillingness to fund preventive programs as one of the leading obstacles to her cause. She

counts for 37 homicides per 100,000 youths in 1991.

Also disturbing are the figures indicating that sexual assault, gang fights and other felonies accounted for only 20% of the violent acts. The other 80% was comprised of acts of violence committed by those we know.

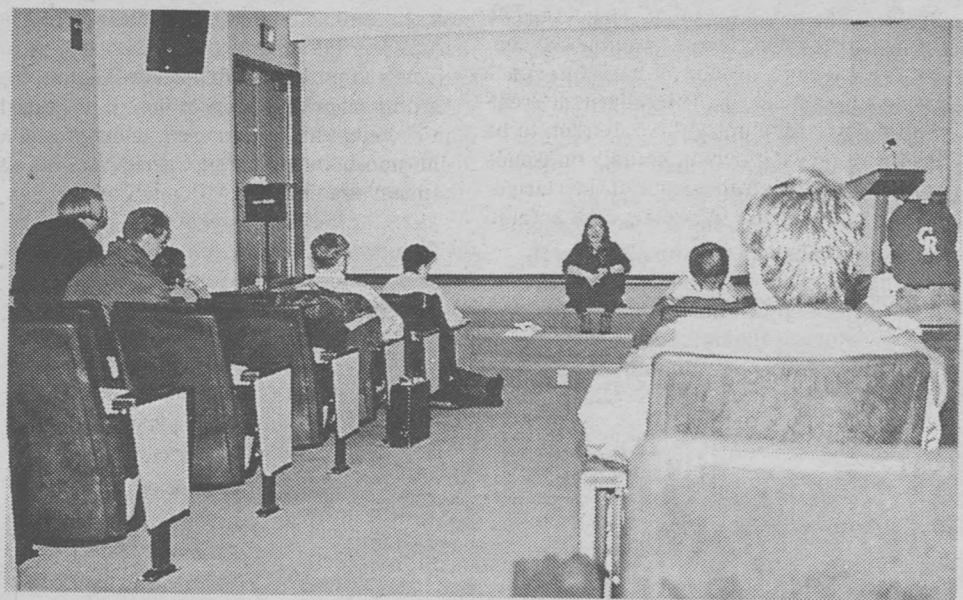
This inability to get along is due in large part to the popularization of violence in U.S. culture, especially among children. Prothrow-Stith illustrated that many of the violent acts are attempts by our children to get our attention, money and resources.

Violence, she believes, is also due to a combination of five major factors: chronic poverty, availability of guns (especially handguns), witnessing or being the victim of crime, drugs and alcohol and social/cultural values.

Her plan of action for addressing chronic violence is like how a public health official would address thwarting teenage smoking. The primary course of action would include changing public perceptions, norms and attitudes towards violence by changing the way violence is portrayed via the media, television and sporting events. The glamorization of such violence could also be prevented by addressing children at a young age through in-school programs and public service announcements.

Secondary measures would include trying to 'reel-in' the kids at risk who are typically absent from school, often suspended and have already had a few brushes with the law. Prothrow-Stith believes that these kids are the ones who are crying out for our attention, money and resources more than ever.

The tertiary measures would include, she seemed reluctant to say, jailing of the serious offenders. This appears least desirable, in her view, because as a society we seem unwilling to say that we will give a troubled child a \$2,000 summer job but we are willing to incarcerate that child at a rough cost of \$35,000 a year. Prothrow-Stith concluded her remarks with a request for support of preventative public policy.



Speakers abound at MLK Day Plenary.

Patrick Serengulian photo

Prothrow-Stith became disenchanted with the "stitch-em up" style of health care where those involved in violence were treated so as to return to committing violent acts. Prothrow-Stith sought to encourage a shift in public policy from reactive to preventive measures. She cited the old African proverb of "it takes a village" when claiming that merely raising a child in a loving and healthy family does not adequately prepare (s)he for a life free of committing and suffering from violent acts.

Prothrow-Stith advocates including

cited an example wherein a boy denied a \$6,000 grant for after school care that would prevent him from being harmed, could be shot on the street with the subsequent medical costs possibly exceeding \$80,000. The former was an example of preventative policy, the latter of reactionary.

Using homicide statistics as an example of the discrepancy between the United States and other developed nations, Prothrow-Stith showed that the U.S. homicide rate was more than 4.5 times higher than the next highest developed nation. This ac-

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Questions on alcohol policy still at forefront

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Préparation for a party no longer consists of simply providing music and a keg.

Aside from relieving the college of liability, the new alcohol policy removes the organization leaders from responsibility. Under the old policy, if a server provided alcohol to someone who was under 21 or who was already intoxicated, and that person was then involved in an illegal incident, the servers would be held responsible according to third party liability.

The responsibility now falls completely on the caterers. Currently, there are five caterers registered with the college. Professionally run cash bars have "freed up the number of people [needed] to run parties," said Taylor

■ Pains of pre-partying

The policy has brought about some concern in regard to the increased practice of pre-partying. Since students under the age of 21 can no longer get alcohol at parties, the practice of drinking before going to a party has increased, as evidenced by the large numbers of students who showed up "totally plastered," at both the Halloween and Winter Carnival parties, said an officer of Chase Hall Committee. "There are definitely more people showing up drunk than in other years."

Hard alcohol is the norm at these gatherings, and "most people, after three or four shots, can't remember how many they've downed," said Chris Tisdale, director of

health services. Students will quickly drink a lot of hard alcohol, before heading to the main party, and Tisdale said that this is a dangerous situation, and the one that most often results in people landing in the hospital with alcohol poisoning.

Tisdale fears that intoxicated people can lack good judgement about whom they are with and where they are. With females especially, safety questions about sexual assault arise.

Tisdale would like to see the student body "drop the level of drinking just a little bit," and for students to be less tolerant of damage done by drunk students — damage she refers to as "second-hand effects of alcohol."

Tisdale also said that she wants the student body to feel free to come by the Health Center if they've had too much to drink, and to spend the night and not worry about preserving their anonymity.

Students are also concerned about alcohol use on campus. Chris Williams '99 said that there is "egregious consumption of alcohol" on campus, and that people are now not meeting each other. Instead of attending a party of a few hundred students, individuals are drinking in their own small social circles, causing alcohol to lose its effect as a "social lubricant," Williams said.

The policy has "encouraged students to go underground," said Security and Campus Safety Officer Ron Lessard. "Students [would] rather risk getting caught and having the keg and tap confiscated, rather than pay for a caterer."

The Needle: Breaking the Bates Bubble

Compiled By MATT BROMLEY
Staff Writer

Translated from TF1 Infos website at:
<http://www.tf1.fr/cgi-bin/tf1/maj.cgi?infos&sommairefr.htm>

■ Iraq

A team of UN inspectors charged with supervising the disarmament of Iraq left Baghdad last Friday morning without accomplishing its mission.

This decision was made following the authority's refusal to let the UN experts work normally. For the team's leader, the American Scott Ritter, this departure does not reflect a lessening of the UN's determination. We will return, he added.

Because the composition of the team is at the center of the new crisis between Baghdad and the UN Russia and France have proposed to increase their participation regarding the disarmament missions.

Richard Butler, chief of the special Commission, visited Paris last Friday. He met with Hubert Védrine during the day and met with the Minister of Defense, Alain Richard. On the menu for discussion: placement of Parisian experts in order to permit a better representation among the mission experts.

Elsewhere, President Saddam Hussein broadcast a radio/television message on the occasion of the anniversary of the aerial attack against Iraq following the invasion of Kuwait.

■ United States: There is no age limit for going into space.

At the age of 76 astronaut John Glenn is preparing for an October space flight on board the space shuttle after an official agreement from NASA.

Thirty six years after his first launch the American will participate in experiments on the effects of weightlessness.

■ USA/Israel: Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House, MLK Day violence

The Israeli Prime Minister and Bill Clinton met, last Tuesday afternoon, for crucial discussions about the future of the Mid-East Peace Process. Just before the meeting both men unanimously condemned Yassar Arafat's, head of the Palestinian Authority, remarks last Sunday that menaced a new Intifada in case the Peace Process was blocked. The American President equally announced his intention to be firm with Mr. Netanyahu, notably on issues concerning the intransigence of the retreat conditions of the Israeli armies from

Cisjordania

In the morning Benjamin Netanyahu was received by Madeleine Albright, the American Secretary of State, who made no declaration on the issues for the interview.

Next Wednesday Yassar Arafat will be received by Bill Clinton. This will be the tenth month since Mid-East Peace Process negotiations were put on hold.

One dead and three wounded at a shooting during the annual parade in memory of the Reverend Martin Luther King Day in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

A young Afro-American of 25 years was killed, two children and one young woman of 26 years were seriously hurt.

■ Algeria: The normal violence in Algeria.

A new explosion occurred last Wednesday afternoon in the center of Alger. Witnesses reported that the explosion caused two deaths and many lightly wounded.

Since last week-end 43 people were killed in skirmishes, massacres, and bombings in diverse points around Algeria. These are the most recent statistics of violence reported last Wednesday by the Algerian press.

Last Tuesday two bombs exploded in Alger and Zeralda causing at least four deaths and more than 50 wounded. The first attack was precipitated last Tuesday in the popular quarter of Ben Aknoun in Alger causing one death and 23 wounded, six in a grave manner. The second bomb exploded a few hours later in a market in the coastal city of Zeralda causing three deaths and 30 wounded.

Elsewhere a demonstration for peace in Algeria will be held Thursday evening in Paris and many other European Capitals.

■ Cuba: The Pope arrived in Cuba last Wednesday for a historic five-day visit.

Lider Maximo asked his people to mobilize for the coming of the sovereign pontiff. More than one hundred Cuban exiles assembled last Wednesday morning in a Miami chapel in order to pray for a successful voyage.

Others returned to Cuba for the event. They found family, separated after many years. Among them was the Bishop Eduardo Boza Masvidal, age 82, expelled from Cuba in 1961 after the rise to power of Castro. Returning from Venezuela he found his parish in Havana and celebrated a mass of reconciliation between Cubans there amidst an atmosphere charged with emotion.

So we have found the missing disk. Now, if only we had a PC to translate the results from a study from last semester's Voice and Gender class. We will. Soon - in The Bates Student.

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—Richard Lewis

There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics.

— Benjamin Disraeli

Duct tape is like the Force: It has a dark side and a light side, and it holds the universe together.

— Carl Zwanzig

Writing about music is like dancing about architecture.

— anon.

You know how to tell if the teacher is hung over?? Movie Day.

— Jay Mohr

I worry that the person who thought up Muzak may be thinking up something else.

— Lily Tomlin

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Only someone who understands something absolutely can explain it so no one else can understand it.

— Rudnicki's Nobel Prize Principle

In the beginning the Universe was created. This has made a lot of people very angry and been widely regarded as a bad move.

— Douglas Adams

Common sense is the collection of prejudices acquired by age eighteen.

— Albert Einstein

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Forum

Senior analyzes latest allegations against the President Former White House intern explains the ins and outs of the claim, as well as its implications

By DAVID LIEBER
Staff Writer

The news hit late Tuesday night- President Clinton allegedly had a sexual affair with Monica Lewinsky, a White House intern, and may have obstructed justice by suborning perjury from Ms. Lewinsky.

The allegations surfaced as a result of tape recordings obtained by *Newsweek* correspondent Michael Isikoff from Linda Tripp, a former White House aide who reportedly possesses over twenty hours of taped conversations with Ms. Lewinsky. On the tapes, Ms. Lewinsky allegedly discusses in graphic detail the nature of her sexual relationship with the President, and suggests that the President and his close friend Vernon Jordan persuaded her to deny the allegations.

After recording the conversations with Ms. Lewinsky, Ms. Tripp voluntarily brought the tapes to Whitewater Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr. Starr brought the tapes to Attorney General Janet Reno for expedited consideration last week. Reno and a special three-judge panel that oversees the independent counsel agreed to the enlargement of Mr. Starr's mandate so that he could investigate the allegations contained on the tapes.

What distinguishes the Monica Lewinsky case from previous sexual liaisons President Clinton allegedly had with Gennifer Flowers and Paula Jones is the possibility that the President may have committed a crime. The issue here is not whether the President had sex with an intern, but whether he obstructed justice by persuading Ms. Lewinsky to lie about their relationship

in a deposition she was to give in the Paula Jones case.

I was fortunate enough to work in the White House as an intern last summer; I also received (by dumb luck and nothing else) the most coveted piece of intern regalia during my time at the White House: the security clearance which enabled me to travel freely throughout the West Wing of the White House, where the Oval Office is located. Only a small percentage of the 250 interns who work in the White House are permitted access to the West Wing for security purposes.

Monica Lewinsky worked in the Chief of Staff's office, located fifty feet away from the Oval Office where the President works. Interns who have access to the West Wing are frequently requested to deliver correspondence to the Oval Office Operations Office, immediately adjacent to the Oval Office itself. Ms. Lewinsky undoubtedly had the opportunity to meet and even develop a working relationship with the President because of her close proximity to the Oval office.

West Wing interns are also sometimes required to stay beyond midnight to assist in the preparation of an important upcoming event. Commentators have pointed out that President Clinton would have a difficult time explaining why Monica Lewinsky was

in the White House past midnight if Secret Service logs could substantiate her presence. I remember several times this summer, however, when I left the White House late at night to grab something to eat and then returned. It is important to note that it would not be unusual for Secret Service logs to confirm that interns were at the White House past midnight because many of them have legitimate reasons for being there.

What would be unusual, however, is for interns to be present in the executive mansion past midnight. If the Secret Service can place Monica Lewinsky in the executive mansion at any point, the President would be in the uncomfortable position of explaining why this one intern was given access to the private residence.

White House phone logs could also prove whether any correspondence between the President and Ms. Lewinsky took place following her period of employment at the White House. The tapes which Whitewater Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr possesses reportedly include messages on Ms. Lewinsky's answering machine from President Clinton. While none of these potentialities would definitively prove that President Clinton had a sexual affair or obstructed justice, they would at least cast some light on whether these allegations merit further scrutiny.

The response from the White House

has been mealy-mouthed and ambiguous. When PBS anchor Jim Lehrer asked President Clinton whether he had a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, the President answered that "There is no sexual relationship." The President expressed little emotion in his response, but what truly befuddled me was his use of the present tense. The President did not deny that a sexual relationship had occurred in the past, but rather asserted that he was not currently engaged in a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

The only emphatic denial of any sexual relationship between the President and Ms. Lewinsky came on Thursday from Vernon Jordan. In his statement, Mr. Jordan remarked that he made an attempt to secure employment for Ms. Lewinsky. How Ms. Lewinsky came to the attention of the President's best friend is a question that cries out for an answer. Mr. Jordan may be magnanimous, but why did he find the case of Monica Lewinsky so compelling (my supervisor at the White House happened to be Vernon Jordan's niece, but that did not win me any special treatment from him)? And why were concerted efforts made from within the White House to secure employment for an intern who some White House staffers believe lacked maturity? These questions (along with a score of others) remain unanswered.

F. Scott Fitzgerald remarked in *The Great Gatsby* that we ought to reserve judgement as a matter of infinite hope. But the specter of impeachment is slowly emerging on the horizon of Pennsylvania Avenue... and a cancer may be growing on this Presidency.

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How Bates Rates

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Resounding defeat of multiple candidates legislation finally enables Senior Class Elections to proceed.

Jenny Clark '98



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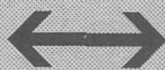
Don't think we'll see any protests over the decision to extend deadline for honors theses by one week.

Anything for a buck party



More like anything for a _uck.

Drew Miller '98



Randomly selected from Bates telephone directory to be token side-to-side arrow for this issue.

Dar Williams



Awesome folk singer and Wesleyan grad to play at Bates.

Editorial

A former editor of The Bates Student asked earlier this year:

"If a tree falls in a forest and no one is there to hear it, did it make a noise? If a policy is never spoken, could it be oral? Bates life is too complex for me."

The current editors respond:

Enjoy the silence.

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LA Law adds to Bates's fame

To the Editor:

I am on the alumni council and receive The Bates Student. I just got the January 16th issue and was reminded of a funny story when I read that Bates was mentioned on Ally McBeal. David E. Kelly producer/writer (of "LA Law" and "Ally McBeal") wrote an episode of "LA Law" where there was a law firm called Colby, Bowdoin - he also had a character vacation in Waterville. I got a bunch of

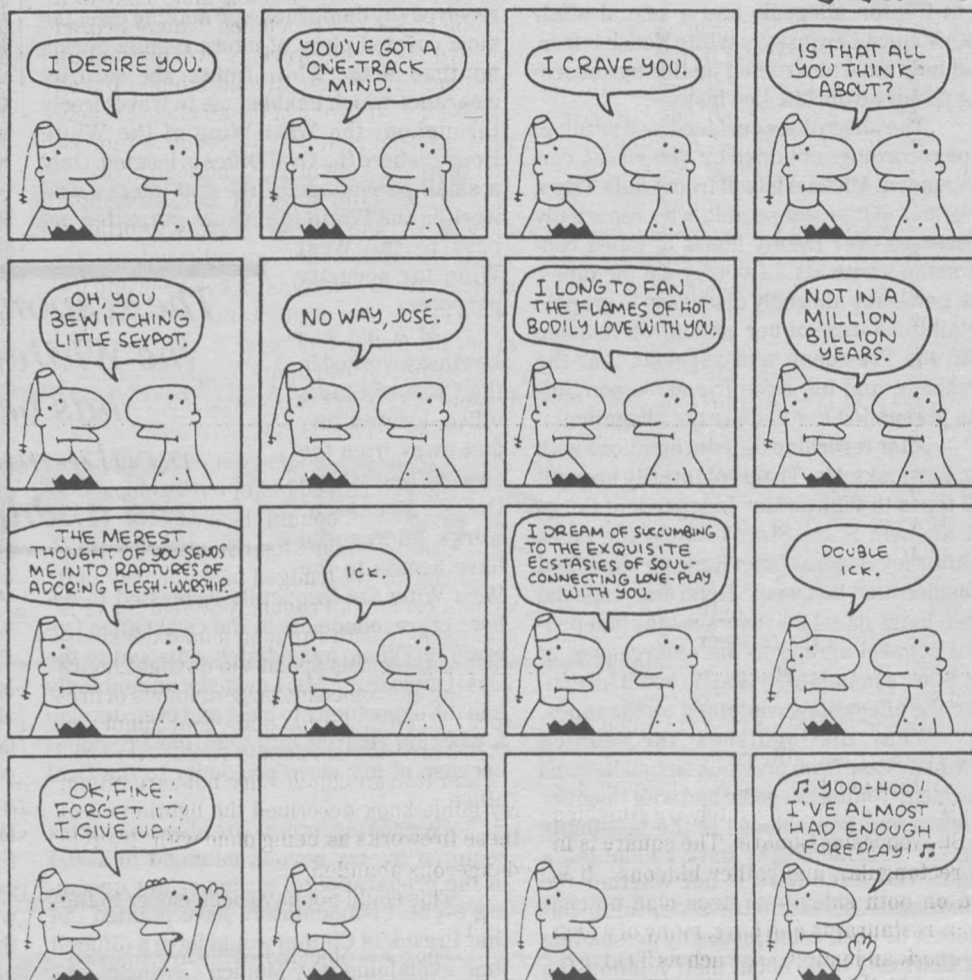
friends to sign a letter demanding equal time. He sent a letter back (kept it for my scrap book!) and sure enough several weeks later there was an "LA Law" case involving Lewiston vs. Bates.

Good to see he is keeping Bates in his shows!

Sincerely,
 Mary Capaldi Carr '88

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Foreign report: New Year's Eve in Prague

JYA correspondent rebounds from explosions and debauchery in a Westernizing world

By IAN CLEARY
Staff Writer

We had arrived in Prague two days earlier, stinking of bad food, dirty clothes and too many gin and tonics. We now sat in the lobby bar of the Club Hotel Praha, drinking beer and watching Giant Slalom skiing on TV. We were waiting for our bus into the city.

My travelling companion, Bill Boothman, was visibly nervous, and becoming visibly drunk. He was worried that we were going to miss the afternoon bus, which was understandable. We had missed the afternoon bus every day that we had been in Prague.

Bill is from "just outside New York City," a child of the superwealthy suburbs in which the powerbrokers of Manhattan raise their families, have barbecues, and play golf.

It was thanks to Bill's parents that we were quite comfortably set up in the Club Hotel, rather than in a filth-ridden hostel. I had no idea how much our stay was costing, but I could tell by the number of employees standing around waiting for something to do that it was well out of my price range.

"Waiter, another round," I yelled. "... Yeah, yeah, put it on the room."

Before our beer arrived, however, the bus did. Twenty minutes later, we stumbled into St. Wenceslas Square. The square is in fact rectangular, and rather hideous. It is lined on both sides with neon-clad hotels, stores, restaurants and bars, many of which are American institutions such as T.G.I. Fridays and Holiday Inn. It is hard to believe that this was the staging ground of the Velvet Revolution, which ended communist rule in 1989.

The southern end is dominated by the massive National Museum, a quite monstrous and foreboding building. The northern end is the gateway into the back streets of central Prague, a confusing labyrinth of narrow, cobblestone alleys. The city was in fact designed to baffle invading medieval armies.

We had been in town for a few days and knew the basics of getting around - our destination at the time was the Ufleku brewpub. The Ufleku has been operating for 500 years, and is the world's longest running brewpub.

Their beer, in my opinion, is unparalleled. We were understandably in a hurry. We walked down streets from the National Museum and the square and took a left on Vodickova, past a frighteningly large church, a right on Lazarska, a left on Spalena and down Myslikova onto Kremencova and through the huge wooden doors of the Ufleku.

We had first been through those doors on a search for the American expatriate community that is rumored to live in Prague. According to the American media there are more than 30,000 Americans soul-searching in the Czech capital. The Czech government puts the number closer to 6,000. Whatever the number, it is generally agreed that the post-communist- cheap-beer-I'm-the-next-Hemingway days are over.

Which was too bad; I had gotten my hopes up about finding a community of fellow Americans who had gotten sick of fast food, mindnumbing television, sell-out politicians and poor job prospects; people who actually wanted to live life rather than stack their resumes.

Tragically, in a two-night search, all that we found was a couple of tables of guys in a sports bar, wearing white hats and cheering for the Lions.

The Ufleku was quite busy for 1 p.m., but our waiter managed to find us a couple of seats on a long wooden table next to a troupe of young Frenchmen, who appeared to have spent the previous evening and all the time in between, at said table. I pulled up a seat next to one of the stockier Frenchmen, who immediately introduced himself and began talking about American sports.

The waiter brought a tray of shots around. At the Ufleku the way to order a beer is to drink a shot - an entirely fantastic system. We drank shots, drank beer, and listened to our new, large French friend babble about the Dallas Cowboys.

After several hours of this we decided to move onto phase two. It was, after all, New Year's Eve. The bill came to roughly five bucks. We paid it, bought our friend another drink, and staggered out into the cold as the sun began to set behind the city.

The New Year's festivities were getting into swing as we trudged back the way that we had come. In Prague, New Year's Eve is synonymous with random, loud explosions. Most of the locals spend the daylight hours drinking and amassing large amounts of fireworks. The M80 type ones, that simply go BANG! are the most popular, but bottle rockets and Roman candles are not rare either. My guide book described the lighting off of these fireworks as being done with "frankly dangerous abandon."

This could not have been closer to the truth.

The main objective of the average fireworks-tosser seemed to be scaring the hell out of as many people as possible. They would sneak up behind unwary victims, light the explosive, drop it, and casually walk away. If the victim was unable to detect the mini-bomb ticking away at his feet, he would sustain a momentary, but utter, state of shock when it went off.

By the time we had reached the opposite end of St. Wenceslas Square we were well accustomed to the spontaneous explosions going on all around us. As the night went on the explosions only got more frequent, and the pyrotechnic arsenals of Prague's citizenry seemed never to dwindle.

It was through these explosions that we made our way to the Taz Pub, in that central yet confusing part of the city. We had chosen the Taz to do our serious New Year's Eve drinking for two reasons.

The first was that all bars were charging a nighttime cover and the Taz was the cheapest. The second reason was that it was the only place in town which advertised an indoor fireworks display.

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As we approached the Taz there were a large number of young locals hanging about the entrance selling drugs. We were offered a dizzying array of narcotics, including the local speed, which is called piko. It is commonly known as the single worst amphetamine in all of Europe, and we avoided it.



St. Wenceslas Square in Prague.

Photo courtesy of Prague Information Service

We did, however, buy two grams of excellent marijuana for \$7. It is important to point out here that the Bates Study Abroad Handbook advocates a very "When in Rome ..." approach to investigating foreign culture. At the Taz, the Romans were hopelessly stoned.

Drug possession is legal in Prague. Dealing, however, is not. That was fine by us, as we had no intention of selling anything.

The Taz consists of a large bar and two side rooms. The decor is a mix of pseudo-Spanish interior design, and the dorm room of a snowboarding enthusiast. Having bought our drugs and paid the cover, we moved purposefully into one of the side rooms. A large, Viking-like bartender soon brought us two beers, for which we were charged a dollar.

We ordered two absinthes before he left, and they soon arrived at our table. Absinthe is an alcohol made from wormwood; it is 150 proof, and banned in most countries because it has been shown to cause insanity.

We drank beer and absinthe for a long while. We tried to talk to the locals, which was impossible, due to both drunkenness and a language barrier.

We were starting to smoke a joint as the indoor fireworks display began. All around us people pulled fireworks from their coats, lit them, and threw them about the room. I saw a man in one corner: a fat, bald man. He was holding what appeared to be a half-stick of dynamite, wrapped in tin foil, with lots of wires spreading out from its core.

We ran.

Our timing was perfect, however, as we were able to buy two bottles of champagne and head down to Old Town Square as the stroke of midnight approached. Old Town Square is a majestic sight during the day. It is actually square (unlike St. Wenceslas Square), ringed by ancient buildings, and loomed over by even more ancient churches.

The cobblestone streets and serf-looking buskers give it a quite old, quite European feel.

The spires of the churches frame the sky in an entirely alien sort of way. Altogether, Old Town Square can be quite invigorating during the day.

On New Year's Eve, however, Old Town Square was sheer bedlam. It was the number of people that scared me the most as we rounded the corner into the square champagne in hand.

Thousands of obscenely intoxicated tourists and locals had formed a circle around the center of the square, and were busily trying to scare each other. So many fireworks had been lit that a thick blanket of smoke hung just off the ground.

At this point the booze, the joints, the smoke, the explosions, the cobblestone and the churches all conspired to make me feel that I was an extra in a bad World War II docu-drama. A bottle rocket, whizzing inches over my head jerked me back to reality.

My hallucinations would have been anti-climactic anyway. There was no countdown to 1998 in Old Town Square. At some point there was a wave of loud cheering and the entire square seemed to catch fire for several minutes. Then people began to disperse slowly and return to the parties from which they had come.

The main event was over.

I woke the next morning on the floor, fully clothed and feeling absolutely terrible. I noticed that Bill had managed to get into his bed, but had apparently been unable to remove his shoes.

Then panic struck. I shot up off of the floor, clambered to the bedside table and checked Bill's alarm clock. It was past eight. We had missed our train to Munich.

We had planned to take the early train to Munich in order to catch our plane back to school. We had set the alarm before leaving the room the day before, figuring that if we did make it back to the hotel on New Year's Eve, we would need something to get us up at 6 a.m.

In retrospect, this was an extremely foolish plan. My head throbbed, my body ached, my hands smelled strange.

I kicked Bill - quite hard. He wheezed and sputtered to life.

"Did the alarm go off?" I asked.

"I don't know. I don't think so. It might have. I might have shut it off," he groaned. "What time is it?"

"Eight," I said. "We missed our train."

I spent the next two hours on the phone, finding us an alternative method of transportation to Munich. I was severely exhausted, still drunk and nearly broke. I had no desire to spend another night away from my own bed simply because Bill had messed up our entire travel plan with one push of the snooze button.

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Lunch at Austin's

Jane Costlow's exclusive post-ice storm interview

By TINA IYER
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The lunch that I had planned with Associate Professor of Russian Jane Costlow, a recent returnee from the Bates fall program to Nantes, France, did not begin auspiciously. We'd had to reschedule our first date given the ice storm and the lack of power and heat that had created chaos in our lives, and once we had finally decided on a time, the weather hadn't taken much of a turn for the better.

Costlow had regained her power the night before our meal (I was still grimly without), but life had not yet returned to normal. We drove to Austin's in Costlow's car, which could only be entered from the back driverside door (the other doors were iced shut.)

Over steaming cups of coffee we continued our conversation on biraciality. Costlow's husband is of Indian descent, as

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am I, and so we discuss issues of raising biracial children and being a "non-Indian Indian" in India. We chatted informally as we waited for our food, leaning in to talk over the lunchtime crowd huddled in Austin's, a small oasis of heat, food, and comfort.

It seemed selfish, however, to dominate an interview with a personal talk, and so the conversation turned to Costlow's time in France. I mentioned that it seemed somehow odd to me (and perhaps to others) that Costlow, herself a professor of Russian, should have led a program to France.

Of course, there was an easy explanation. "I was a double major in college, and the people in the French department have

known that for awhile," Costlow said.

Costlow explained that she had begun studying French at age 11; her Russian language focus began only during her undergraduate days. Wellversed in French, Costlow's language skills encouraged Associate Professor of French Kirk Read to ask her last year if she would consider joining him as a leader for the Fall Semester Abroad program to Nantes. "It hadn't even entered my thinking that I would be the second person," said Costlow, and while she felt that her French "had been dormant for fifteen years," she recognized the opportunity of living in a country that she had only briefly visited and never spent an extended period of time in.

It was then that the lights in Austin's flickered. Behind the counter, Austin muttered, "Oh, come on..." Heeding his wishes, the power stayed on.

Although Costlow clearly enjoyed her stay in Nantes, her first linguistic love is Russian, but she acknowledged the difficulty of being in the Russian department at Bates, where enrollment is akin to "a roller coaster" and fluctuates from greatly from year to year. Costlow said that once the department is able to attract students, the students remain motivated and excited about their subject of study, usually going to Russia to study abroad. "We have trouble at the front end," said Costlow.

What has impressed Costlow in recent years about students of Russian at Bates is there choice to pursue more than one discipline. "There is a real strength in [students] having other majors and also doing a lot of Russian - making the connection to other disciplines," she said.

What frustrates Costlow, however, about the sporadic interest in Russian is that "there are significant opportunities for employment in Russia now for people with Russian skills."

As we ate our sandwiches, Austin recognized Costlow and leaned over the counter to greet her. He asked about her power; Costlow grinned and responded that it had returned to her the day before. Austin nodded knowingly and said that he could tell just by looking at a person whether or not they had electricity.

I asked him if I had power. He looked at me intently. "You have power," he said. I shook my head. Even Austin makes mistakes.

Costlow began studying Russian while an undergraduate at Duke University in



Associate Professor of Russian Jane Costlow warms up at Austin's.

Tina Iyer photo

North Carolina, but her interest was sparked during high school, when a "wonderful English teacher" had Costlow's class read Dostoevsky's "The Brothers Karamazov."

"When I read that novel, I thought, there is something here that really speaks to me," Costlow said.

Furthermore, Costlow had a love for Russian music and all foreign languages and cultures in general. Growing up in a home with a biologist father who had many foreign contacts, Costlow was exposed from a young age to the different experiences of others, and wanted to pursue the study of other cultures. Russian and Russian culture proved the perfect discipline since "I wanted a hard language."

Costlow spent some time as a translator, but recognized early on that translating was not a career that she wanted to devote herself to.

She earned her graduate degree at Yale University, and began teaching at Bates in 1986. Hired to teach Russian language, Costlow, encouraged by her department, also expanded her courses to include the literature of Russian women.

Russian literature is known for its greatness and the enormous impact that writers such as Gogol, Pushkin, Chekov, Tolstoy, and Dostoevsky, have made. Russian women's writing, however, seems largely peripheral. According to Costlow, some of the interest in Russian women was inspired by American women who defined what has come to be known as the women's liberation movement. Of course, Russian women are also involved in defining the importance of their own liberation movements and history, but it is still a small area of research.

"It was only at the end of the 19th cen-

tury that there began to appear women who wrote with confidence and a breath of freedom," Costlow said.

For this reason, the course that Costlow is currently teaching on Russian women's writing is "weighted to the 20th century, but with a sense of the tradition behind it."

I asked Costlow about the issue of teaching literature in translation. While some of the more "popular" languages at Bates teach literature courses only in the native language of the author, the departments of Russian and Japanese, for example, also offer literature classes in translation for the benefit of students who are not adept in these languages.

"It's really important for students at Bates to read. Period," said Costlow, "and to read broadly. To read in translation as much as possible."

This is especially true because students in the department of German, Russian, and East Asian Languages and Literatures (GREALL) do not come in to Bates with the same knowledge of the languages as students of French and Spanish often do.

"It seems to me that in a liberal arts curriculum you want people to have read Tolstoy, for example," Costlow said, and also important Asian authors.

Our meal ended almost abruptly, since both of us had work to catch up on and a life to reassemble after the ice storm. We clambered back in to Costlow's car and made our way carefully over the ice back to campus.

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A night in Prague

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There were no other trains that would get us to Munich on time, so I booked us a shuttle flight.

Bill had gone back to sleep shortly after I had kicked him awake. He explained that his privileged upbringing left him utterly useless during times in which he was expected to do things other than spend money. I kicked him out of bed again when it was time to leave.

Our taxi driver, like all Prague taxi drivers, paid absolutely no regard to the traffic regulations of the Czech highways and so we found ourselves at the airport with plenty of time to spare.

After smoking our last joint, I relaxed in a waiting area of the airport and tried to burn a few lasting images of Prague into my mind. I thought of the cobblestone alleys, the church spires, the long wooden tables of the Ufleku - postcard Prague. Then I thought of the neon lights, the American restaurants, and the guys in white hats. I couldn't decide which parts, in what quantities, constituted the real Prague.

Bill said, "I'm hungry. Let's eat something."

I had the number two meal, large.

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Student T.G.I.F. series begins

Todd Robbins '99 speaks about the environment and public policy

By TINA IYER
Features Editor

Todd Robbins '99 is inaugurating the 1998 series of TGIF student lectures today at 4:15 p.m. in Muskie Archives. His topic is "Public Policy Along the Penobscot River in Maine and the Problem of Dioxin."

Robbins, a biology major who spends his free time playing guitar in a punk-ska band and spinning discs at WRBC clarified that "the title [of the lecture] is not exactly representative of what I'm going to talk about." Rather, Robbins said he will discuss what he did during the summer of 1997, when he had a Ladd internship (through the Office of Career Services) with the Environmental Protection Agency. Robbins will also explain the problems that he encountered along the Penobscot.

Last summer Robbins was located at the EPA's Region 1 (New England) office. "I was involved in several aspects of environmental management," he said, explaining that he undertook such tasks as performing toxicology tests on waste treatment plants and making trips to Connecticut to "locate discharge sites into the Connecticut River."

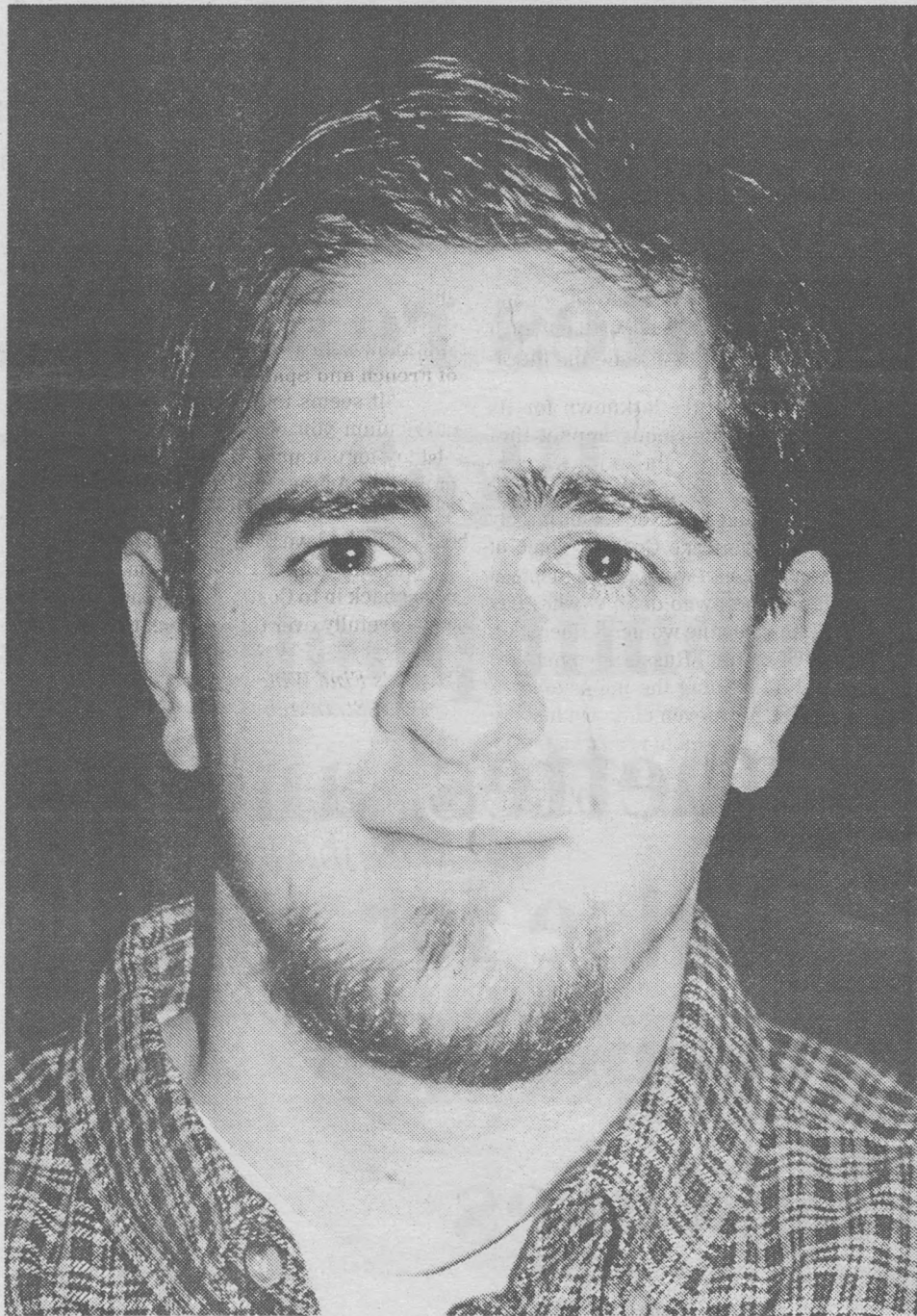
Robbins said his duties also included "travelling to the Penobscot region to inves-

tigate the health of the river and the public policy issues that affect Native Americans, in particular the Penobscot Indians, and Maine in general."

The issues that Robbins will speak on cover both environmental and public policy concerns. For example, there is the problem of dioxin which is discharged by industries, which in turn affects the Penobscot Indian nation. The Indians' ancestral rights to fish have been disturbed since it is no longer safe to eat the fish.

Robbins, who grew up on the ocean in New Castle, N.H., has been interested in environmental issues for a few years. He has a Career Discovery Internship Program internship in Seattle lined up for this February break; he will work with a Bates alumna who is a water quality specialist and who works for a private environmental organization. Robbins said he wants "to compare the differences between the private environmental organizations and the federal agency."

"Fresh water is an issue that is important to all of us," he said. "The beauty of Maine is something that we should all be concerned with because if we take it for granted, it can be a limited resource."



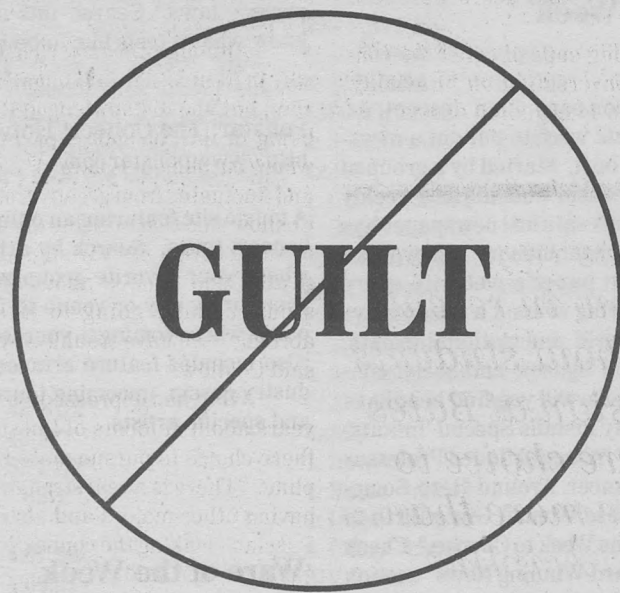
Junior Todd Robbins will speak this afternoon about his summer with the EPA.

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Around cyberspace

Computer guru takes a look at cool stuff on the 'Net

By **ROB PELKEY**
Online Editor

Yo! Starting with this issue, I'll be putting together a weekly column on computer-related topics. In addition to publishing software and website reviews, I hope to answer your technical questions about Macs, PC's, or computers in general.

No topic is too simple, or too complicated - anything from "Why do Macs have weird power switches?" to "How does the Internet work?" If you have any such questions, or suggestions for software or sites to be reviewed in this column, feel free to e-mail them to me at rpelkey.

Sites of the Week

The Onion

<http://www.theonion.com/>
If *Weekend Update* were to put out a newspaper, this would be it. Started by a group of University of Wisconsin students as a weekly events calendar, this satirical newspaper has grown into a cult phenomenon. A new issue is released to the paper's web site every Wednesday, featuring around a dozen news items spoofing world and national events, prominent cultural figures, and social conditions; nowhere else will you find headlines like "New York City Installs Special 'Infants-Only' Dumpsters," "Absent-Minded Professor Says Cure For Cancer 'Around Here Somewhere'," or "Chinese Woman Gives Birth to Septuplets, Has One Week to Choose." Check out the site's "Award-Winning News" section for the best articles from the paper's two-year online history.

Bates Offline

<http://www.nb.net/~bates/>
This site, put together by a group of recent Bates alums, portrays a side of Bates life you won't find in any admissions publication. From inebriated WRBC DJ's taking to the airwaves on Newman Day to the goalposts getting tossed into the Puddle after the 1995 Bowdoin football victory, this site profiles the "glory days" of campus life when Page parties were a weekend staple and liquor inspectors did all their "inspecting" at the liquor commission offices. The site includes a section on The Bill in its heyday, featuring dramatic pictures of a 1992(?) Senior Week bonfire on the front lawn, and Quicktime video of Bill residents bowing before the porcelain god after a night of drunken revelry.

The Simpsons Archive

<http://www.snpp.com/>
Everything you ever wanted to know about *The Simpsons*. This site features episode summaries for every *Simpsons* show ever broadcast, previews of upcoming episodes, and frequently-asked-question lists about many aspects of the show, from the most basic questions ("which one's Itchy and which

one's Scratchy?") to long documents on very specific topics (e.g. Simthers' sexuality). Now if only someone would put up a *King of the Hill* archive...

Switchboard

<http://www.switchboard.com/>
This site lets you search a directory of millions of postal addresses, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers, effectively allowing you to look up any address or phone number in the U.S. While it's great for looking up distant relatives, renewing contact with old friends, or just finding out how many people in America have the same name as you (I counted 52 Robert Pelkeys), sites like these are a great argument for more restrictive privacy laws. Search this site and you'll know what it feels like to be Big Brother.

Pollstar: The Concert Hotwire

<http://www.pollstar.com/>
A music site featuring an online database of concert tours. Search by artist to find out where your favorite group will be playing soon, or by city or venue to find out which bands will be coming to your town, and when. Also includes feature articles on music industry gossip, upcoming tours and albums, and specific artists.

'Ware of the Week

Snood

by David Dobson; \$10 shareware
<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~dob/snood.html>

Snood is a new puzzle game that resembles Tetris in a number of ways; it has a brainless, addictive quality that hooks you in for hours of neuron-numbing fun. The nonviolent, self-paced gameplay and wacky, garish graphics make Snood a hit for the whole family, not just bored collage students.

Is it just me, or was half the campus addicted to this game during finals week? It seemed I couldn't set foot in a computer lab without either seeing someone wasting their time playing Snood, or seeing a copy of Snood on a computer left behind by a previous user. Snood mania even led WRBC members to start comparing high scores over the WRBC e-mail list. (None of them topped my own high score, 231,688 in Puzzle mode.) Game tip for those Snood junkies seeking similar glory: start in the Easy through Hard levels, then train yourself in Evil level; once you've beaten Evil level a few times, then try Puzzle mode for the ultimate challenge.

Snood is currently available for the Mac only. Don't despair, PC users; the author promises a beta for Windows 95 at the end of February, so you too will soon have the chance to get addicted.

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Scoreboard

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Men's Indoor Track

U-Mass Lowell at Bates, Dec. 6

With more than half of their points coming in the field events, the Bates College men's indoor track team defeated Division II UMass Lowell in a dual meet for just the second time in nine meetings today, 81-62. The Bobcats scored 42 of their 81 points in field events, led by sweeps in the long jumps, 35-pound weight throw, high jump and triple jump. In the weight throw, junior Bill McEvila (West Hartford, Conn.) became the Bobcats' first qualifier for the NCAA Division III indoor track championships, qualifying provisionally with a throw of 53 feet, 1/2 inch. Division III cross-country All-American Matt Twiest (Albuquersue, N.M.) won the 5000-meter run by 15 seconds with a time of 15:11.3. Bates had not defeated UMass-Lowell in a dual meet since 1990, losing the last five meetings. TEAM SCORES: Bates (81), U-Mass Lowell (62)

* - New England Div. III qualifier

- provisional National Div. III qualifier

5000m RUN

1	Matt Twiest	15:11.3 *
2	Mike Danahy	15:26.6 *
4	Brendan Haehy	15:50.8
5	Kurt Dersheimier	16:31.4
6	Dave Ennis	16:48.9

WEIGHT THROW

1	Billy McEvila	53' 1/2" *#
2	Lucas Adams	51' 4 1/4" *
3	Rob Davis	47'6"
6	Eric Potter	37' 5 1/2"
7	Paul Yamin	36' 11"
8	Lyle Estell	35' 6 1/2"
9	Chris Russell	34' 9 1/2"

LONG JUMP

1	Erik Zwick	19' 8 1/4"
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2	Chris Colapietro	18' 8 3/4"
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POLE VAULT

2	Jeff Crowder	11' 0"
3	Adam Thompson	11' 0"

MILE RUN

3	Scott Balicki	4:45.72
4	Mike Crocker	5:00.79

55M HIGH HURDLES

1	Adam Thompson	8.56
3	Erik Zwick	9.33

400M Dash

2	Mark Makela	55.12
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3	Peter Kawada	58.48
4	Kapil Bahl	63.67

HIGH JUMP

1	Jeff Snyder	5'8"
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500m Dash

1	Trevor Emory	1:10.41
2	Kapil Bahl	1:14.27
4	Brian Curtis	1:16.72

2	Mark Makela	55.12
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3	Peter Kawada	58.48
4	Kapil Bahl	63.67

Shot Put

1	Lucas Adams	44' 5"
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2	Bill McEvila	43'4"
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6	Eric Potter	36' 2"
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550M Dash

3	Rico Herring	6.98
4	Jim Spath	7.67

800M Run

3	Scott Balicki	2:09.85
4	Chris Lau	2:33.80

Triple Jump

1	Arron Shapiro	42' 9 1/2"
2	Chris Colapeitro	32' 6 1/4"

1000m Run

2	Mike Crocker	2:55.03
3	Nick Deysher	3:06.76
4	Chris Somma	3:12.75

200m Dash

2	Rico Hering	24.06
4	Peter Kuwada	26.22

5	Jim Spath	27.20
6	John Chapin	27.26

3000 M RUN

2	John Culinan	9:09.25
4	Steve Dutton	9:16.56
5	John McGrath	9:29.75

4x400m RELAY

2	Bates	3:38.79
3.	Bates	3:46.02

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Quad Cup at Bowdoin, Jan. 17

The Bobcats raised their record to 4-0 on the season by winning the Bowdoin Quad cup by 59 points over Bowdoin. Bates had wins in four events, three of them in field events. Leading the way was sophomore Kevin Stroman (New York, N.Y.) in the triple jump, with a leap of 43 feet, 5.5 inches. classmate Lucas Adams (Nottingham, N.H.) continued the Bates domination of the weight throw with a heave of 54 feet, six inches, just ahead of teammate Billy McEvila (West Hartford, Conn.), who threw 54 feet even. Both qualified provisionally for the NCAA championships, McEvila improving an earlier mark. Junior Jeff Snyder (Glastonbury, Conn.) won the high jump for Bates with a jump of six feet even. Finally, sophomore Matt Twiest (Albuquerque, N.M.) took the 800-meter run in 2:02.07.

TEAM SCORES

1	Bates	211.5
2	Bowdoin	152.5
3	Colby	133
4	USM	49

TRIPLE JUMP

1.	K. Stroman	43'5 1/2"
2.	A. Shapiro	40'11"
3.	D. Lopes	37'1 1/2"
4.	C. Colapietro	33'8"

1500 METERS

1.	P. Johnson	4:07.90
2.	M. Danahy	4:09.01
3.	E. Herring	4:10.00
6.	S. Dutton	4:13.0

HIGH JUMP

1.	J. Snyder	6'0"
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4x400

1.	Colby	3:32.84
2.	Bates	3:38.10

5000 METERS

3.	J. Cullinan	16:00.43
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POLE VAULT

3.	J. Crowder	12'
4.	A. Thompson	11'6"
6.	J. Spath	10'

4x800

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2.	Bates	8:26.63
3.	USM	8:36.41
4.	Colby	8:50.67

SHOT PUT

4.	W. McEvila	43'2"
5.	L. Adams	43'1 1/2"

3.	A. Shapiro	5'8"
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400 METERS

4.	P. Beeson	56.21
5.	B. Curtis	57.06

600 METERS

2.	T. Emory	1:28.14
3.	M. Makela	1:29.96
4.	C. Lau	1:43.00

55M HURDLES

3.	A. Thompson	8.65
4.	C. LeBlanc	8.85
5.	E. Zwick	8.91

55M DASH

6.	A. Shapiro	7.14
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WEIGHT THROW

1.	L. Adams	54'6"
2.	W. McEvila	54'0"

LONG JUMP

2.	E. Zwick	20'2"
4.	K. Stroman	19'4 1/2"

800 METERS

1.	M. Twiest	2:02.04
3.	S. Balicki	2:07.02

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2.	J. McGrath	2:39.10
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The Arts

Dar Williams plays concert tonight

Wesleyan folksinger has more on the agenda than just music

By JOANNA STANDLEY
Staff Writer

Hailed as "the most promising of the new breed of singer/songwriters" by *Spin* magazine, and said to have "the soul of a poet and the heart of a kid" by *The Chicago Tribune*, Dar Williams brings her talent to Bates, where she will perform in the chapel at 8 p.m. tonight. Currently touring to promote her most recent recording, "End of the Summer," released this past July, Williams also has two other critically acclaimed albums, "The Honesly Room" (1995) and "Mortal City" (1996), which together have sold over 150,000 copies.

Known for her witty and introspective songs, Williams' style has been compared to that of Joni Mitchell and Joan Baez with a twist. Receiving rave reviews for her appearances at such festivals as the Newport Folk Festival and this summer's Lilith Fair, as well as being featured on Fox's hit series *Party of Five*, Williams has established herself as one of the preeminent singer-songwriters of her generation.

Raised in Westchester County, New York, Williams was playing guitar and writing songs by age eleven. An early fan of folk, some of her favorite artists were Judy Collins, Joan Baez, Simon & Garfunkel, and the Byrds. A sports injury in her sophomore year of high school forced her to turn her attention elsewhere. She found her niche as a self-professed "theater nerd" and wrote music and plays for the remainder of her high school years.



WAC and the Freewill Folk Society welcome singer Dar Williams tonight in the Chapel

Williams attended Wesleyan University, where she majored in religion and theater. After graduation she moved to Boston and worked as a stage manager for an opera

company. Meanwhile, she wrote music and took voice lessons and soon her instructor encouraged her to try the coffeehouse circuit. After spending two years in Boston,

which Williams refers to as the "boot camp of folk," she headed out to Northampton, MA, where she quickly became a favorite with the college and coffeehouse crowds.

Tonight's concert is sponsored by the Women's Action Coalition and the Freewill Folk Society, which are collaborating for the first time. Both groups saw Williams as the most appropriate performer for the event. "Dar fits quite well into a WAC/Freewill coalition," explained Ethan Miller '00, secretary of FFS. "WAC is a group striving towards a world vision based in love, community, and equality. Freewill is striving to support, encourage, and preserve the folk art that embodies such values." Other groups that are helping to sponsor the event include the Jewish Cultural Community, the multicultural center, Sangai Asia, and the New World Coalition. Miller added, "All eloquent waxing aside, we're bringing Dar because we all dig her."

Tonight's concert is about more than just good music. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the "Maine Won't Discriminate" campaign against referendum Question 1, a citizen initiated ballot question, that, Miller explains, "will legalize discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation." Students will have the opportunity to obtain information on the issue surrounding the ballot question and to register to vote and Williams herself will make an announcement to show her support for the campaign.

Tickets will be sold at the door. The tickets are \$8 for Bates, Bowdoin, and Colby students and \$12 for others.

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It doesn't get any better than this

By SHAWN P. O'LEARY
Staff Writer

With established actors such as Helen Hunt, Jack Nicholson, Cuba Gooding Jr. and Greg Kinear, "As Good As It Gets" appears to be aptly named. Nicholson plays a racist and homophobic author who also suffers from mental illness and manages to irritate all that know him, including a waitress at his favorite restaurant and his homosexual neighbor.

Carol, played by Hunt, constantly struggles to obtain adequate health care for her ailing child. Melvin (Nicholson) wins Carol over by providing her son with health care. Simon (Kinear), the neighbor, and an artist, is assaulted by one of his models and suffers financial ruin due to lack of medical insurance. In a desperate attempt to salvage his life, Simon is forced to travel to his parents' home to ask for money. Melvin is volun-

teered by Simon's agent, played by Gooding, to drive Simon to his home. Melvin accepts on the condition that Carol goes along as well. The movie enters its comedic high point at this stage.

Though Melvin suffers from mental illness and makes frequent comments that cross the line of decency, Carol warms up to Melvin throughout the early stages of the movie. On more than one occasion Carol intervenes in situations that would have otherwise resulted in Melvin's expulsion from the restaurant. Though the eventual romance between Melvin and Carol appears charming, it does seem to be a bit of a stretch.

Billed as a romantic comedy, "As Good As It Gets" delivers. It is light hearted and easy to follow and has few, if any, slow points. Moreover, many in the audience particularly enjoyed the frequent close ups on the tiny dog owned by Kinear's character. If a rating of one reflects "Attack of the Killer Tomatoes" and a ten is representative of "insert epic movie of choice here" then "As Good As It Gets" scores an eight.

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Upcoming in Arts:

Review of Narrative Quilts by Michael Cummings in the Olin Museum of Art.

Jazz master Robin Eubanks to give free concert at end of month

By NILS VAN OTTERLOO
Staff Writer

Attention lovers of Jazz Music! On January 31 at 8 p.m. in the Chapel, Trombonist Robin Eubanks will perform at Bates. This should prove to be the Jazz concert of the year, so be sure to reserve your tickets (available through the Olin front office) early. Best of all, this concert will be presented free of charge to Bates students and faculty.

Eubanks comes from a very musical family. One of his brothers, Kevin Eubanks, is the Music Director for The Tonight Show, and the youngest brother of the Eubanks family, Duane, just made his recording debut as a trumpeter on Eubank's CD, "Wake Up Call." His uncle, Ray Bryant, has been prominent on the jazz scene for decades, and his mother has been a music educator for more than 30 years. At the age of eight, Robin began playing the trombone and studying theory, harmony, and arranging through high school and college. After graduating cum laude from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, he moved to New York.

Since his arrival in New York, Robin has had a wide range of musical experiences including being the Music Director for Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers, arranging, composing and performing for McCoy Tyner's Big Band, Slide Hampton's Jazz Masters, and he is currently a member of Dave Holland's Quintet. Recently, he was a

featured soloist, composer and arranger on J.J. Johnson's Brass Orchestra. "It was an unbelievable honor that J.J. commissioned me to compose a piece for his new CD and be a featured soloist," said Eubanks.

Eubanks has toured and recorded with such diverse musicians as the Rolling Stones, Talking Heads, and Barbra Streisand on her historic 1994 tour. He has performed on several television shows and specials including The Tonight Show featuring Jay Leno, Saturday Night Live, the Grammy Awards, and Motown at the Apollo. He has worked on several projects for Broadway and film. He has recorded six CDs as a leader who has received worldwide critical praise, and he leads his own groups which have toured Europe and Japan.

Eubanks is a national clinician for Yamaha Musical Instruments. He is on the faculty at the Manhattan School of Music and adjunct faculty at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. He also teaches privately in New York and has taught and delivered seminars at universities and colleges throughout the world. Eubanks is a chief proponent in developing the sound and utilization of the electric trombone.

Quotes from the critics:

"Robin Eubanks scoops out of two springs: his excellent technique and unbelievable musical curiosity. On "Mental Images" Robin Eubanks again proves to be a pioneer for the jazz of the future."

-Body and Soul

"Imposing spectrum from African jazz onto sensitive soloing."

-Stereo Magazine (Germany)

"Robin Eubanks is one of the key emerging voices of his generation."

-New York Daily News

"Long-awaited album by trombonist Robin Eubanks is another diverse, progressive set that makes good use of stellar sidemen Randy Brecker, Antonio Hart, Dave Holland, Marvin "Smitty" Smith and telegenic brother Kevin Eubanks...The Eubanks Bros. duet on "Union 2-Brotherly Love" is a rhapsodic beauty..."

-Billboard Magazine

In recent years Bates has been graced by great Jazz personalities such as Chick Corea, as well as many others, and this show should not prove to be lacking in either virtuosic talent nor musical taste. This is certainly one of the top events of the Bates musical calendar, so don't miss out!

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Sports

'Cats bust rivals in Quad-Cup

Track meet victory sets stage for season

By EVAN JARASHOW
Staff Writer

Last Saturday the Bates Bobcats opened up the Quad-Cup Indoor Track season with an impressive victory. The meet featured a fantastic overall team effort, and some outstanding individual performances that led to a 59 point victory. Bowdoin followed with 152.5 points, next was Colby with 133 points, and USM finished with 49.

The places where Bates stands out are the throwing events and the middle/high distances. Throwers Billy McEvila '99 (captain), and Lucas Adams '00 have earned valuable points each week at the top of the leader board, and have both have qualified provisionally for the National Championships. They took the top two places in the 35-pound weight throw, and asserted themselves perhaps as the best throwing tandem in the

country.

Bates received some other noteworthy individual performances. Junior captain Aaron Shapiro led the team with 16 points taking second in the Triple-Jump to Kevin Stroman '00, third in the high-jump and 6th in the 55 meter dash. John McGrath '00 extended himself to a time of 2:39 in the 1,000 meter run, and Mike Danahy posted a time of 4:09 in the 1,500 run. Both men established times that rank them in the top ten in New England in their respective events, and Stroman staked a claim to the #2 ranking in the triple jump. Matt Twiest '00 is currently ranked 2nd in the 5,000 meter run with a time of 15:11.

Although the performances at the top are worth the most points, it's the accumulation of points from the 2nd through 6th places that wins meets for teams. Luckily, depth is an area where this team shines. In

the first of what we hope will be many team efforts, the 'Cats had 45 performances that earned points from an unheard-of 29 people. Bates athletes won 4 events worth 40 points, but the ensuing performances were worth 171.5 points, and that was where Bates claimed the meet.

However, this does not mean that Bates can necessarily count on a State of Maine victory. Other Maine teams will be improving throughout the season, and may be primed to steal a meet from the now-favored Bobcats. "It will take a great effort on our part to maintain what we have established. We will need to get much stronger, and the meet against MIT this coming weekend should be a great test of what kind of a team we really are," said track coach Al Fereshetian.

This weekend, Bates is hosting the second meet in the Quad-Cup series. MIT is

coming to town, and should provide an accurate barometer of how far this team can go. The two teams were rivals during the cross country season and the indoor-track season should be more of the same. Look for some fireworks in the distance events of the 1,000 meters and all the way up the line to the 5,000. MIT's strength in those particular fields could hurt the Bobcats as they will be forced to split some of those valuable points mentioned earlier. Bates will need to take the field events that we are already favored in, and try and pick up some points in the sprint events. If all this falls into place, it could be a great meet.

For all interested in attending, the key races to watch are the 800, 1,000, and the 1,500. Both teams have individuals ranked in the top 10 in each event, and it's shaping up to be a nice battle. The first race is at 1 p.m. at Merrill Gym, this Saturday.

SPORTS CORNER

Superbowl: just an excuse for beer on a school night?

Richter sounds off on football tradition

By DAVE RICHTER
Sports Columnist

Well it's that time of year again where we gather around our TVs with the fattiest foods imaginable, a few gallons of beer, uh I mean soda, and a bunch of your best friends who are about as brain-dead as you, for what will once again be the "biggest television event of the year". You can bet I will be the first one down there in front of my TV watching some lame pre-game special. In an effort to boost ratings they will be trying to make this sound like an even matchup. I think we all know how this one will end before it even starts. Even with the game being days away from starting, it is such a blowout that the Packers are already up by ten. Still, we will all gather around and watch this game in record numbers. Why? Because its an excuse to drink on a school night? Maybe. Because there is nothing better to do? Possibly. The real reason we know as to why we all watch the Super Bowl is tradition. That, and the commercials which provide the majority of the entertainment.

Despite the fact that I know how dumb a tradition this is, I will be the first to sit down and take part. It is one of your duties as an American citizen to watch. For those of you who need drama, think of it as a movie you have seen fifteen times before. You know how it will end but you still seem to think that maybe this time it will end differently. Just keep pretending that, and you might find the Super Bowl exciting, at least for the first half. As far as most people are concerned, there have only been two Super Bowls in the last fifteen years where it was not obvious who would win at the start of the second half. These would be the Giants-Bills Super Bowl in 1990 and the 49ers-Bengals in 1988. For all of you Pats fans who thought you had a chance last year, let me assure you that all neutral fans knew exactly who was winning

that game, well before the fourth quarter.

For those of you deep in the inner-core of the Bates bubble, this year's game features the aging John Elway's Denver Broncos against Brett Favre's Green Bay Packers. One is the returning Super Bowl champion, from the conference which has won the last thirteen Super Bowls, the other is a wild card team that basically lacks the talent to compete at this level. They have Elway and a couple of solid players scattered around elsewhere, but to put it bluntly, they are going to be beaten so bad on Sunday that even the halftime show will prove to be more entertaining. Of course, that will not stop me from rooting for the Broncos, or more specifically for Elway, but frankly I know that he's got zero chance. His specialty is the last minute comeback, but the problem is that you just can't come back in the last minute when you are down by eighty.

Not only are the Broncos in the AFC, which has proven itself inferior every year for a decade and a half, but they are a wild card team. A wild card has only won the Super Bowl once in the thirty-one that have been played. Any team with a legitimate chance of winning the league championship should at least be able to win their division. When it comes down to it, the Broncos just weren't that great of a team this year. Everyone will be pulling for Elway as this will most likely be his last shot at a Super Bowl. Still, I think we all know that the game will have its usual lopsided score where at the end you wonder, "What makes this so special?"

You will not hear much of this coming from the national media this week, as they want people to actually watch. The one thing they forget is that we will watch, no matter what. It could be the Bates football team on one side for all that anyone cares, and still hundreds of millions of people will watch world wide. Why? Because it's the Super Bowl. It's tradition.

Scoreboard

Men's Basketball

Thomas at Bates, Jan. 14

Coach Joe Reilly earned his first win at home as the Bobcats (3-6) topped the Thomas College Terriers (5-9), 70-62, Bates' best scoring performance of the season. Thomas led, 31-30, at halftime and went on an 8-3 run early to take a 39-33 lead. With three minutes gone in the second period, the Bobcats answered with a 12-1 run of their own. Leading the way was junior guard Michael Tisdale (Kingston, R.I.), who returned to Bates after a year and a half away from the school. He hit a pair of 3-pointers and had an assist in the decisive run. The Bobcats took leads of as large as 10 points, but the Terriers could not climb back into the game. Tisdale led the Bobcats with a career-high 21 points, 18 of which came in the second half. Junior guard Garth Timoll (Owings Mills, Md.) returned from injury to post a double-double, scoring 15 points and grabbing 13 rebounds (five offensive). First-year forward Rommell Padonou (Libreville, Gabon) had 15 points, while junior Andy Hall (Forestdale, Mass.) had 11 boards. The Bobcats also had a season high seven blocked shots. Bates 70, Thomas 62

Thomas (5-9) - Dunphe 1-0-2, Cilley 2-0-5, Heal 0-0-0, Pitcher 4-0-8, Raymond 8-6-22, Pilsbury 1-0-3, Cloukey 1-0-2, Graves 3-4-10, Pokrywka 4-1-10, Totals 24-11-62.

Bates (3-6) - Davis 1-0-2, Scott 0-0-0, Lynch 1-3-5, Tisdale 7-2-21, Sargent 3-0-6, Timoll 7-1-15, Padonou 6-3-15, Hall 3-0-6, Reed 0-0-0, Totals 28-9-70.

3-point FG - Thomas 3 (Cilley, Pilsbury, Pokrywka), Bates 5 (Tisdale 5).

Bates at Suffolk, Jan. 15

Playing without first-year sensation Rommell Padonou (Libreville, Gabon), the Bobcats (3-7) handed Suffolk University (1-6) its first win of the season, 62-54, in Boston. The Rams went on a 9-0 spurt late in the first half to end the stanza up 32-24. The Bobcats played even in the second half, but could pull no closer than six points. Bates was led by se-

nior forward Tim Sargent (Morrisville, Vt.), who had 11 points and a career high 17 rebounds. Junior center Andy Hall (Forestdale, Mass.) had 10 points and four blocked shots. Suffolk 62, Bates 54

Bates (3-7) - Davis 0-0-0, Cacciola-Morales 0-0-0, Scott 2-1-5, Lynch 2-0-6, Tisdale 4-0-10, Sargent 4-2-11, Hall 4-2-10, Reed 0-3-3, Timoll 4-1-9, Totals 20-9-54.

3-point FG - Bates 5 (Lynch 2, Tisdale 2, Sargent), Suffolk 2 (Miller 2)

Emerson at Bates, Jan. 17

Junior guard Hector Negron (East Boston, Mass.) had 22 points, including 3-for-4 on three pointers in the second half as the Emerson College Lions (6-3) downed the Bates College Bobcats (3-8), 83-71. The Lions, who never trailed in the game, jumped out to a 41-31 halftime lead by forcing 15 Bates turnovers and hitting on 12-of-24 shots from the field. The Bobcats fell behind by as many as 14 points with 6:02 remaining, but went on a 9-1 run over the next two minutes to cut the lead to seven, 71-64, when junior guard Garth Timoll (Owings Mills, Md.) converted a lay-up from sophomore Jesse Lynch (Milford, N.H.). The Lions answered with a three-pointer from sophomore Jake Postorino (Clearwater, Fla.) to kill Bates' momentum. Emerson placed five players in double figures, led by Negron's 22 points, six assists and six steals. Junior Jake Kelley (Woburn, Mass.) also had 22 points. The Bobcats had three players in double figures, led by senior forward Tim Sargent (Morrisville, Vt.), who had 18 points and, for the second straight game, 17 rebounds. Emerson, 83-71

Bates (3-8) - Davis 0-2-2, Cacciola-Morales 0-0-0, Lynch 4-3-13, Tisdale 3-0-7, Sargent 8-2-18, Timoll 7-1-15, Padonou 4-1-9, Hall 1-0-2, Reed 1-3-5, Totals 28-12-71.

3-Point FG - Emerson 7 (Negron 3, Kelley 2, Postorino, Presti), Bates 3 (Lynch 2, Tisdale)

Bates at Tufts, Jan. 20

Coach Joe Reilly's squad dropped to 3-9 this season with 74-52 loss at Tufts. The Bobcats got off to a dreadful start, hitting just five of 25 shots in the first half to fall behind 39-18 at the break. While they made a few runs in the second half, shooting 44 percent from the floor, a couple of Tufts 3-pointers stopped Bates momentum. Playing without leading scorer Rommel Padonou (Libreville, Gabon), the Bobcats were led by junior guard Garth Timoll's (Owings Mills, Md.) 15 points and six rebounds.

Tufts, 74-52

Bates (3-9) - Davis 0-0-0, Cacciola-Morales 0-0-0, Scott 0-0-0, Smart 1-0-2, Lynch 3-0-6, Tisdale 3-2-8, Blicharz 0-2-2, Sargent 2-0-4, Timoll 4-7-15, Hall 4-0-8, Reed 3-1-7, Totals 20-12-52

3-point FG - Tufts 4 (Cunningham 3, Riordan), Bates 0.

Women's Basketball

Maine State Tournament at Husson, Jan. 10-12

Bates vs. UMPI at Husson, Jan. 10

The Bobcats reached the finals of their second State of Maine Tournament by winning a pair of tight contests. After the opening round was delayed one night because of the weather, Bates faced the University of Maine Presque Isle for their first game in over a month. After getting the game off to a terrific start, taking a 24-7 lead midway through the first period, the Bobcats' rustiness started to show through. The Owls had cut the lead to nine. Sophomore Emily King (Lebanon, N.H.) led the team with 14 points at the break. In the second half, UMPI hung tough, managing to tie the game at 46 with 10 minutes to go. The Bobcats regained a 10-point lead, 61-51 with about five minutes remaining, thanks to ten unanswered points by reserve guards Val Rosenberg (Oakland, N.J.) and Jaime DeSimone (Haverhill, Mass.), who each hit a 3-pointer and a short jumper. Cold free throw shooting, including 0-8 by King, allowed the scrappy Owls back in the game. UMPI went on a 10-3 run over the next four minutes to cut the lead to 64-61, but a free throw by sophomore Jolene Thurston (Post Mills, Vt.) iced the game. The Bobcats were led by King's 17 points and seven rebounds, while junior co-captain Colleen McCrave (Walpole, Mass.) had 14 points, 10 steals and seven boards.

Bates 65, Maine-Presque Isle 61

Bates (5-1) - Rosenberg 2-0-5, McCrave 5-2-14, McLaughlin 4-1-9, DeSimone 2-0-5, Grace 0-0-0, Porter 0-0-0, Thurston 2-2-8, Dutille 2-3-7, King 7-3-17, Frissora 0-0-0, Total 24-11-65.

3-Point FG - UMPI 4 (Chatman 2, Thurlow, Stevens), Bates 6 (Thurston 2, McCrave 2, Rosenberg, DeSimone)

Bates vs. UMF at Husson, Jan. 11

In the semifinals, the Bobcats tangled with perennial foe University of Maine Farmington. Bates had won the previous meeting between the two teams in Farmington, 77-55. The Beavers came out smoking, scoring the first seven points of the game. Bates coach Jim Murphy called timeout to get the Bobcats settled down and it worked perfectly. Bates scored nine unanswered points over the next three minutes to regain a lead they would not lose. The biggest lead of the first half was 20, and the Bobcats went into the half up 42-23 when first-year guard Rosenberg hit the team's only three of the game. UMF came out tough in the second half, going on a 17-8 run to open the stanza, cutting the lead to 50-40. The Beavers then whittled the lead down to 64-61 when Thurston and King fouled out within 1:30 of each other. The teams traded points when Rosenberg hit a pair of free throws with

1:28 left to put Bates up by four, 69-65. Farmington answered with an improbable up-and-under shot to cut the lead to 69-67 and tied the game at 69 when first-year center Katy Dutille (Lebanon, N.H.) fouled out with 31 seconds remaining. The Bobcats brought the ball up the floor and Murphy called timeouts with 25 and nine seconds left. Junior Beth Frissora (Sudbury, Mass.) was fouled with seven seconds left and hit one of two free throws to give Bates the lead for good. The Beavers' ensuing in-bounds play went over the end line and McCrave hit a pair of foul shots to ice it, 72-69. McCrave led the way with 16 points and five steals, while King had 14 points and Thurston and Dutille had 13 each.

Bates 72, Maine-Farmington 69

Bates (6-1) - Rosenberg 2-2-7, McCrave 6-4-16, McLaughlin 3-0-6, DeSimone 0-0-0, Thurston 5-3-13, Dutille 4-5-13, King 5-4-14, Frissora 0-1-1, Doyle 1-0-2, Total 26-19-72.

3-Point FG - UMF 3 (Atwood 2, Parent), Bates 1 (Rosenberg)

Bates at Colby, Maine State Tournament Championship, Jan. 12

In the kind of game which has become a trademark of coach Jim Murphy's Bobcats over the past two seasons, Bates rallied from 17 points down with 9:31 to go in the game to defeat Colby in the championship game of the fourth State of Maine Tournament, 69-68. The first half was closely contested until the 15-minute mark, when the White Mules went on a 12-4 run to open up a 10-point lead at 34-24. The Bobcats shot under 30 percent from the field in the first half (11-37, 29.7%), but trailed by just eight points, 36-28, thanks to a 7-2 advantage in points off turnovers. In the second half, Colby came out hot, opening up with a 9-2 run over the first two minutes, including a pair of 3-pointers, to take a 45-30 lead. After the Mules lead topped out at 58-41, Bates began its comeback, sparked by first-year guard Val Rosenberg (Oakland, N.J.). Rosenberg hit the Bobcats' next three field goals, including a pair of 3-pointers as part of a 10-1 run over the next 1:59. Colby called a time-out at the 7:32 mark, but were not able to stop Bates' momentum, as Maine Co-Player of the Week Colleen McCrave (Walpole, Mass.) scored six of the game's next 12 points and played her usual stingy defense as the bobcats tied the game at 61 with 4:30 left. Colby answered with the next two buckets, but McCrave found sophomore guard Jolene Thurston (Post Mills, Vt.) for a short jumper and sophomore forward Emily King (Lebanon, N.H.) hit a pair of free throws with 1:27 left to even the game at 65. After more tough Bates defense, Thurston found King open under the net and the Bobcats took their first lead of the game with 32 seconds remaining. On the next possession, the White Mules got the ball to the low post and converted the basket while drawing King's fifth foul with 15.3 seconds left. The free throw gave the Mules a 68-67 lead. McCrave brought the ball up the floor and called their final time out with 8.5 ticks on the clock. While coach Murphy set up a play for Thurston, she was well covered and McCrave found first-year forward Kate McLaughlin (Laconia, N.H.) open at the left of the foul line. McLaughlin took two dribbles into the open lane and laid the ball in as time expired. The win was thanks to a balanced offense - Thurston and first-year center Katy Dutille (Lebanon, N.H.) each had 14 points, King had 13 points and McCrave and Rosenberg each had 12 points. McCrave also had nine rebounds, seven assists and five steals while playing all 40 minutes. The Bobcats also hit a season-best 86 percent from the line (19-22), in contrast to hitting under 50 percent in the first two games of the tournament. In the past two seasons, the Bobcats are now 8-1 in games decided by three points or less and have erased double-digit deficits in the second half four times.

Bates 69, Colby 68

Bates (7-1) - Rosenberg 5-0-12, McCrave 3-6-12, McLaughlin 2-0-4, DeSimone 0-0-0, Dutille 4-6-14, King 4-5-13, Frissora 0-0-0, Thurston 6-2-14, Totals 24-19-69.

3-point FG - Colby 3 (McGonagle 2, Condon), Bates 2 (Rosenberg).

Thomas at Bates, Jan. 13

The Bates College women (8-1), fresh off their State of Maine Tournament championship, had a much easier time with the Thomas College Terriers (4-7), winning by 19 points, 83-64. The Bobcats scored 25 of the first 26 points of the game, hitting their first six shots, while Thomas missed their first eight and committed numerous turnovers. First-year forward Kate McLaughlin (Laconia, N.H.) had 21 points to go with a game-high nine rebounds, while State of Maine MVP Colleen McCrave (Walpole, Mass.) had another great all-around performance, with nine steals, seven points, seven assists and six rebounds. Sophomore forward Emily King (Lebanon, N.H.) scored 19 points, while classmate Jolene Thurston (Post Mills, Vt.) chipped in 16. The Bobcats have won five in a row. Thomas senior Tee Fecteau (Westbrook, Maine) scored a game-high 24 points, including the 1,000th of her career. Bates 83, Thomas 64

Bates (8-1) - Rosenberg 0-0-0, McCrave 3-1-7, McLaughlin 9-3-21, DeSimone 2-0-4, Grace 0-0-0, Porter 1-0-2, Thurston 8-0-16, Dutille 1-4-6, King 5-9-19, Frissora 2-0-4, Doyle 1-2-4, Totals 32-19-83.

3-point FG - Thomas 8 (Fecteau 6, Farrell 2), Bates 0.

Bates at Colby, Jan. 16

For the second time in five days, coach Jim Murphy's squad headed to Waterville to take on CBB rival Colby, and for the second time the Bobcats (9-1) won a closely contested game over the White Mules (5-4), 79-72 in double overtime. The game featured nine ties and 14 lead changes, with the largest lead coming after the Bobcats scored the first bucket after halftime to take a 30-22 lead. The White Mules came back to score the next four baskets to tie the game at 30. The game stayed nip and tuck to the last minute of the half. With 1:12 left, sophomore Jolene Thurston (Post Mills, Vt.) hit a three-pointer to put the Bobcats up 55-52 - Colby answered 12 seconds later. With 42.6 seconds left, first-year center Katy Dutille (Lebanon, N.H.) was fouled while hitting a lay-up, converting the free throw to give the Bobcats another three-point advantage. Colby answered again with 20 seconds remaining. The Bobcats had two more shots to win in regulation, but first-year forward Kate McLaughlin's missed jumper from the right of the free-throw line with 3 seconds denied her the chance to knock off the White Mules as time expired. Dutille's offensive put-back was the first bucket of overtime, but Colby answered with their third consecutive 3-pointer to give the Mules a brief one-point lead - the next time down the floor, Dutille hit her first career trifecta, banking it off the glass from the top of the key. With the game tied at 65 and 23.8 seconds left, Colby had a chance to go up, but missed the front end of a one-and-one. The Bobcats could not convert the rebound and went to a second OT. Dutille made a nice move to kick off the scoring in the second extra period, but Colby answered with the next six points to go up 71-67 with 3:01 remaining. Bates' defense once again came up with the answer, allowing just one Colby free throw down the stretch, as Dutille hit a lay-up and the ensuing bonus free throw to tie the game at 72 with 1:56 in the second OT, and a short jumper from sophomore Emily King (Lebanon, N.H.) with 1:23 left gave the Bobcats the lead for good. King led all scorers with 26 points on 11 -for-26 shooting, while Dutille had a double-double, collecting 21 points and 12 boards, including 10 in overtime. McLaughlin had a team season-high 22 re-

bounds. Bates was also hampered by injury, with four starters playing 47 of the 50 minutes. At 9-1, the Bobcats are off to the best 10-game start in school history, including two wins each over the two teams which beat them in the regular season last year, Colby and Maine-Farmington. Bates 79, Colby 72 (2 OT)

Bates (9-1) - McCrave 6-2-15, McLaughlin 1-0-2, DeSimone 0-0-0, Frissora 0-0-0, Dutille 8-4-21, King 11-4-26, Thurston 7-0-15, Totals 33-10-79.

3-pointers - Bates 3 (Thurston, McCrave, Dutille), Colby 3 (Condon 2, McGonagle).

Tufts at Bates, Jan. 20

Three Bates women scored 20 or more points as the Bates College Bobcats (10-1), ranked sixth in New England defeated the Tufts University Jumbos at home, 87-52. The Bobcats jumped out to a 23-2 lead in the first nine minutes of the game, forcing nine Tufts turnovers in that time. Bates 54 shot percent from the floor in the first half to take a 46-22 lead into the locker room. The Bobcats were led by first-year forward Kate McLaughlin (Laconia, N.H.), who tied a career high with 23 points to go with 11 rebounds. Sophomore guard Jolene Thurston (Post Mills, Vt.) added 21 points, while classmate Emily King (Lebanon, N.H.) had 20. Junior guard Colleen McCrave (Walpole, Mass.) had a career-high 14 assists in the game, one shy of the school record held by Dianna Devlin '96. The Bobcats have now won seven in a row. Tufts was led by junior center Stephanie Buia's (Hampton, N.H.) 14 points and five offensive rebounds.

Bates, 87-53

Bates (10-1) - McCrave 3-0-6, McLaughlin 10-1-23, DeSimone 1-0-2, Grace 2-0-5, Thurston 10-0-21, Dutille 5-0-10, King 7-6-20, Frissora 0-0-0, Doyle 0-0-0, Totals 38-7-87.

3-Point FG - Tufts 1 (Hironaka), Bates 4 (McLaughlin 2, Grace, Thurston)

Swimming

Bates at Babson, Jan. 17

The Bobcats got back on the winning Jan. 17 by sweeping Babson in Wellesley. The men won in dramatic fashion, winning the final relay event of the day, the 200-freestyle, to take a 126-115 decision. The team of sophomore Paul Urbanczyk (Washington, D.C.) and first-year swimmers David Blaney (Bar Harbor, Maine), Miles Cobb (Bethesda, Md.) and Mike Jensen (Manchester, N.H.) won the race by two seconds with a time of 1:29.40, breaking the Bates record. The had established a Tarbell pool record in the event last semester against Clark. For Jensen, it was his second entry into the school record books of the day. In the second race of the afternoon, Jensen swam the 100-yard freestyle in 1:09.44, breaking the oldest Bates swimming record. He also won the 500 free, making him the only multiple winner in individual swimming events. Junior David Burke (Andover, Mass.), making his return to the pool after a semester abroad, easily outdistanced his competition to sweep the diving events as well. For the women, the meet was a bit easier, as Bates won all but three events on the way to a 168-73 victory. Senior co-captain Denby Johnson (Chanhassen, Minn.) led the way with individual wins in the 50 and 500 free. She set a personal best by nearly five seconds in the 500, posting a time of 5:17.39, just off the pace for NCAA championship qualification. Johnson also swam the last leg of the winning medley relay team, completing the freestyle in 25 seconds flat. Also a multiple winner on the afternoon was sophomore Liz Fey, who took the 1000 freestyle in 11:46.44, 15 seconds ahead of her nearest competitor, and the 100 back in 1:05.9. Both teams move to 2-2 on the season.

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"Philip Morris."

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"George Clooney."

Julie De Sarbo '98



"One of Bill Clinton's mistresses."

Lawson Rudasill '00



"David Hasselhoff."

John Nesbitt '99



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