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Construction cuts parking spaces

**Students lose 12 spots
Faculty have 20 fewer**

By JEFF GRAPPONE
Staff Writer

BATES COLLEGE - Construction of the new academic facility has brought more inconveniences to campus than just an over abundance of commercial vehicles and related cacophony. Add fewer parking spaces to the list of alterations enacted to accommodate the building's completion.

Among several changes approved last spring by the College's Parking Policy Committee was to eliminate about 12 student spaces near the new academic building and to cut approximately 20 faculty/staff spaces on the former Andrews Road (in back of Hedge Hall). In place of the latter, a grassy, more visually appealing area has been created.

"Parking for them [faculty/staff] has become a lot more tight," said Scott Gosselin, Bates College Security parking enforcement coordinator. He explained that many displaced faculty/staff are now more apt to park in the streets; upping the ante on already limited parking resources.

According to Gosselin, Bates can accommodate about 28% of students and 28% of faculty with parking.

Other changes are likely to hit the wall

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Special report: sexual assault at Bates

**Has anything
changed in
Lane Hall,
six months
after one
of the most
controversial
chapters in
the history of
Bates College?**

**This week,
Forum Editor
John Connors
takes a look at
the progress
Bates has
made since
that emotional
week in March**

Erin Mullin Photo



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"If you don't have anything nice to say about anyone, come sit next to me." - Alice Roosevelt Longworth

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Six months later, where we are, what we need

Reform yesterday and today

By JOHN CONNORS
Forum Editor

Last spring, amid a barrage of rumors and conflicting information, Bates College experienced what could best be described as an 'uproar' over on-campus sexual assault and rape. Students, outraged by what they perceived as administrative foot-dragging and mismanagement of alleged assaults on campus, took literally to the streets- nearly storming President Donald Harward's home. National media attention was focused on the campus and its institutions for dealing with the crime of rape. Survivors of assault were thrust into a circle of focused attention by the media and by students, in some cases to the detriment of their personal privacy, their physical safety, and their cases against their accused perpetrators.

Rumors abounded as to the

administration's motives in dealing with survivor's cases. Students reported concern that information pertinent to campus safety was not being transmitted fast enough, if at all, to the public. Media sources suggested that the College might have been trying to 'cover up' or minimize on-campus sexual assaults. Experienced survivors of assault openly challenged the College judicial system's training, sensitivity, and (therefore) the system's ability to deal with such a sensitive issue. A non violent sit-in at Lane hall was initiated by more than a hundred students in an attempt to keep pressure upon the Administration for reform.

The Dean of Student's office, in an attempt to address the outrage of students, debunk rumors, and disprove media insinuations of a 'cover up,' hosted a student forum in the Bates College Chapel where a list of demands from students was presented to their office and the office of the President. That list outlined seven points for the beginning of administrative reform to the assault

system, and demanded the administration address these issues no later than the matriculation of the class of 2002 (i.e. the beginning of the 1998 fall term).

But of course the issue of rape and assault doesn't start with last year. In a letter to the editor last year Alumna Kate Farager '91, also a member of the President's newly appointed Task Force on Sexual Assault, highlighted just how chronic she feels the issue is; "The reality is that in 1991, there were several sexual attacks on campus which sparked a student outcry and similar administrative posturing. As a senior I protested many of the same issues of notice and safety, with a group of my peers. The student body has turned over more than once and I wondered whether current students were aware of previous classes' struggles within the Bates Community over these same issues."

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No longer a joke, the college's endowment explained

By TUCK O'BRIEN
Staff Writer

LANE HALL - What exactly is the endowment? You hear about it fairly often. You hear that it is not big enough, that it is holding Bates down in the rankings, etc. But it is always discussed in vague terms as, depending on who you ask, some gigantic, or not so gigantic, sum of money existing somewhere, controlled by someone, for some reason that has to do with the running of the college.

The endowment is the major financial resource of the college, comprised of the school's assets held in perpetuity. In other words, it is the chunk of money, invested by Bates over an undefined period of time, which is used to cover the college's operating budget.

The base of the endowment is created through gifts. Therefore, the largest factor to the growth of the endowment is the size of the new gifts put into it. Tuition goes directly toward operational costs and does not affect the endowment except for the fact that operational costs not covered by tuition are taken out of the endowment.

Bates invests for the long term, under the assumption that Bates as an institution will have no end. The College looks to invest their money in assets as either stocks or bonds which will bring a high total return over the undefined period of time. The breakdown is roughly seventy five percent invested in stocks and twenty five percent invested in bonds.

The equation, for those of you with an interest in the jargon filled world of finance, goes like this: the college examines the total return of the sum of all the portfolios (the more portfolios Bates has the less likely the endowment will be seriously affected by short term market fluctuation) against the

cost of managing the endowment, inflation, and the amount of money which needs to be spent on running the college.

Ideally, there will be some percentage of the total return left over (called the real reinvestment) which can be reinvested in new stocks, funds, or increased institutional spending.

The portfolios are designed to have a modest real reinvestment return, but most importantly, maintain the real value of the portfolio. To do this the portfolio must make enough of a total return to cover inflation.

Bates College uses an investment consulting firm based in Waltham, Massachusetts as well as money managers both at home and abroad to manage the money, decide which funds and companies to invest in, which bonds to purchase, the logistical management of the portfolios, and the monitoring of the funds performance. The College maintains an Investment Committee, an extension of the Board of Trustees, which reviews the work of the consulting firms.

Vice President Peter Fackler reports that over the last four years, the market has experienced outsized gains. Fackler stressed the importance of not looking at the endowment in short term because it is such a long term investment. For example during last month's fall in the stock market the value of the endowment changed thirteen percent. However the year before the endowment had been up eighteen percent.

Bates does not have a list of companies it will not invest in. This raises questions of supporting both companies and nations with a history of labor, environmental, and human rights violations.

The school does have a Social Investing Policy, which in theory provides a mechanism for checking into companies with questionable ethical practices. The policy is not proactive, but merely allows for a subcom-

mittee of the Investment Committee to convene if information is brought to its attention which questions the practices of a particular holding.

In order for a review to be started someone, say a student, presents sufficient evidence that a company's behavior does not conform to the college's mission, culture, or vision. Until such evidence is brought forth the College acts under the "operative assumption." This assumes that all of its money is invested in socially responsible companies and allows the management firms to decide where the money goes.

According to the "Policy on Socially Responsible Investing" presented to the Board of Trustees in May of 1997, the College desires the investment policies and choices of funds to be consistent and socially responsible but it is apparently not important enough to warrant a preview of the companies it invests in.

In explanation of the policy, Fackler expressed doubt that it was logistically possible, "to set up a structure to look at every company in the world and make judgements." Fackler made several valid points concerning the difficulty of making opinions concerning just what is socially acceptable. At some point the business practices of all the companies in which Bates might invest should be reviewed.

The size of an endowment is the sum of the new gifts into it and the total return minus the costs of running the investment program and the amount that has been spent on college operations. It is difficult to ascertain why one college's endowment is greater or less than a similar institution. Fackler used the example of Harvard and Yale, why is Harvard's a whopping 12 billion dollars while Yale's is "only" 8 billion?

Bates College's endowment is 140 million dollars. This places it around number twenty-six out of the top twenty-nine liberal arts colleges in the country.

Grinnell is number one with 755 million. That does not necessarily speak to how wisely Bates handles its endowment, but it is a reflection of the institutions history and the success of prior giving campaigns.

Real growth in the endowment comes from new gifts. It also depends on the size of a graduating class or classes. Bates, for example, increased the size of its classes during the 1970's which in a financial sense is relatively recent.

Older institutions such as Williams and Amherst have had more established giving patterns and a longer period in which the endowment was being invested.

Another factor has a great deal to do

with what profession graduates enter into. Lawyers, doctors, and business people are more likely to be able to give larger gifts than teachers, or other public servants.

According to Jim Fergersen of the Office of Institutional Research, Bates's Endowment has shown considerable growth over the past ten years but that in terms of many of the top liberal arts colleges we are still playing catch up.

Fergersen points out that endowment size is becoming less important in determining rank in polls such as *U.S. News & World Report*. The magazine has received a fair amount of flack for the weight it placed on endowment size and, at least in the latest poll, has shifted the financial input to examine other factors more heavily.

Projects such as the construction of the new academic building and the library renovations are not funded out of endowment returns. The new building, which has a price tag of 18 million dollars, was funded by a campaign drive specifically earmarked for the building as well as a bond issue made last June.

The library renovations were made from a reserve fund of prior gifts held aside for projects of capital improvement.

Fackler explained that often times money from gifts is not placed in the endowment because it is earmarked for projects in the short term or in the not so distant future. He used the example of buying a house. If you had ten thousand dollars for a down payment which you are going to make a month from now. You know you need that money in a month so you are not going to invest that money because no one can predict what the market will do in such a short period. The risk of not being able to buy the house if the market has a down swing is not worth the possible benefit of the additional money that can be made by investing.

Bates College's investment portfolio is available and any interested party can request a copy of all or part of Bates's investment programs.



More cars, but fewer places to put them.

File photo

Parking becoming tighter on campus

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lets of Bates students hard.

Until recently, an annual permit to park at the college cost \$50. That price has since been raised to \$60. So far, about 457 students have registered their vehicles, apparently generating \$27,420 in revenue.

Some basic citations have doubled in cost. While in years past unregistered vehicles and vehicles bearing expired permits have been fined \$10 for parking on campus, those fines now will cost offenders \$20.

"We need to find out who that vehicle belongs to," said Gosselin of the illegally parked cars. According to him, the higher fines are necessary, to help finance the administrative hassle of matching vehicles to offenders. Fines also encourage people to purchase the permits in the first place.

"I think it was largely because of the additional costs associated with the upkeep of the lots," he said, adding another reason for higher fines.

Once cars have been ticketed, park-

ing enforcement must investigate who that car belongs to. Permits are the easiest way for them to name violators, but vehicles that are unknown to the College require further research. In some situations, state motor vehicle authorities are contacted for assistance. The financial office expedites billing.

Policy regarding temporary permits has also changed. Whereas a temporary registration formerly would have permitted parking in all available areas, those vehicles must now park in the Merrill lot. Students are limited to purchase such a pass for 4 weeks, at a cost of \$5 per week.

There are currently 7 security officers in circulation who actively ticket illegally placed vehicles. "We remain committed to enforcing all the parking rules," said Gosselin.

Parking enforcement has no jurisdiction over street parking. Gosselin said the Lewiston Police Department will address illegally parked vehicles in the roads during the city's winter ban. Overnight parking is not permitted from November 15 to April 15.

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Bates changes policy, officially discourages halogen lamps

By ERIN MIGAUSKY
Staff Writer

BATES COLLEGE - Last weekend, Bates students received memos from the college safety office regarding a new policy which limits the bulb size in torchiere style floor lamps.

The new policy is the result of a warning released by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Tests done by the CPSC in July of 1996 showed that halogen bulbs of 250 watts, 300 watts, and 500 watts installed in torchiere lamps could easily start a fire if they came in contact with flammable materials.

Since 1992, at least 189 fires and 11 deaths have been attributed to these lamps. In January of 1997, the 500 watt bulbs that were sold with torchiere lamps were recalled as they were shattering during use due to the extreme amount of heat generated, presenting an additional fire hazard.

In August of 1997, the CPSC issued a recall for free installation of a glass or wire guard to be used with halogen bulbs of 300 watts or less. Kelsey Lauridsen, Codes/Safety Technician at Bates College, said that discussion about adopting a policy for torchiere lamps has been going on for over a year. Concerns were for the improper use of the lamps. Lauridsen said some of the fire hazards were small particles falling into the bowl shaped light fixture, students using the lamp to hang their belongings such as coats, or the placement of the lamps near curtains.

Many colleges have banned the use of the lamp in general but "Bates is striking a balance from one extreme to the other." Phil

Meldrum, the Plant Engineer of the Bates College Physical Plant, said that the Campus Safety Committee was requesting that the administration ban torchiere lamps because of fires at other colleges before the CPSC report came out.

However, it was the issuing of the report that finally led to action. The new policy, as stated in the "Safety Office Memorandum," is as follows: "Light bulbs greater than 150 watt, incandescent or Halogen, are no longer allowed. If torchiere style lamps are used, a manufactures metal guard in addition to a 150 watt bulb is required." The Bates College Store is selling the 150 watt Halogen bulbs for \$7.79.

Rebecca Lovett, Assistant Manager of the store, said that the store is not selling the metal guards which are required. She said that the Safety Office provided her with the name of a manufacturer that would supply the bulbs but she was not aware of a distributor of the metal guards.

Eric Germain, the former Director of Safety who published the memo but left the College last month to pursue a new job in Connecticut, had difficulties in locating a supplier for the metal guards.

Both Lauridsen and Meldrum said there is not yet a plan to inspect dorm rooms to be sure the policy is being followed. As of now, the memo is a "request" that students switch to 150 watt bulbs in their torchiere lamps. It is up to the individual student to make the change.

However, Meldrum said that as soon as there is a fire in a dorm room as a result of non compliance with the memo, torchiere lamps will be banned.

Two years after halogen ban, students are in the dark

By BROOKS KING
Brown Daily Herald (Brown U.)

(U-WIRE) PROVIDENCE, R.I. - There may be a bright sun on the Brown seal, but it doesn't seem to be shedding its rays into many Brown dorm rooms.

Two years after Brown's Office of Residential Life cracked down on the use of torchiere-style halogen lamps in dorm rooms because of safety concerns, many students are feeling left in the dark.

"The lighting the University supplied us with is just one light and it's not enough," said Jeanette Markle, a New Pembroke resident.

New Pembroke rooms are among the shadiest on campus. Just one lamp, mounted on a wall, is provided in each Pembroke room, making additional lighting a necessity for most students.

For some students the lighting supplied by the University is so insufficient they don't even use it.

"There's just one light. It's just hanging on one wall. It's just hanging," said Amanda Kantner, who also lives in New Pembroke. "I hardly ever use it."

Instead Kantner uses the lamps she bought herself.

"There's one light on the wall and [it's not very useful], so we use our desk lamps," said Sarah Lee, a New Pembroke resident.

Lee and her roommate both brought additional lamps, she said.

Overall, though, Lee doesn't mind the dearth of light.

"It's okay," she said. "It's not great lighting, but if we want to read a lot we can always go to the Rock or something."

Dave Laibstain described the lighting in his Morris dorm as "abysmal."

"For general stuff it's okay. For reading and typing we had to buy [additional lamps]," he said.

In the past, many students would have turned to a low-cost, bright halogen lamp for their additional lighting.

But these days, the cost-efficient and radiant lamps are prohibited under penalty of fine and confiscation. The University began cracking down on the offending light sources in fall 1996, after a handful of small dorm fires were caused by the lamps, said Thomas Forsberg, assistant director of both Student Life and Residence Life.

The Office of Residential Life initially offered students \$10 to turn in their lamps. It later began confiscating lamps found through room inspections.

The buy-back program netted 203 lamps, said Thomas Forsberg. The number confiscated through room inspections was "significantly under" that figure, Forsberg said.

Mary Pan realized the dangers of torchiere lamps in 1995 when a poster in her dorm room fell into her halogen while she was out of her room. There was no fire, but the smoke the poster gave off set off the fire alarms.

"Everyone was evacuated," Pan said. "I had like 20 firemen in my room and it was horrible."

Students ask:

What's up with those brand new green boxes?

It's not a laundry basket, the college is implementing a complex new recycling program in the dorms

By MATT ROSELLI
Staff Writer

BATES COLLEGE - Many Bates students returned to campus this fall to find a strange green bin in their room. "Cool, a laundry basket," thought some.

"Rectangle trash can?" Well, not really: those green bins are actually part of a totally new recycling program here at Bates.

Maria Libby, the Environmental Coordinator, reorganized the program with the help of the Physical Plant to implement the new changes. "We tried to make it convenient and easy for people," says Libby.

The student body seems to be somewhat clueless as to how this new program actually works. "We're still working to get this whole thing in place... we're asking for a little patience this fall."

However, information is on the way. Sometime this fall, "recycling educators," students hired by Libby, will come around to each dorm during a regular dorm meeting and explain how this program is to run. A web site with recycling information will also be up and running in the near future.

Basically, the program allows students to throw mixed recyclables (glass, plastic, and aluminum) into the green bins in their rooms. Additional blue bins will be issued to each room for mixed papers (magazines, junk mail, etc.).

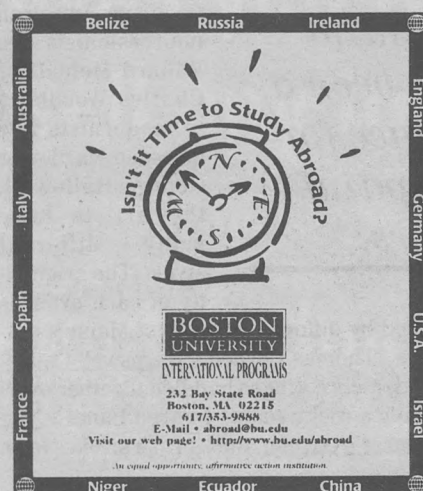
Whenever necessary, students take their green and blue bins to the nearest "recycling center." Every dorm has a few of these located inside at designated areas.

When students are at the recycling center, they will see a color-coded reference chart of which materials go where. They sim-

ply sort their materials into the appropriate bin: orange for non-returnable glass, plastic, and aluminum, yellow for returnable cans and bottles, red for newspapers, magazines, etc., blue for notebook paper, junk mail, paperboard boxes, etc., and gray for cardboard and paper bags. Students can consult the reference chart for answers to any quick questions they have.

Libby, who has been the Environmental Coordinator at Bates for one year, also helped develop and run a watch dog program on the Narragansett Bay to prevent pollution. She says this new program at Bates is also to try "to raise awareness" about environmental issues. On November fifteenth, America Recycles Day, Libby hopes to plan some activities to help raise environmental consciousness on campus.

Last year on this campus, an estimated \$7,500 worth of redeemable bottles and cans were thrown out. The new recycling program is geared towards preventing this type of wastefulness.



The mystery box

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Style

A friendly face at the Bobcat Den

By MEREDITH GETHIN-JONES
Staff Writer

Whether you're heading in for a late night snack or to meet with friends, often you'll run into Pablo Colon, the manager of The Bobcat Den. Everyone has their stories to tell, and if you'll take the time to listen, "Pabs", as some of his frequent customers and friends call him, will share some of his with you.

Who would have known that Pablo Colon had survived cancer, the Navy and the Vietnam War? "I'm a mixed bag," the friendly, gray haired, Puerto Rican smiled as he began his chronology.

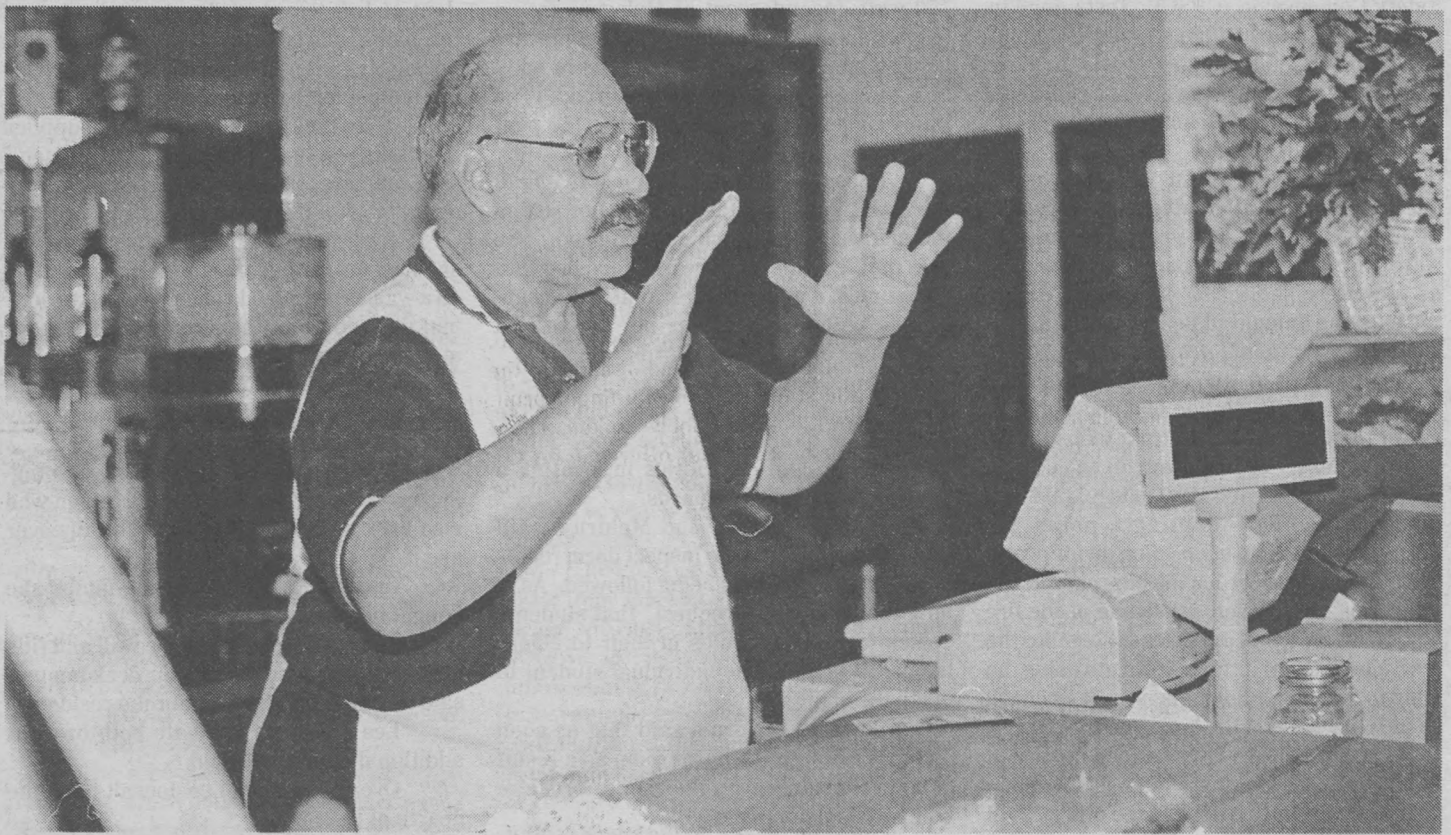
Expressing himself with hand gestures, Pablo explained how he was injured in the United States during his training period for the Navy. This injury was ultimately a blessing; on their second day in Vietnam, some of the members of his squadron were killed over Cambodia.

"I really appreciate my life because that could have been me," Pablo said. That was only one of many circumstances Pablo survived.

He and his wife, Fern, have dealt with numerous instances of prejudice against their marriage — Pablo, a Catholic Puerto Rican marrying a French Canadian? Their marriage just didn't seem possible, but as Pabs said, "we got the last laugh and are now celebrating our 35th year. Prejudice and discrimination has made me stronger. I have risen above it." All marriages come with hardships, and in addition to dealing with discrimination, Pablo and his wife dealt with the loss of their daughter.

Another less important loss was his variety store in Lewiston. Yet, Pablo dealt with the unfortunate situation of having to sell his store by landing a job at The Den and has been there almost 11 years.

"It's the greatest job I've ever had. The students make my life a nucleus ... a focus on service. To me, it's a reason for living,"



Pablo in action at the Den.

Erin Mullin photo.

Pablo said. He gave a lot of credit to his boss, Bob Volpi, who Pablo says really makes the effort to go the extra mile in Dining Services as well.

"The students here are my children ... and they always know that there's a place here [at the Den]. I try to be active in the college community, and they know that they have a friend over here. Every day at this institution is a positive emphasis on my life."

Pabs carries a card around with him containing the dining service motto, yet it has deep meaning to him: "Our pledge is to become one of the finest collegiate level dining

service operations in the nation, recognized for the quality of its employees, services and produces." Pablo has found that over the years he's grown to love Bates and his vocation. His philosophy is that the most important trip you may take in your life is meeting people half way, and Pabs believes there's a real effort at Bates College for that.

"I try to make the Den a second home for Bates students. I want it to be an approachable place. There is a commitment to students from Dining Services, and through my philosophy, I really try to show that."

He believes that food makes you learn

about culture and that through culture, you learn about people. In addition to culinary arts, Pablo Colon's avocation is writing poetry. Already having published nineteen pieces, he hopes to publish a book of his poetry with photographs and/or drawings (by Bates students) to match the poems.

For now, however, the friendly, approachable Pabs is always looking forward to meeting new students and creating an atmosphere at the Den that students can appreciate as much as he does.

A personal response to nature

By SUSAN LYDON
Staff Writer

Quaint broken fences encircle dimly illuminated hillsides. Harbor cliffs rise above fragile fishing boats that dot the water below. Foam-crested waves of translucent aqua crash against unrelenting cliffs.

"Notations of Color: Oil Sketching in Maine", a special two month exhibit of landscape painting, will be on display in the Bates College Museum of Art from August 28th to October 30th. The exhibit features small-scale oil sketches by more than 40 American landscape painters of the late 19th and 20th centuries. These artists include George Bellows, Robert Henri, Neil Welliver, Joel Babb, Ann Lofquist and Lewiston-native Marsden Hartley.

The exhibit concerns the beginning oil studies of Maine's landscapes and follows their development to the present. This collection is, for the most part, true oil sketches - informal, rapidly executed studies painted in the open air. The remainder of the collection is small, finished paintings completed indoors. The artists' having worked outdoors is evidenced both in the immediacy and fresh

ness of their paintings and in the realism of their technique. The small scale oil studies informally record light and color found in nature. When Marsden Hartley wrote his niece about painting at Kesar Lake, Maine in July 1910, he described his little painting of a sunset as "a notation merely of colors". "Notations of Color: Oil Sketching in Maine" is borrowed from Hartley's phrase.

Offering dramatic vistas and transient lighting, Maine has always been a favorite place for artists to paint outdoors. "For more than a century, Maine has been one of the favorite places where American artists have gravitated to paint directly from nature," commented Genetta McLean, director of the Bates College Museum of Art and curator of the exhibit. "This exhibition shows how art-

ists have looked intently at Maine's landscape in an attempt to understand light, color, atmosphere and a sense of place." Working along the coast, painting Mount Desert Island and moving inland to study the

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vistas of Mount Katahdin and the Kennebec River, artists have had varying imaginative responses to the landscape of Maine.

From American impressionists like Willard Metcalf or Charles Woodbury to modernists like Marsden Hartley or George Hallowell, the artists have many different styles. The originality of each artist is evoked by different aspects of Maine's outdoors. Thomas Cornell's *Harpwell Causeway* depicts cottages huddled together overlooking a rocky coast. In Fred Bauer's *The Wormser's Garden*, thick brush strokes form

vivid purple flowers against the intense green of the rest of the garden. Tranquil bays are featured in Helen St.Claire's works, while simple rustic houses adorn the canvases of Joel Barb. Pat Hardy portrays peaceful sandy inlets. Neil Welliver's subject is sleepy morning light penetrating a murky brown-green forest. These artistic personal responses to nature are on display now for the enjoyment of all who wish to see them.

In addition to works from the Bates College Museum of Art's collection, the exhibit has works from other public and private collections including the Bowdoin College Museum of Art, the Colby College Museum of Art, the Farnsworth Art Museum, the Ogunquit Museum of American Art and the Portland Museum of Art.

The public is invited to enjoy this exhibition free of charge. Special Saturday parent-child landscape painting workshops will be held during the course of the exhibition. The Museum of Art is opened Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. Schools and other groups are welcomed by appointment. For more information or to schedule a group tour, call (207) 786-6158.

The art of collecting stamps

By SAMEER RAJ MASKEY
Staff Writer

Philately, the passion for collecting stamps, is an incredibly popular and widespread hobby. A stamp can cost from one cent to thousands of dollars. It is the happiness a true philatelist gets by obtaining a stamp, which makes him pay thousands of dollars for such a small piece of paper. Today, more than thirty million people hunt for their wanted stamps and smile with victory whenever they get a new stamp in their collection.

Stamp collection is really beneficial to the human mind, as it is entertaining and educational at the same time. When someone gets a multicolored, attractive stamp it entertains him but at the same time the picture in the stamp tells him about something new. For example, after 1938, a series of stamps named the President Series were commissioned by the United States. All of these stamps had a picture of the presidents and told something about them. So if a six year old boy starts collecting this series of stamps, he will surely get a good history lesson because he will come to know and recognize the presidents of the country since 1938. Isn't that great?

Though stamp collection can be fun and educational, sometimes it can get hard because of the amount of money that needs to be invested in the collection. Surely, everyone dreams of having the first stamp of Great Britain, Penny Black of 1840. But not everyone can buy this stamp because everyone does not have the same amount of money to invest on the stamps.

A philatelist's wealth can end up being poured into collecting stamps. It was generally said that: "Philately is the king of hobbies and the hobby of kings." Maybe this had been said to show that only such rich people as kings had enough money to buy all the stamps they wanted, while the ordinary philatelists have to kill their interest in particular stamps because of the money.

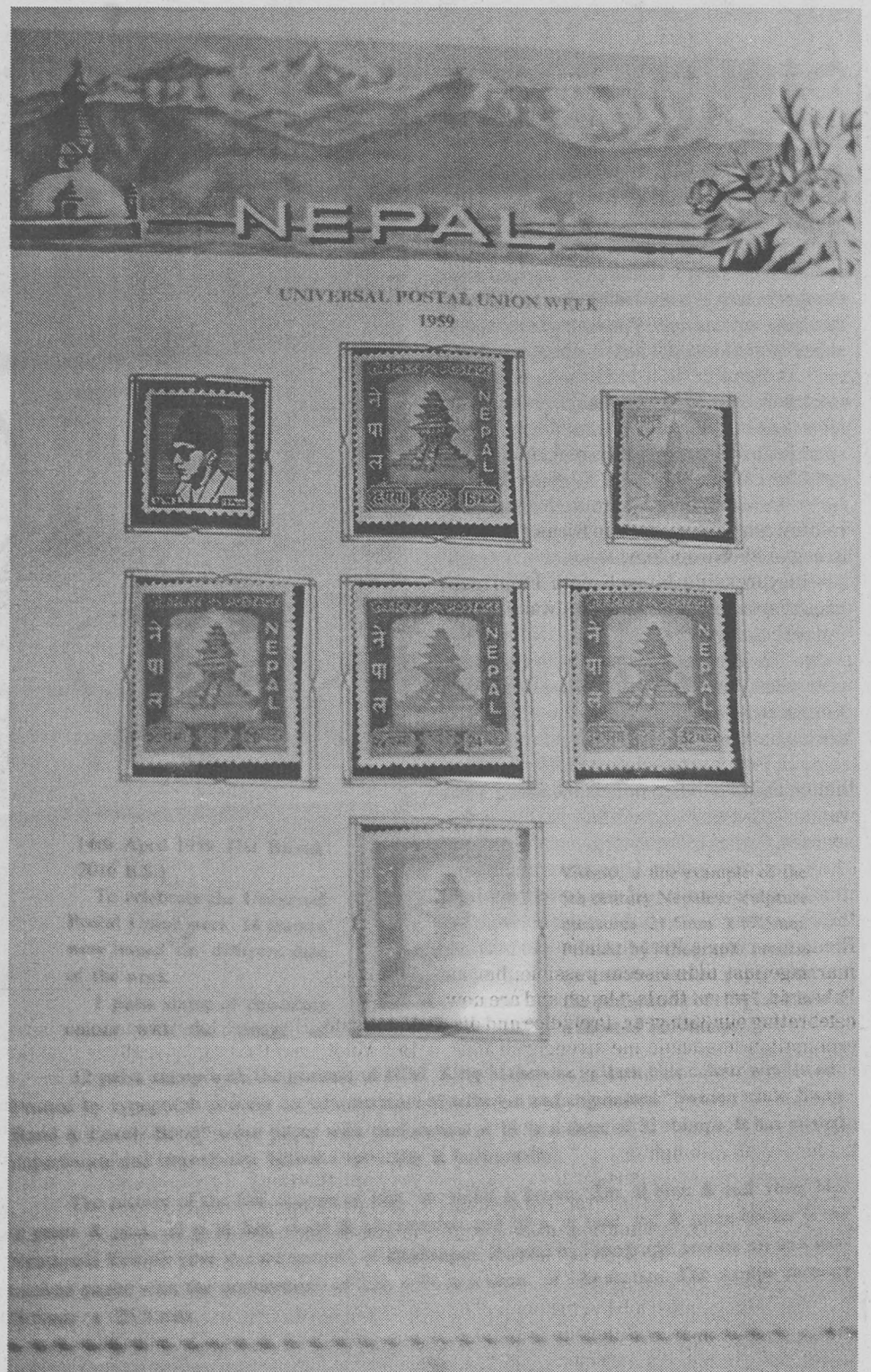
Between 1847 to 1899, the postage stamps were produced by a method known as Line Engraving. The process of Line Engraving is described in the following way: first, the design that is to be printed on the stamp is fixed. Then that design is engraved on a flat piece of steel known as die. The design on the die is copied to different parts of

soft steel. All the designs made in the soft steel are not the same. There are slight differences in each of them, which are called 'relief.' Finally, a plate is made with numerous same designs and printed on the paper, which is usually moist at the first. After a few other conditioning processes such as removing extra ink, polishing, and drying, the stamps become ready.

Philately can be done by anyone from a small child to an old man, but there is a difference in the stamp collecting style of a child and an old man. As the philatelists get more experience, his philately skills get honed and become an advanced level philatelist.

Advanced philately is more than just collecting stamps; the philatelist has to look at all the features of the stamp before buying it. For a stamp to be in good condition, it should not have any kind of mark in the gum of the stamp, not even a finger print. The perforations must not be broken. There should not be any kind of crease on the stamp. These are the basic features of advanced philately, but if we look more upon this subject we can still find more complex features of philately. The rarity of a stamp is known to be the level of how hard it is to find that stamp. Sometimes an error occurs while printing the stamp. If the error occurs only in a few stamps then such stamps become very rare and very valuable. But, because of the special features of rarity and error, it is said that the hobby of philately is being exploited.

Nowadays, a few philatelists have taken this hobby as their personal business, thereby destroying the true art of collecting stamps. These businessmen, with the fake identity of philatelists, buy a lot of stamps on the first day of issue and try to sell them later at high prices, making everyone believe that the stamp has become rare because it is no longer on the market. It is true that these kinds of events are discouraging for young philatelists. But one should not lose hope and should always try to go forward in the real world in search of stamps with a true passion, then one can surely get their dream stamp and be happier than ever before.



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Students and administrators: on the threshold of reform

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Since the spring of last year a host of reforms have been initiated to try and more comprehensively deal with sexual assault and rape on campus. For first years, the issue of sexual assault as a reality on campus isn't as familiar as it is to those of us who were here last year experiencing the confusion, anger, frustration and worry of last spring. The uproar over the perceived disregard for assault issues on campus

The questions everyone reading these reforms should be asking themselves are: Are these reforms comprehensive enough? Are they being done fast enough? Will these measures be followed through to conclusion? Current Reforms;

The first important reform came last year when Dean Branham's office began publishing public notices whenever charges of sexual assault had been brought to their attention. Previously, no such public notification of cases pending before the S.C.C. (The Student Conduct Committee) had been forwarded. Critics of the system last year voiced their concern that this gave the public (and the campus) the impression that no such cases were being brought to the attention of the office. Hopefully the public will now see the yellow flyers posted around campus and it will make the simple, yet crucial, impression in their mind that assault and rape *does* happen here.

Chris Cuevas, a Security Officer here at Bates, has been trained by the Sexual Assault Crisis Center in Lewiston as an advocate for survivors. But an issue Ms. McIntyre, Executive Director of the Sexual Assault Crisis Center here in Lewiston, raised when I spoke with her about these changes applies



here; Does Ms. Cuevas have a potential conflict of interests? As an advocate from S.A.C.C., Chris is available for a survivor to go to for aid and advice with the assurance of confidentiality. But as a security officer, would she be compelled to report, under the Campus Security Act (a Federal law) figures

for statistics? That's one of those gray areas, where we all want to assume that Chris would be completely free to not report an issue told to her in confidence. But could she, what with the strict definitions of her job as an officer?

One particularly important concern

has always been the worry that the S.C.C.'s member training was either qualitatively or quantitatively not enough in order for members to properly address sensitive emotional or sexual issues. Last year several survivors

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Gene Clough



Irreplaceable lynchpin of College returns to teaching. "Only" needs small army of people to fill his shoes as uber-techy bad ass.

Adventures in Dining



Diner #1; "Isn't this good food?"
Diner #2; "Yeah, but do you have anywhere to sit?"
Diner #1; "No. Do you?"
Diner #3; "No. Maybe if we circle around a fourth time..."

Moose Sightings



Latest theory; No actual Moose exist. Bizarre conspiracy hatched by Maine Tourism Bureau. "Moose" really just bored old guys with a moose outfit running around woods.

Clinton, from beyond the nation's borders

Staff writer examines the embattled Presidency with one eye on the tenuous international situation

By DAVID OMOM
Staff Writer

When I was a kid many years ago, growing up somewhere in Kenya, I often wondered about the meaning of politics and why it was necessary. I remember once asking my dad about it and the answer I got was something like ... "son, politics is a dirty game."

Many years later, I am political science major faced with the same problem, and even though I have constantly revised my definition over the years, I am still left wondering...

This week the embattled Bill Clinton received a standing ovation at the UN General Assembly, a rare honor that in the last decade has been accorded to only one other person, South Africa's revered statesman Nelson Mandela. You could argue that Clinton's ovation was performed more out of sympathy and a show of support, but either way you look at it, it's still a standing ovation at the United Nations.

Over the last two weeks, the media and its technology has also made sure that the 445 page report damning the occupant of the White House, was made as widely available as possible. That means that by tapping into Yahoo, a 14 year old in suburbia, Suzhou or in the Sicilian countryside could pour over convincing evidence that the US President committed perjury. That 14 year old could also examine the other accusations leveled at Clinton such as abuse of power, witness tampering and obstruction of justice, not to mention the infamous cigar story.

But what really is the rest of the world thinking about all these lurid details about a President who it seems cannot control his

libido. First of all, I believe, everyone is tired of hearing about it. Actually, make that sick and tired, especially of all the details. To most people this is an embarrassing, sordid tale of a Chief Executive that they wish they had not heard of.

Some even argue that it is hypocritical to humiliate Clinton as we've all seen, when American society hasn't fared any bet-

Khartoum would rightly say that leadership is about integrity and character, and a big kahuna without credibility is no kahuna.

Sure, the argument of economics may hold, but how long is his luck going to run on this principle? Coming from Africa, I certainly support this reasoning, that since under his management the US economy has performed much better than it did for many

the US economy is booming and the stock market (save the last 2 months) has seen a tremendous run, wouldn't it be imprudent to sacrifice such an able manager just because of his sexual failings and because he chose to lie about it?

Yet, despite the show of support at the UN General Assembly, many editorials in newspapers worldwide have urged the beleaguered President to resign. In a time when Russia is teetering on the brink of absolute economic disaster, the Asian crisis is showing no signs of shooing away, and Japan's recession is not showing signs of ending soon, then we certainly do not need a lame-duck US President.

In months to come, things are going to get worse all over the world. Malaysia is slowly becoming another unstable Indonesia, while many other nations in the region aren't any better economically. Russia is already under, and the Brazilian economy may follow suit with the entire Latin American region. Africa is almost a foregone conclusion. It is at this time that US leadership is going to prove important and vital. A President tainted and unable to marshal any concerted action plans with Congress is as good as an acting President and it is for this reason that he ought to resign.

Either way you look at it, both sides have a compelling argument. Ultimately, it will be up to Americans to wash the dirty linen they have unfortunately chosen to exhibit to the world. Either way, the international community will be watching with amusement, and the US presidency will never be the same again in the eyes of the world.

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ter in recent history moral-wise. They are right, we could have excused the religious Taliban in Afghanistan had they done this to their head (and I'm sure they are burning any copies of the Starr report because of its X-rated content). However, just because American society hasn't led the world morally doesn't mean the President shouldn't be measured by Taliban-style standards of morality. I'm sure the folks in Kabul or

decades under Republican Presidents and that this performance entitles Clinton to stay in power.

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Drinking is a lot like swimming, it's a lot of fun, but it's just dangerous enough so you should always have somebody clearheaded watching out for you. Always. Have a sober friend with you when you drink.

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Systemic reform of assault, rape issues on campus

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as who had gone through the process of leveling charges within the S.C.C. were adamant in their disappointment and anger when they felt members needed more training. So we have to ask; are the members of the S.C.C., new and sitting already, getting the training they need?

In an interview with Joanna Lee, Director of Affirmative Action, I learned that the S.C.C. this year is undergoing training starting September 30 for discrimination. Sexual assault training will begin the next week and will be coordinated by the Sexual Assault Crisis Center. "The reason this has been done is so that there could be more training. In the past the training has only been for new members (of the S.C.C.). But now this is going to be for the entire committee and done in two sessions; two hours for discrimination and two hours for sexual assault and sexual harassment." Ms. Lee also informed me that should an issue come up in the Committee, and that a member have a question, that they could always come back to her office for more information or training. But is two hours enough for training in assault related issues for S.C.C. members?

For first-years, one of the most impressive new actions the Dean of Student's office has taken is asking Katie Kessner to speak on her experiences with rape. Her talk was sobering and informative, but what I liked most about it, besides its clear message to

first-years that assault does happen to people just like them, was that she offered direction for improvement. She had answers and offered hope that things *can* change with action.

Both the President's office and the Dean of students have mentioned the Sexual Assault Response Line (S.A.R.L.), Resident Coordinators and Junior Advisors as a resource Bates should be using in a better, more involved way. Have JA's and RC's this year been used well to inform first-years and

a situation, JA's and RC's responded positively again. Keith Gauger, RC of Rand Hall said; "Overall I was impressed. However, the more the year goes on, the more I've found there are certain things they could have done a better job on. For example the alcohol policy." Almost all commented on one of the newest facets of the training-role playing. Conflict management and sexual assault in hypothetical situations were both acted out. Keith commented that this role playing was "very awkward but nevertheless invaluable."

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provide avenues for help? When asked, the JA's and RA's we've spoken to have been very positive about their training. Those JA's we spoke to reported that their training had involved about two and a half hours worth of discussion with S.A.R.L. and S.A.C.C. representatives.

It has been emphasized to them that their mission is to primarily offer themselves as a person to talk to should a first year (or any student) approach them for help with an assault related issue. When asked if the training they had received made them feel comfortable enough to properly react to such

When I spoke with Ms. McIntyre it was her feeling that "If the College truly wants the JA's and RC's to be accessible in a meaningful way, and if they're going to be avenues for students, then they need more than two hours of training." Sexual assault advocates at S.A.C.C. get forty two hours of training, a figure Ms. McIntyre agrees is a lot for the college to ask of their JA's and RC's. Nevertheless, that figure gives us something to compare to in understanding how complex it can be to try and prepare and address sexual assault on the person to person level.

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(a) To gain a greater appreciation of policies and procedures elsewhere through a study of "best practices" that are being used to address the conditions and consequences of sexual assault on other campuses;

(b) To examine and report the conditions and contexts of campus assault: understanding the conditions that are Bates specific, as well as those that are more general;

(c) To consider and report how both rights and responsibilities — institutional and individual — must be reflected in the policies and behavior that should be in place at Bates; and

(d) To develop specific proposals regarding initiatives and leadership in these areas.

The task force will meet for its first meeting early next week. The expectation from the President is that the task force begin its work immediately in the Fall with the expectation of a report in the Spring of 1999.

In an interview with Associate Dean of Students Stephen Sawyer, I learned that the last major systemic revision for the College's policy had come about through a

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Missing student-based support avenues, more than just necessary, powerful

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long process of; "a two to three year review done by a student-faculty committee, which was then debated by the faculty, and then passed by the Trustees and the faculty." That long process of review resulted in the Student Handbook we have now. It's this same handbook that will no doubt be at least one of the important focuses for review of the President's Task Force.

Often misunderstood as simply the 'facebook,' the student handbook is actually a bill of rights and responsibilities for students. Four of the seven points forwarded by students last year to the Administration dealt directly with the refinement and extension of the handbook's definitions. Why is the handbook so important? Within it are the College's expectations of students according to community standards and an explanation for students of how the Student Conduct Committee works. There were concerns last year by survivors and activists that their criticism of S.C.C.'s training and the process of determining bias on the committee was debilitated because of the way the handbook is worded.

Passing knowledge on-beyond a single class

One of the concerns of students last year and in years past, has been that issues raised one year are often lost to students of the next. Students are here for four years, sometimes only three, and learning the Bates system can take an enormous amount of time. In order to facilitate change strategically and not statically, a pathway must be found to pass on knowledge, experience, and warnings to students in future classes.

The administration may not be able to lend structure to students for getting information from one class to another. When it comes to passing on insider lessons about dealing with Bates bureaucracy, the best, and

some would say the only, way is for students to talk directly with students. To that end, and to provide another avenue of support for women on campus, a student group named "W.O.M.B.B.A.T." (Women Organizing to Make a Better Bates Atmosphere Together) has formed. Senior women form a mentoring relationship with first year women in order to network and pass on insight. Kate Osborne, a senior at Bates and member of W.O.M.B.B.A.T. specified that one of their goals is to try and offer another place for a first year woman to go if "a first year doesn't feel comfortable going to their JA, especially if their JA is of the opposite sex."

But what about men's involvement in student sponsored avenues? Katie Kessner,

consistently to mentioning their appreciation signals to me how incredibly important, how powerful, and how needed the male voice on rape is. So where is the Bates male voice on rape?

In an attempt to get men into the picture, the Health Center is sponsoring a "Men Stopping Sexual Assault" dinner meeting next Monday (Sept. 28) in the Garcelon room. The Health Center will provide some funding and support where it can, but the men involved would be the real impetus behind any male presence in this actively tackling this issue. Chris Tidsale, Director of the Health center said "For the last couple of years we've really been trying to get men more involved in issues of sexual assault on cam-

cannot emphasize this enough. We have great people and wonderful resources already in place. But Bates is rife with offices, departments and jurisdictions. We cannot expect persons in need to always be able to find the resources for help under the present network of bureaucracies. They do not now. There are people who cannot approach their JA because they are of the opposite sex and don't know any other advisor. There are scores of people incredibly intimidated by the system we use to raise assault or rape charges against a person. In other words, there are subtle systemic hurdles between the people in need and help.

Towards that end I suggest that we spend the time and the money to create a more formalized advocate system dedicated exclusively to coordinating all the different facets divided among offices right now. If that means creating a new staff position, let's do it. If that means removing other concerns from an existing position, do that. Right now we have S.A.R.L. and the JA for a person to initially talk to, then the Health Center for physical and emotional aid, the Dean of Student's office for the pressing of actual charges/filing a private report, and Judicial Educators and advisors to help navigate the S.C.C. That's a lot of people to find, ask for help, and coordinate with after you've been raped or assaulted.

Embedded in this issue are also conflicts of interests. The Dean of Student's office, which must maintain a balanced, almost neutral objectivity, cannot really reach out to either side in a conflict for fear of being seen as biased. We need someone to be a constant, and independent, anchor for the survivor to consistently rely on who doesn't have other important concerns (like confidentiality or the possibility of being seen as prejudiced) they have to worry about in their job.

Another recommendation I have is to include the Rape and Sexual Violence handbook prepared by the Committee on Sexual

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At that talk, and in assault related forums on campus long before last week, men have very noticeably been absent or few in attendance. In those forums that I have attended, what always strikes me is the support and compliments women give to men who attend and participate. Here are women dealing with at best an emotionally trying and scary issue present and real in their lives, and they go out of their way to spend their resources complimenting the men for attending. If nothing else, that dedication

pus." Primarily, the Health Center's goal with Men Stopping Sexual Assault is to "ask for student help in getting the education and the message out to students around sexual assault and related issues."

Recommendations

So where do we go from here? The college is taking important steps towards reform and refinement and the administration seems acting in a timely fashion. Students, particularly those women in W.O.M.B.B.A.T., seem to be starting to take initiative for student to student connections and avenues—something the student body has neglected terribly in years past.

Philosophically the system needs desperately to become easier to understand. I

Not just a puddle anymore

By LAURA HARDESTER
Staff Writer

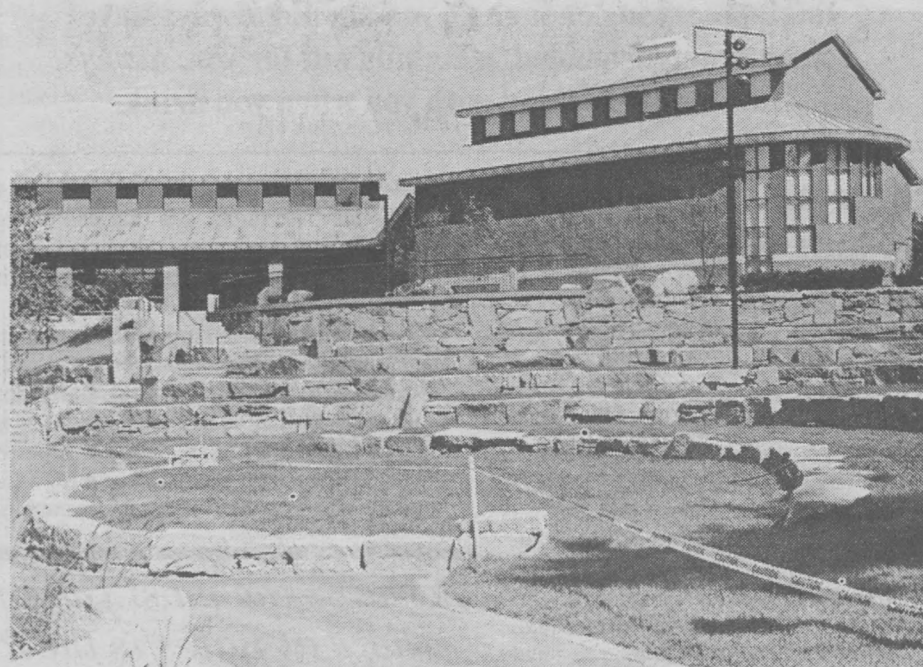
For returning Batesies, a glance in the direction of "the puddle" (first-years you may know the puddle as the all plentiful Lake Andrews) might transport you back to an era of togas, olive branch wreaths, scholars, and myths as your eyes are averted from the water to the new amphitheater that extends down the slope from Olin.

This past summer, while most Batesies were off campus frolicking in their homelands or far away places, the puddle and surrounding area underwent vast transformations. The most apparent of these changes are the stones, invoking in me some rather godly philosophical thoughts.

With the improvements designed by Bates Alumnus and Aquatic Biologist Scott Williams, the puddle was first drained and stripped of its twelve inches of sediment.

This sediment was composed of phosphates and chemicals deposited years ago from a heating plant that used to be where Olin Arts is now. The banks of the puddle were then rebuilt for more stability, and pipes were installed underneath to prevent overflow. Pizzagalli Construction, the same construction company that is building the new academic building, carried out these improvements and built the amphitheater, which was funded by a donor as a gift to Bates College.

So folks, and first-years...trust me on this, the area looks much better than it did last year. If you haven't already been, I suggest you all wander over in that direction of the campus for a gander (new paths also make the area completely handicapp accessible). Or, visit the puddle for a break from the growing rigors of the new academic year. Chat with friends, relax by yourself, question your puddle-inspired philosophical thoughts (me),



A view of the new amphitheatre.

Erin Mullin photo.

or do whatever you deem necessary. The new look of the puddle is certainly one of the more

beautiful, peaceful places of campus to do any of the above.

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Specific assault reform must include watching out for one another

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Violence in with the things already in the Student Handbook. Why are they separate? If it's for emphasis fine, that's wonderful, but repeat it anyway. Within that handbook we have fantastic definitions of consent, force, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment. Let's also expand the handbook to include Bates-specific scenarios that a student might experience like the role playing the JA's and RC's did, except on paper, printed in the Handbook for the whole student body to read.

What are my fears for the future? Pressure is one. The administration has expressed heartfelt sympathy, concern and commitment on this issue. But to keep the administration acting quickly takes reminders from students that this is an issue that will not go away. The message must be sent continuously that this is an issue with priority, where reform must be accomplished. Rape and assault still happen. They will happen this year. For every assault that goes on at this campus before reforms are made, there is a person who must experience the system without those important improvements.

Hopefully when the President's Task

Force meets, they will address issues comprehensively, strategically (meaning thinking beyond this and next year), and with attention to detail. But let's keep a close tab on what they recommend to the President next spring, and what the President acts on after that.

But the most pro-active measure we can take is within our own student world. What are we going to do about our practices? Alcohol is a factor in so many of the assault and rape cases that have come before the S.C.C. We abuse it so badly, then we create and support the situations where most often these assaults occur. We can't completely stop rape and assault by addressing situations involving alcohol, simply because the abuse of alcohol isn't the only way these crimes occur, but we can but a dent in these crimes by changing practice. Let's make it a priority that we watch out for one another when drunk, or better yet always have someone completely sober involved in our circles of friends when drinking. Be willing to intervene in questionable situations. Be willing to interrupt two people to make sure things are consensual, and don't worry about the embarrassment. Sound naive? Dorky? Boring? To much to ask? Then imagine living with the thought of your best friend down the hall experiencing this because "somebody" didn't step in while everyone was drinking last night.

A Call for Clinton's resignation

By SHAWN P. O'LEARY
Editor-in-Chief

We all have our price, don't we? It seems that when it comes to the indiscretions of the President many Americans are prepared to look the other way, claiming that his behavior is acceptable given that, "he has been so good for the country."

So let me get this straight: If he were a bad president, ultimately meaning if he served during an economic downturn, we'd toss the bum out on his ear. Well-well, what does that say about our collective sensibilities?

It means, quite obviously, that we will sell-out our morals to a man willing to engage in a sordid affair with a woman less than half his age so long as we believe his policies will provide us with some form of monetary gain.

Excuse me, but isn't that similar to one of the objections our quoteunquote conscientious objectors to the Gulf War raised? Now perhaps the whole moral code for card-carrying bleeding-hearts has changed, but I remember hearing claims that our involvement in the Gulf War was wrong because we were protecting our monetary interests (i.e. oil supplies). What I am driving at here, if it is not already painfully obvious, is that the defenders of the Clinton Presidency are, by and large, hypocrites.

Throughout the whole mess I have been absolutely flabbergasted at what people have said with a straight face. First and foremost: "We have no business snooping into the President's private life."

Private life.... are you serious? He is the President of the United States, working in a public office, earning public funds and engaging in an adulterous affair with a public employee. Would someone please explain to me how that can actually be considered

public? Call me crazy, but if this were a high school principal engaging in these acts in his office with a college intern I don't think he could call it private.

Also, critics have charged that Ken Starr's report included graphic details as a means of smearing President Clinton. Am I the only one that realizes that, surprise-surprise, if Clinton had possibly abstained from such behavior that Starr wouldn't have anything to report?

Isn't also appalling that Clinton points to the length and cost of the investigation when trying to deflect criticism? Excuse me, Mr. President, but if you were actually concerned about wasting the taxpayers' time and money wouldn't you have come forward seven months ago rather than wrestle with Starr's office over who could testify, where they could testify, when they would testify, etc. Didn't ever occur to you, even for a minute, that by simply admitting to an affair rather than trying to cover it up that you would save the nation tremendous embarrassment?

And what of the women's groups that have supported the Clintons so fiercely? Are they admonishing Bill and urging Hillary to claim her independence and self-respect by leaving him. Oh no, they've made their bed with the Clintons (apparently the more the merrier for Bill) ... they can't back-out now. Seriously, rather than encourage Mrs. Clinton to leave her patently unfaithful husband, many women's groups are admiring her for her courage and staunch defense of her husband and marriage.

Come on folks, if you believe for a minute that Bill Clinton is any more concerned with the state of the nation than his own personal affairs, you're diluting yourself. Its time to stop accepting his desperate excuses and call for his resignation.

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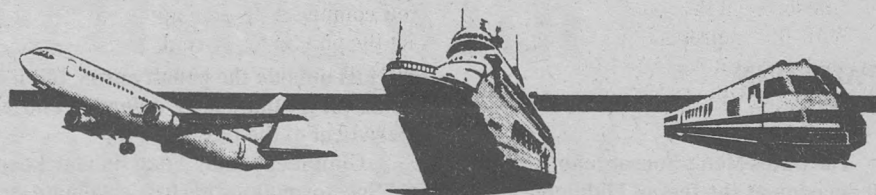
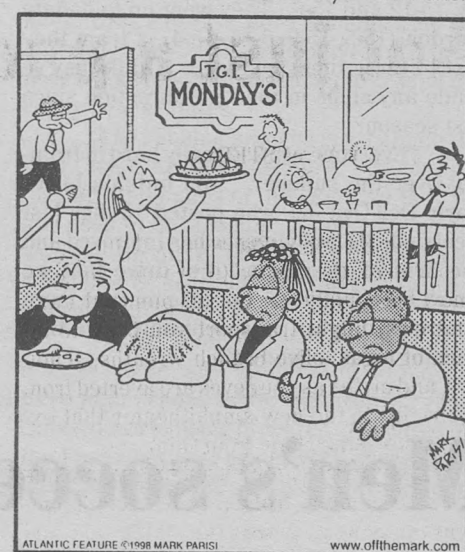
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Sports

V-ball victorious in round robin

By CAM DONALDSON
Sports Editor

Women's Volleyball coach Marsha Graef inched closer to her 400th career win last week with victories over Colby and Gordon to clinch the Bates Round Robin and Win #398 courtesy of the University of New England. Middle hitter Amanda Colby '00 was named the Bates Female Athlete of the Week, becoming the second volleyball player in as many weeks to garner that award, with setter Kate Hagstrom '01 the previous winner.

"Everyone on this team is hard-working, determined and supportive," said Colby. "In terms of talent, we have the total package. Big hitters, strong first-years, experienced leaders...It's all there. I think people are finally starting to realize that we are a varsity sport. This has been a great year in terms of campus support. I was really excited to see all those people come out to watch us last weekend." Colby showed her appreciation by putting on an "Armageddon-esque" show, drilling 30 kills into the gym floor in 46 attempts. Her hitting percentage for the season stands at .534, good enough for second in all of Division III.

At the Round Robin, Bates asserted its home advantage over Colby by scores of 16-14, 15-12 and 15-6. They went on to deflate Gordon (15-5, 15-9, 8-15, 15-4), a team they lost to three times last year. Think they've made any steps in the right direction since last season?

"Everyone worked really hard in training over the summer," said outside hitter Carly Dell'Ova '00, who posted 15 digs last weekend. "Our confidence has improved and the first-years have a lot of drive that we didn't have last year. Other teams are more intimidated by us. We definitely have that winning aura around us."

At UNE last Wednesday, Bates effectively blinded the opposition with their "winning aura," taking the Nor'Easters out of the forecast by a 15-0 score in the first game. Then, with Graef rotating through her entire roster and experimenting with new combinations, Bates captured the win by scores of 15-4 and 15-9, putting the 'Cats at a 7-1 mark for the season. Match highlights included Colby's six service no-no's, Hagstrom's 27 assists and Dell'Ova's nine death rays from the outside court.

Looking ahead to this weekend, Bates will have their hands full at the MIT Tournament as Graef looks for Number 400. On Friday, they will get their first taste of a New England Top Five team in Coast Guard Academy. With a win in the opener, Bates will find themselves advancing in an uphill battle against perennial New England powerhouse Wellesley College.

"We've been building up for this weekend since the beginning of the season," said Graef. "We started this season with our level of play higher than what we finished with last year, which

tells you how hard the returning players and first-years have worked. Last weekend we took another step up, and this weekend we hope to take a third step."

If the team falters at MIT, Colby College may have the honor of serving as the sacrificial mule for Graef's setting a career mark this Tuesday in Waterville. And on October 2-3, sixteen teams will be converging on this campus for the Bates Invitational. Among the teams scheduled to appear here next weekend, Bates has perhaps the quickest offensive game, powered by several piston-like arms on the mid-court, but the likes of Tufts, Middlebury, Amherst and Williams should test their abilities with some nationally ranked NESCAC competition.

"We definitely have that winning aura around us."

Carly Dell'Ova '00



Women's volleyball player racking up frequent flier miles.

Erin Mullin photo.

Men's soccer lacking execution

By PAUL ZINN
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The Bates Men's Soccer team dropped a 5-0 decision at the feet of Middlebury last Saturday afternoon. Middlebury (2-0), ranked fifth in New England, recovered from a mediocre first half to dominate the second session, scoring four goals.

The Panthers got a hat trick from Jonathan Giannacopoulos. The Middlebury midfielder scored in the seventh minute, but after that Bates had numerous opportunities to even up the score throughout the first half.

One of the best chances for the Bobcats came on a direct kick, late in the first

half, just outside the penalty area, but it deflected off a Middlebury defender and was cleared out of the box.

Giannacopoulos beat Bobcat keeper Dan Spector, making his first collegiate start, twice more with goals in the 53rd and 77th minutes.

"It was unfortunate that he [Spector] had to be in goal when so many great shots were taken," said Coach George Purgavie of Spector's performance. "The difference was Middlebury's finishing," he added.

Bates fell to 1-1 on the year and will next play at Plymouth State on September 29. Last year Bates knocked off Plymouth State with a dramatic 3-2 overtime win at Leahy Field.

"The difference was Middlebury's finishing."

George Purgavie
Men's Soccer Coach

'catscratches

By CAM DONALDSON
Sports Editor

Estonian secret agent/Bates Men's Tennis player Dmitri Kudrjartsev '02 was unleashed last weekend at the Middlebury Tennis Invitational, displaying considerable guile as he proceeded to win the whole schmere. Kudrjartsev sacrificed his cover to decimate everything in his path en route to the Singles A title, losing just eight games in four matches. Is the civilized world ready for four seasons from such productive talent? Might as well etch his name into the record books of Bobcat lore right now. Kudrjartsev, a transfer from the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, comes from a school that is nearly as alien as his homeland to most Batesies. In doubles action, Milko Todorov '01 and Greg Norton '01 squeaked past Connecticut College's number one duo by a score of 9-8 before losing to Middlebury in the finals, 8-6...Women's Tennis (1-1) bowed to Middlebury, 6-3, but sucked the life out of the University of Southern Maine, 9-0, in last week's action. At Middlebury, Bates had the edge in doubles play, taking two out of three, but the Panthers dominated the singles

courts, winning five of six. Against USM, Janice Michaels '00 and Laura Shearer '99 combined for just two losses all day, filling in at No. 3 doubles and Nos. 5 and 6 doubles, respectively. Top singles threat Suzanne Daly '01 lost her first set 6-4, but bounced back for decisive wins in the next two, 6-1, 6-1. Colby challenges Bates this Tuesday at 4:00...Mike Danahy '00 won his second straight meet for the Men's Cross Country team, now ranked 6th in New England, as they squared off against Tufts and MIT. Danahy again came out strong but could not help his team claw their way past No. 3-ranked Tufts (42 points) and No. 5-ranked MIT (35 points), which came out on top at Franklin Park. Matt Twiest '00 (7th) and Andrew Gruel '02 (8th) rounded out the top ten finishers for Bates (48 points)...Women's Cross Country posted a 10th-place finish, good for 252 points, in the UMass-Dartmouth Invitational last weekend. Adelia Myrick '99 jumped nine spots from her place in the season opener two weeks ago, posting a team-best time of 19:10. The NESCAC teams that finished ahead of Bates were Connecticut

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Women's soccer: talent there, but where, oh where?

By MATT MEYERS
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When one thinks of national rankings, the names that usually come to mind are the Michigan Wolverines, North Carolina Tarheels, and the UCLA Bruins. The Bates Bobcats, on the other hand, are not usually mentioned in the same breath. However, when the Division III women's soccer rankings came out on September 14, the Bates Bobcats were right there at number 21 in the entire country. Unfortunately, as we all know, what goes up must come down. Two days after the rankings were made official, the Bobcats lost to Wellesley by a score of 2-0. They followed that up with a lackluster 5-0 shellacking at the hands of Middlebury. Fortunately, Bates was unable to salvage a little pride with a 3-0 victory over a mediocre University of New England squad in the rain on September 22.

The season began on a positive note with a 3-1 whitewash of Norwich. Bates took the early 1-0 lead and after relinquishing it early in the second half they picked up two goals late to pick up the victory. However, the 3-1 final was not a good indication of the way the game was played. Bates dominated play but kept letting Norwich off the hook by not capitalizing on their many scoring opportunities.

Missed opportunities would be a recurring theme through their next two defeats.

The Wellesley loss is one that would fall into the frustrating category. The women from Bates could not seem to figure out Wellesley's goalkeeper and they were unable to make up

the twogoal deficit.

The Middlebury game, however, had many more negative components besides just the missed chances. As Coach Jim Murphy put it, "Middlebury just had more speed and quickness." This was apparent to everyone present at Lafayette Field last weekend as Middlebury took a 5-0 first-half lead.

"Middlebury had a hot keeper," said Coach Murphy "but we have to get better at finishing our chances. We try it in practice, but it is hard to simulate game speed and situations."

Unfortunately for the Bobcats, missed chances were not their only problem. They looked lost for the first forty-five minutes as the Panthers picked them apart with ease. "I was not surprised by their level of play, but I was surprised by our lack of intensity," said Captain Suzie Arnold '99.

Bates had a couple of opportunities to make it respectable in the second half but continued to fail on open chances. In fact, Middlebury ended up outshooting Bates by only a 19-18 margin.

Luckily for Bates, they were able to lift their spirits the following Tuesday with a game against U.N.E. Obviously overwhelmed, the Bates women took it to U.N.E. and easily defeated them 3-0. The schedule only gets tougher for the Cats though, they must travel to Hartford to play Trinity on Saturday. Not only is Trinity a tough opponent, but it is also their parents weekend and, as Coach Murphy put it, "Everyone wants to look good in front of their parents."

The Bates women have a tough road ahead of them. Their upcoming schedule fea-



Recent women's soccer action.

Erin Mullin photo.

tures mostly NESCAC teams and, as we have learned through the first four games of the season, it is stiff competition. After all, this conference sent five teams to last season's NCAA tournament. Says Arnold, "We hope to rebound against Trinity and get a much needed NESCAC victory."

Hopefully the women from Bates will be able to build off of these early season losses. "In order to turn it around," remarked senior fullback and captain Julie Lundman '99, "we need to start playing with

heart, we need to post some shut-outs, and we need to start taking advantage of opportunities." There must be some talent on the team if someone thought they deserved a national ranking. However, that ranking is not particularly significant in the middle of September. When informed a week later that his team had in fact received a national ranking, Coach Murphy responded by saying that "the one at the end is the only one that matters."

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By CAM DONALDSON
Sports Editor

Tired of reading Nitsche or memorizing amino acid structures? Alcohol policy got you drinking Moxie and watching MASH reruns at 1:00 a.m.? Racket sports and cross country don't do it for you? On October 3, the Bates campus will get a lot dirtier, a lot louder and a lot more fun when Bowdoin crosses the Androscoggin to meet the fairest lads of Bates College in the rugby home opener at 2:00 pm.

Last year Bates posted a 4-1 record, not quite good enough to clinch a spot in the New England Conference playoffs. This season they will have to weigh in with everything they have and finish with a perfect 5-0 record in order to make the playoffs.

"Overconfidence could be a problem this year," said Chris Morris '00. "We did real well in our scrimmage against Bowdoin last

weekend and we start the season against a team that we destroyed last year."

Bates opens the season at Plymouth State this weekend, where they coasted to a 70-6 win last year. However, the 'Cats would be wise to heed the lessons of two years ago, when they won New England's and came in second in the Northeast Regionals but still beat lowly Plymouth State by only a one-point margin. That single point could have cost them what turned out to be a highly successful postseason.

"Not every game's a given in this league," said Morris. "Every game is crucial. We can't lose one if we plan to meet our goal of making New England's."

Last year, all the team saw during the postseason were the White Asses of Colby College passing them in a 22-17 loss that forced Bates to relinquish its position as Downeast Division frontrunners. On October 10, as part of Parents Weekend festi-

ties, Bates will get their chance to reel Colby in and take back what, by all accounts, belongs on Bobcat soil: the Downeast Division title.

"The most important thing for us to do this year is kill Colby," said Ralph Livermore '99. "We have a good mix of people on the team; a good bunch of seniors and a lot of rookies. We'll see if we can better what we did two years ago." Given a healthy squad capable of mustering the same level of nitro-powered offense seen last year, it would be unwise to bet against these Bobcats.

"Our forward pack looks ready to dominate, just as they have in recent years," said Morris. "The key will be to develop our backs, who never really gelled last year. A lot of our backs were out with injuries at times last season, preventing them from working well together."

This year, practices have included more conditioning elements in hopes of in-

creasing durability and team health. Though you may never see Mark "Chooch" Jewell's mug on a Wheaties cereal box, this team is clearly more focused on building elite athletes. Only a fossil record remains from the days when unidimensional players of Tyrannosaurus-like proportions lumbered around the rugby field at Bates.

"The subbing in rugby is very limited," said Coach Kevin Cullenburg. "Most guys play all 80 minutes of the game, so they really need to be in shape. No one has an advantage because they all learn the game when they come to college. I just try to teach the game and build from there."

Understanding the game will be key on a team where only three out of 40 players have high school rugby experience. It all comes down to being prepared...Prepared for the headiness that comes with success, for the bump and grind, and, above all, for Colby.

more scratches...

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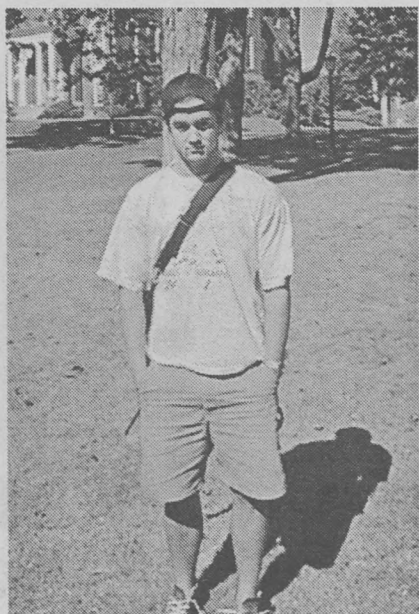
College (8th; 177 points), Colby (7th; 160 points) and Trinity (3rd; 128 points)...The hard-luck Field Hockey team (0-2) lost again last weekend despite playing a sound defensive game and putting in a considerable all-around effort. This time, it was Middlebury (2-0) who seized the day, scoring twice in the second half. Panthers goaltender Peg Ficks carried the brunt of the workload for Middlebury, as Bates managed 16 shots on the afternoon. Coach Wynn Hohlt wisened up to Middlebury All-American Heidi Howard, giving Molly McMahon '99 the checking assignment. McMahon was pesky enough to get inside Howard's head and hold her scoreless. Last year, Howard was allowed to roam free and scored five goals against Bates.

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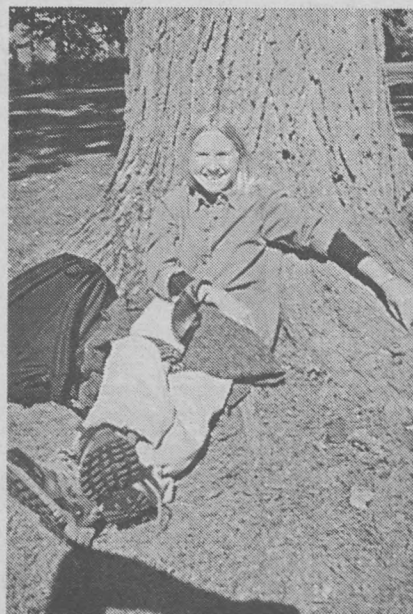
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Mark Henderson '99



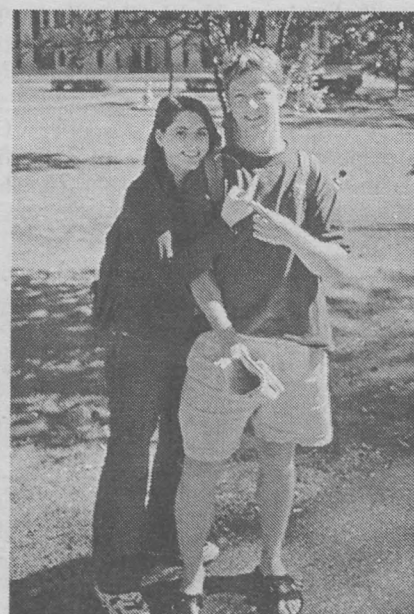
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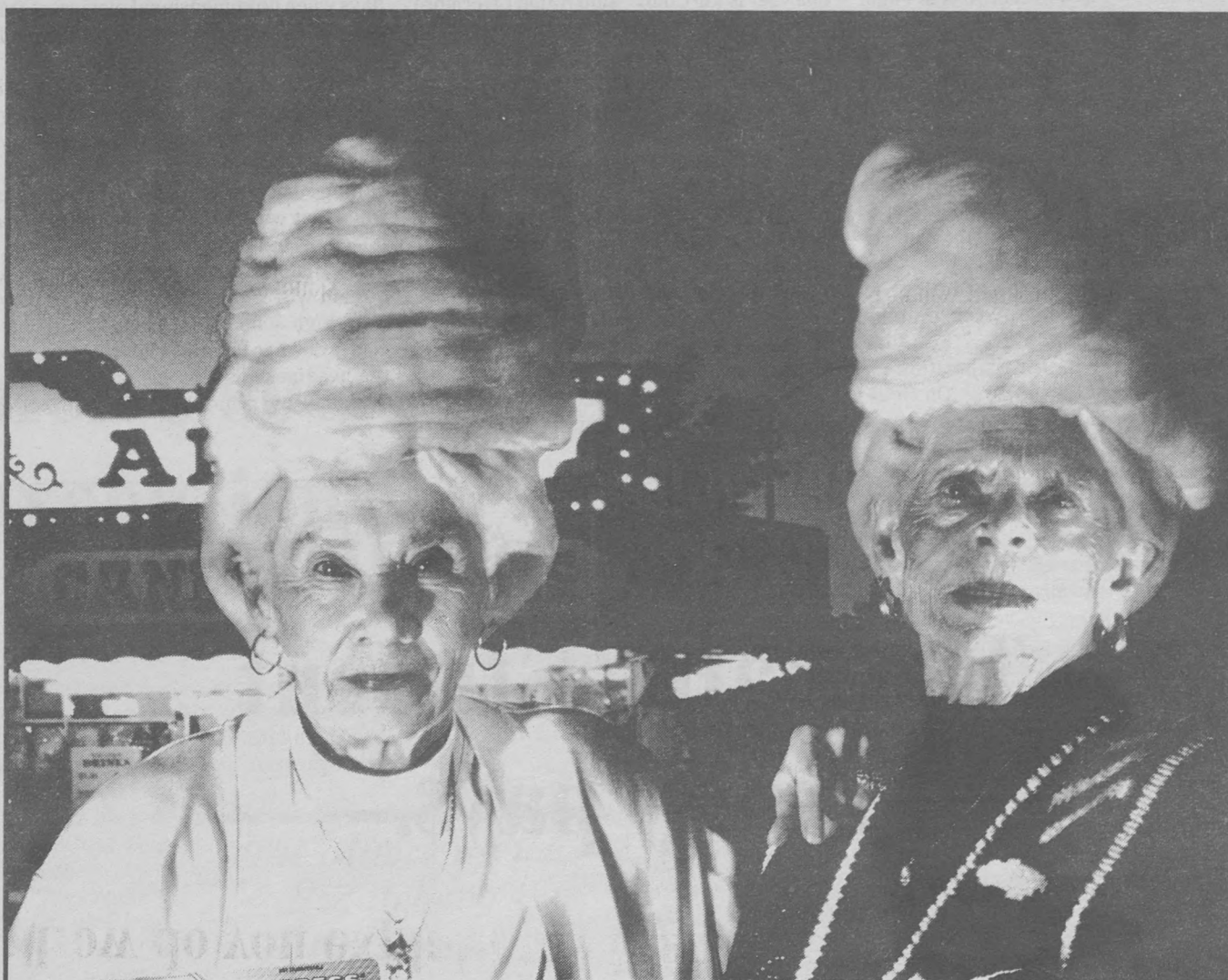


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