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Decision reached in NESCAC debate, post-season play limited to one team

Compromise plan accepted when some NESCAC presidents demand an end to all post-season play, President Harward not among them.

By **MATTHEW EPSTEIN**
News Editor

In a controversy that is returning from last fall, *The Student* learned this Wednesday evening that preliminary decisions have been made regarding the future of post-season play in NESCAC.

"On April 22, 1998, the presidents of the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) instituted a policy to limit post-season play by allowing only one team from the conference to participate in NCAA national competition in each sport," reports the Williams College Student Government website.

This information is a surprise to students at Bates and elsewhere. Last fall and spring many felt secure that the long term future of post-season play in NESCAC was protected as it was, and currently is, that all teams that qualify for the post-season will be allowed to play.

However, according to President Donald Harward, the situation was not that simple: "a number of presidents were radically opposed to allowing any form of NCAA competition," Harward told the Student last night.

He continued, "one role that Bates played was indeed to hopefully save the conference, as well as to strike a compromise... one part of the compromise was to argue that we want to have, to permit, NCAA competition.... The next step in the compromise... was that we would look at each sport to determine what the best pattern of NCAA participation would be."

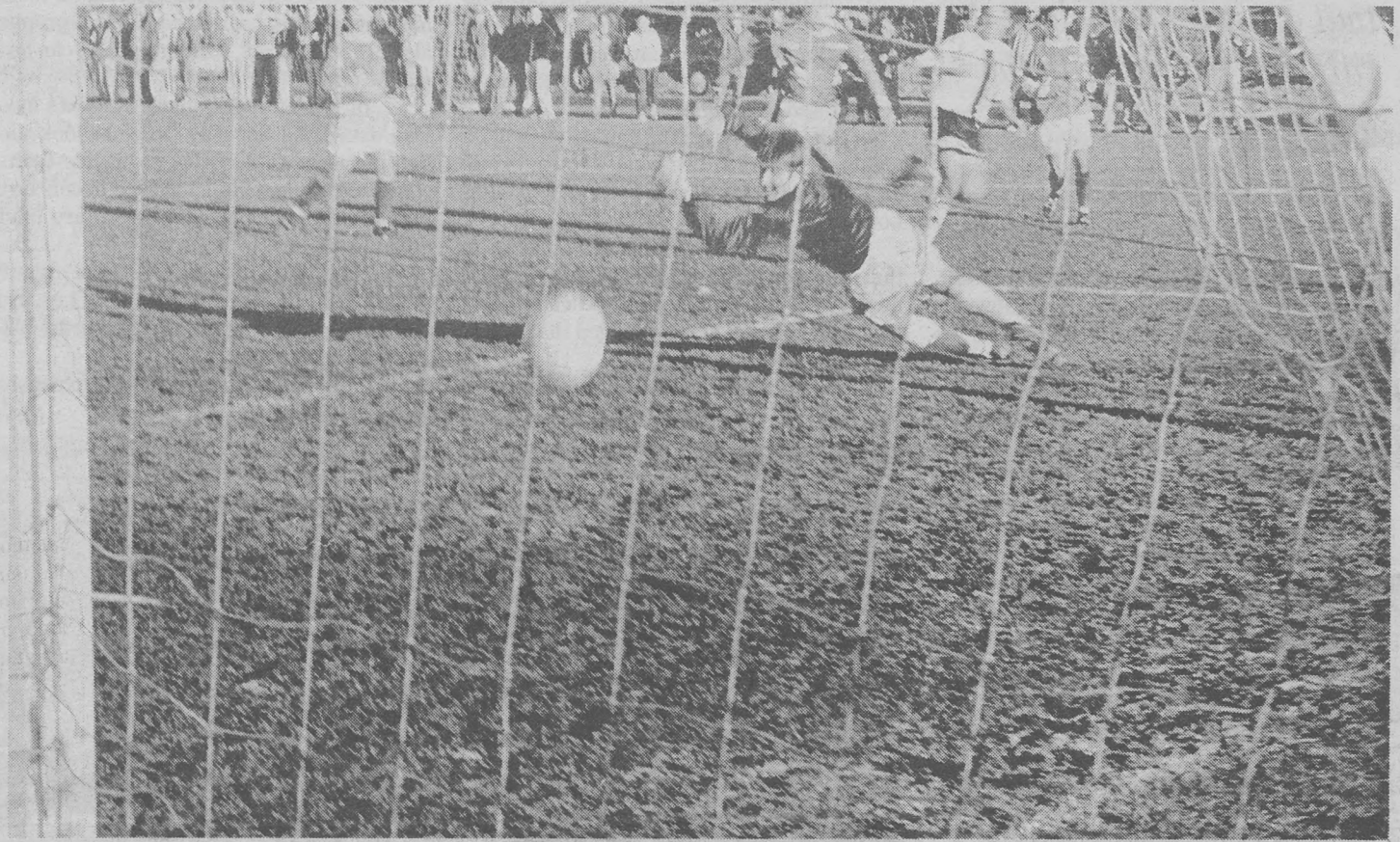
According to Harward the current compromise was satisfactory to all NESCAC member schools, offsetting rumors from last year that some schools were considering leaving the conference if post-season play was abolished.

Over the winter when it was originally announced that the NESCAC presidents were considering ending the "trial period" of post-season competition, there was uproar on the Bates campus and elsewhere.

In December, Bates students filled the College Chapel for an open forum on the subject, with all student speakers unanimous in the belief that post-season play should be continued.

Though apparently accepted by the various college administrations, the plan for a conference championship is unpopular with student athletes at all NESCAC schools, as many made clear in the winter, when it was originally proposed as one alternative to continued full participation. It is no more welcome now.

"I want to just say that there is pretty much unanimous opposition [at Tufts] to this new [expletive]. They are sorely mistaken if



Gooooaaaaallllllll!!!! Well, almost. This shot went off the post, but the Bobcats went on to win in post-season soccer against Colby, in a game that could be one of the last of its kind at NESCAC schools.

Andrew Wheller photo

they think this will reduce competition and increase student learning. If anything, this new policy will make the NESCAC even more competitive than it already is and will result in an effect opposite that which the policy makers want to achieve," said Sebastien Saylor, captain of the Tufts basketball team.

According to the Williams report, the playoff games that Bates saw in the past two weeks in field hockey and men's and women's

soccer would be no more, because NESCAC teams would not participate in ECAC's.

"NESCAC has sent 17 teams from 8 schools to the national tournament recently.... If the new policy, which is being implemented over time, had been in effect this year, that number would have dropped from 17 to 4. That's a lot of people with crushed dreams, a lot of opportunity down the drain," said Bert Letherman, a Williams

junior.

At Bates as well, the idea of excluding most NESCAC teams from post-season play is unpopular. "We're looking for students on this campus who are striving to be the best

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Students question the number of security phones



One of Bates' familiar security phones

Erin Mulin photo

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RA committee looks at security phones

Though the campus has more phones than Bowdoin or Colby, there are spaces that conspicuously lack the little red phones with the blue lights

By **MATTHEW EPSTEIN**
News Editor

BATES COLLEGE - A new committee of the Representative Assembly is investigating the number of security phones on the Bates campus.

To most students, nighttime at Bates means walking across an increasingly cold campus comforted with the sight of blue lights at security phones every few hundred feet.

The question is, however, are there enough of the little red phones that automatically ring at security to ensure the safety of students at Bates College?

According to Ron Lessard, Assistant Director of Security and Campus Safety, Bates has more than 100 security phones, at every dorm and house, and in or around most buildings and in all elevators.

Most of the phones have been added since 1991, when the college began putting phones in individual dorm rooms.

Comparatively, Colby has only 10 phones outside, and makes greater use of signs that instruct students where and how to dial for help in an emergency.

Bowdoin has approximately 70 direct dial phones to security.

Some students at Bates, however, say that beating out our rivals in this category is not enough.

"I think that... there are places where they need to be," said Simon Delekta, a member of the Representative Assembly who established the Ad-Hoc Committee to Review Security Call Boxes.

Added Jay Surdukowski, another committee member, "under the Library is like a dark alleyway."

Over the next week the committee will be making a survey of all of the phones on campus. Members felt that there are currently several areas that need a phone but lack one.

Surdukowski pointed out that the area around the ATM in Chase Hall is very isolated at night, with the nearest phones in the Den and at the Concierge both being well out of sight and hearing range.

After its survey, the committee will be making a report at this week's RA meeting, on Monday, November 16, at 7 PM in Skelton Lounge.

The basic plan for security phones is that they were to be placed so that one could be anywhere on campus and see a blue light; however, Lessard acknowledged that this is not quite the case.

"I think we could use some more

[phones]. You've got areas on Campus Avenue... the Health Center doesn't have a phone... Admissions doesn't have a phone."

Students who feel that a phone or light is needed on campus can submit their concerns to the Security Office. At regular meetings the department considers such proposals. In some places, adding a phone can be a simple matter.

In recent years, many students have also asked the Security Office to look into lighting issues. A series of bicycle thefts, especially at Page Hall, have led to concerns that the areas around the racks are inadequately lit.

"Lighting and sound... if there's plenty of light, [thieves] can be seen," said Lessard, explaining why it is important for the bike racks to be in visible areas.

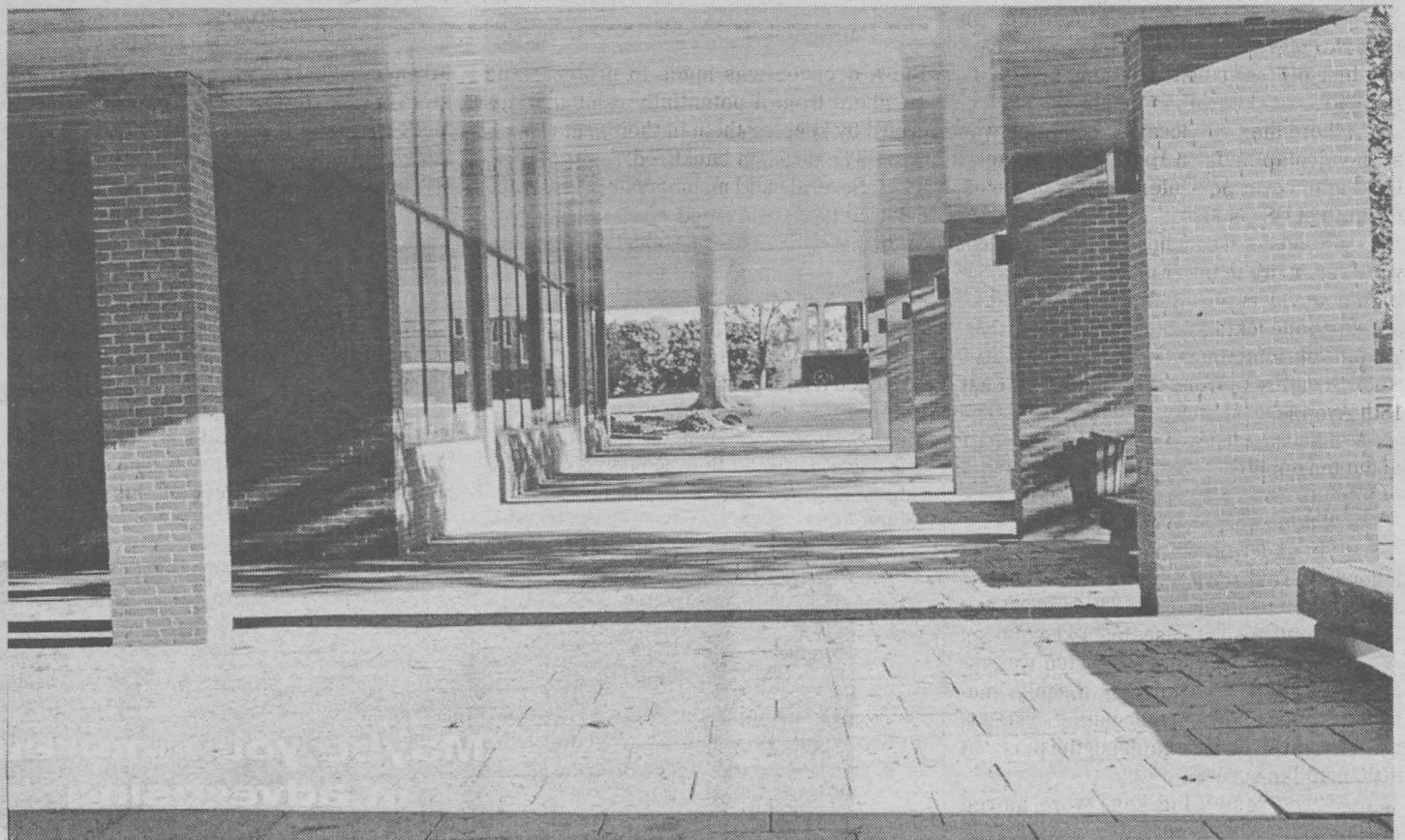
Although it is generally very expensive

to add a light to the campus, security phones can be a relatively simple matter. The phones themselves are "about \$5," according to Lessard. The difficulty and expense of putting one in comes from the necessary power and telephone lines that need to be in place.

If there is no telephone line and electrical power in a given space for the little blue light, then it may simply be infeasible to place a phone there.

Lessard emphasized that "where safety is concerned the college has made it a point to be safety conscious.... There's a lot of factors that go into it [spending for security]."

Next week, on Thursday, November 19, there will be the annual security walk, where students will take a nighttime tour of campus with the department and are welcome to make suggestions.



The "dark alleyway" (not so much at the time) under Ladd Library, just one of several places on campus that could need a security phone according to the RA committee that is looking into the matter.

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Corrections:

In last week's paper, the name of Pettengill hall was spelled incorrectly.

In last week's Question in the Goose, Jon Schultz '99 was incorrectly identified as having said "you want a piece of me?"

The actual identity of the man in the photo is unknown.

The Student apologizes for the errors.

RA altering its budget process

By **MATTHEW EPSTEIN**
News Editor

The Representative Assembly is proposing an amendment to its constitution to remove its funding from the budget process and take its funding directly from the college.

"The reason why we are doing this is... there's a huge conflict of interest right now. While the budget committee, technically, is a separate entity, it is funded by the RA, it is created by the RA, the treasurer is the chair. Ultimately we have to approve the slate of allocations," explained RA President Carrie Delmore. "We just want to eliminate any chance for something going wrong."

This change is not being made to increase the RA's funding, added Treasurer Matthew Velluto.

The amendment will be voted on at next week's meeting at 7 PM in Skelton Lounge.

Post-game rioting at two major football schools

Fights, fires erupt at Ohio State U. after football team loses

By ANDY WROBEL
The Lantern (Ohio State U.)

(U-WIRE) COLUMBUS, Ohio - After the Buckeye's loss on Saturday, some took out their frustration by doing some heavy drinking. Some decided to cause a few fires. These behaviors helped contribute to a reported 48 arrests.

Police could not confirm the number of arrests, but on a whole, the weekend was not as bad as past home football weekends, said Sgt. Earl Smith, spokesman for the Columbus Division of Police.

"Anytime there's a home football game, we have officers on standby," Smith said.

He said there were several fires set in trash dumpsters and a fight was broken up on East 9th Avenue and High Street.

The increase in police presence on High Street was visible, with both police cars and bike officers constantly seen in both directions.

More than one local news station was seen videotaping from High Street corners, looking to cover possible mayhem in the aftermath of OSU's loss.

Dumpsters, couches and other objects were set on fire in the campus area. Carolyn Ball, a senior majoring in social work, was on the phone joking with a friend about angry fans burning couches when neighbors set a couch on fire in front of her house on East 18th Avenue.

The couch burned on the road for about ten minutes before the fire department put it out.

"I don't see the logic in it," she said.

Six underage drinkers were arrested following a raid at a party on 141 E. 13th Ave. around 8:30 p.m. Saturday. The undercover liquor agents also confiscated a keg of beer.

"Everyone who was arrested was really good," said Ian Coughlin, a senior majoring in management information systems, who was involved in organizing the party. "A little mad I'm sure."

Three remaining kegs were moved over to Coughlin's apartment complex on 13th Avenue and Indianola Avenue after police left.

State Liquor Agents were not available for comment.

On campus, Ohio State Police reported three arrests of disorderly conduct on Saturday. None of the three were OSU students and all were cited and released, according to a police dispatcher.

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West Virginia U. students and marching band accidentally tear-gassed during postgame celebration of win over Syracuse

By KARL VILACOBIA and SAM WILKINSON
The Daily Athenaeum (West Virginia U.)

(U-WIRE) MORGANTOWN, W.V. - In the waning moments of the Syracuse-West Virginia University football game, the WVU Marching Band prepared to do a post-game show.

"The mace being used on the people on the field was moved into the band section by wind.... Some of our people got it pretty bad."

John Hendricks, director of the West Virginia University Mountaineer Marching Band

But a decision was made to protect band members from a potentially rambunctious crowd by keeping them in their seats.

The decision backfired.

Several band members and post-game celebrants were treated at the emergency room after a chemical sprayed by West Virginia State Troopers was blown into the band section by wind.

Witnesses said the police used the spray as fans rushed the field and approached a goal post while celebrating West Virginia's 35-28 victory.

State Police Sergeant Gary Gaskins, who coordinates on-field security, would not comment on the matter at press time.

"The mace being used on the people on the field was moved into the band section by wind," said John Hendricks, director of the Mountaineer Marching Band. "Some of our people got it pretty bad."

In addition to band members crying and vomiting as a result of the spray, at least one student, who suffered from asthma, was

time it has affected us."

Hendricks has been in contact with the President's Office about the situation.

Chief of Staff David Satterfield said if law enforcement agents are threatened, then they must use their discretion as professionals to keep themselves and the public safe.

While Hendricks felt that the pepper spray was not directed at the band, questions still exist as to whether it should have been used at all.

"It strikes me that the University cares more about some goal post than its own students," said Brian Smith, a general studies freshman and drum player for the band. "A lot of people were not happy after it happened."

Not every band member was kept in the stands, and some who weren't said they experienced problems with more than the chemical spray.

"We did send tubas and drums onto the field," Hendricks said.

One member of drum line, who requested anonymity, reported that as soon as the band started playing, State Troopers started "shoving us around."

"I looked up and saw yellow smoke and a trooper spraying people down," the band member said. "There were little kids running around the end-zone, kids who couldn't have been older than six or seven. This never should have happened."

"I'm not sure what sparked the incident, but we were part of the effect," Hendricks said.

"Our band students were just doing their jobs, and it truly is an unfortunate accident to have this happen after such a big win."

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From Page One



Bates Soccer in action in the playoffs against Colby.

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Choices program to combat drinking on campus

By **MATTHEW EPSTEIN**
News Editor

CHASE HALL - In the continuing effort to address what is seen as an unhealthy level of drinking on the Bates campus, administration officials and members of the Athletic Department have created "Choices."

"The Choices program is a collaborative effort between the Deans of Students and the Athletics Department," said Assistant Dean of Students Peter Taylor, who is involved in the program.

The program will target student-athletes at Bates, through their coaches and teammates. As 65 percent of Bates students play a sport, this is considered to be a good way to reach much of the campus.

By using "marketing techniques that will challenge perceptions of drinking," the leaders of the Choices Program hope to change the face of drinking at Bates College, which they see as increasingly out of control.

In the upcoming year, the program's goals include getting a group of "Athletes for Healthy Choices" together so that those individuals can encourage others to make responsible decisions about drinking while in college.

As an alternative to alcohol fueled partying, the intramural program has been expanded, with more games later and on weekends, and special events such as the battle of the classes and the First-Year Volleyball Tournament.

First-Year students are being targeted in the program, which seeks to inform them that binge drinking is not the norm at colleges and to correct other "misconceptions regarding alcohol and drug use on campus."

It is hoped that these misconceptions can be altered even before students enroll at Bates by having prospective students interact with the Athletes for Healthy Choices group.

In hopes of decreasing the disturbing rise in dorm damage of the past year, the program is attempting to "foster a greater sense of community in the residences." The expanded intramural program is an integral part of this goal as well.

they can be.... to achieve greatness [in whatever they do]," said Men's Squash and Tennis Coach Paul Gastonguay. "I think it's sending a mixed message, that we only have to be so good.... That we don't have to be the best," he continued.

"The new policy actually increases pressure on student-athletes since it is harder to make it to nationals. Friendly NESCAC [competition] becomes fierce. Losing early games defeats morale for the rest of the season and makes the remaining NESCAC games all the more stressful," said an unidentified student at Williams College.

The Williams student government, which is taking the lead in opposition to the new plan unanimously adopted this statement: "Teams from NESCAC have competed successfully in NCAA's for the past five years. In many sports, not one but several NESCAC schools have received open bids to enter the NCAA tournament. The new policy developed by the NESCAC presidents greatly retracts opportunities for NESCAC athletes to continue to compete nationally.

"The student body of Williams College is troubled by the imposition of such a restrictive policy. We seek fundamental change or rejection of the new policy, which has few advantages and many flaws."

In order to discuss the issue and coordinate action, leaders of NESCAC student governments and others will be gathering at Amherst College this Sunday. Members of the Representative Assembly and The Student's editorial board will be in attendance.

President Harward told The Student that there would be considerable opportunity for student-athletes, coaches and athletic directors to comment on the plan before it is implemented.

"We're spending the next two-and-a-half years to work with players, coaches and athletic directors, who have formed a committee to make a proposal regarding post-season play. Those proposals will be sport by sport.... None of this will take place before 2000-2001.

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Toilet explodes, endangering ancient Greek artifacts

By **BENJAMIN LOWE**
Columbia Daily Spectator (Columbia U.)

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK, N.Y. - Dirty toilet water doused Columbia Art History Department researcher Daphne Achilles and her research last Friday morning on the sixth floor of Schermerhorn Extension. Also covered by

"This is the last time I ever work [in this office]," Achilles said shortly after workers from facilities management started to survey the scene. "Thousands of [pottery] pieces have to be scrubbed. My black jacket is brown now. I'm not wearing that any more."

Because it was a direct toilet waste

"My black jacket is brown now. I'm not wearing that any more."

Columbia Art History Department researcher Daphne Achilles

the deluge was pottery on loan from Cyprus that dates back to the Late Bronze Age.

The accident happened at approximately 11:30 a.m. Friday morning when a plumber tried to unclog the drain pipe but instead broke a lead fixture used to connect the toilet to the pipe, officials from facilities management said.

Achilles was cataloguing pottery excavated from Cyprus in the 1970's for publication when the brown water cascaded from above and doused the entire room. The pottery, which dates back to the Late Bronze Age is on loan from the government of Cyprus.

The room where Achilles was working was located directly below a women's bathroom. Achilles said the toilet flushing was so loud that it prevented her from talking on the phone.

pipe, University health and safety officials were contacted before clean up could begin due to a concern for airborne hepatitis B, according to plumbing and electrical supervisor John Alessio.

Quote of the Week:

"The slight gratification of a frivolous vanity, in one individual, frequently costs more than bread to many families."

- David Hume

Alessio said all three toilets in the upstairs women's bathroom were clogged and not working. The plumber was instructed to snake out the line, but wound up splitting a lead connecting pipe.

"Unless someone comes with the funding to replace the pipes, the lead will stay," Alessio said.

Loretta Greenholtz, director of University Environmental Health and Radiation Safety, said the water spewed all over the room appeared to be residual water because "it does not smell" and there was no toilet paper scattered on the ground. Ironically, the clog was not freed, so the water was colored brown due to pipe scrapings, Greenholtz said.

Columbia Art History Department chair Stephen Murray said Achilles' work was not officially sponsored by the Art History department.

The cataloguing of the pottery had been a "slow moving" project since its excavation, Achilles said.

Columbia professors Edith Porada and John Russel previously worked on the project

before they left the University.

"I'm the only one left [from the excavation]," Achilles said, "and I regret it."

Achilles was hoping to prepare her findings for publication, but says this may have been the last straw. She said she has experienced two similar problems earlier this year.

"We left a hole in the ground and someone has to publish what was in it," Achilles said.

In August, Achilles said there was a water leak in the middle of the night and it ruined a lot of her notes.

The second incident was a smaller leak, and it was fixed after Achilles complained.

"I've been set back [by similar incidents] so many times. I know Columbia University is cramped for space, but does it make sense to have an office under a bathroom?"

"If word gets out about this, [the Cyprus government] will ask for it back," she said. "I dread being here, and I dread being away because I never know what's going to happen."



Adams Hall from across the puddle.

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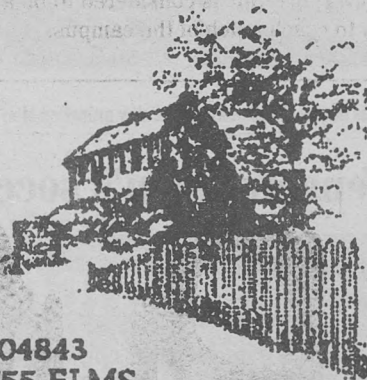


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Soccer reigns supreme



This double OT goal against Colby propelled Men's Soccer to the ECAC semis.

Andrew Wheeler photo.

Vengeful men's soccer wins when it counts

By CAM DONALDSON
Sports Editor

In a game of true epic proportions, complete with blood-boiling rivalries, double overtime dramatics and controversy aplenty over goals that were disallowed the last time Bates met Colby on the battlefield, the Bobcats outlasted the Mules, 2-1, in Round 1 of the ECAC's on Wednesday. The 'Cats now have their sites fixed on the semifinals on Saturday at Wheaton, where they will take on Tufts.

"It was great to be a part of that game," said Eric Trickett '99. "We got another shot at Colby [after losing to them 1-0 earlier in the season] and the script couldn't have come out any better."

In what first appeared to be shaping up as a defensive stalemate, Colby broke the game open in the 66th minute with a one-timer goal after a corner kick. Looks of trepidation were evident in the faces of the Bobcats as time wore down on the clock, but with

less than two minutes left in regulation, senior midfielder Chad LaFauci '99 slid a pass to Dan Spector '02 at the top of the box, who promptly snuck a low shot past the Colby goalkeeper. It seemed to take a few moments for Spector, the team's backup goalie and throw-in specialist, to fully realize what he had done as his teammates marauded him.

The first overtime was characterized by some fierce Bates offensive flourishes with Colby a man short due to a red card infraction with 32 seconds remaining in regulation. Though the 'Cats failed to find net in the first OT, they finally were able to finish with just five minutes left in the second as LaFauci converted a silver platter feed from junior forward Andy Apstein.

"We got another shot at Colby [after losing to them 1-0 earlier in the season] and the script couldn't have come out any better."

Eric Trickett '99

Women's soccer mops up ECAC bracket

By CAM DONALDSON
Sports Editor

After a "Be advised, this ride may cause motion sickness" season where the sweetness of every high was inevitably dulled soon after with the indignity of loss, Women's Soccer put a muzzle on both their critics and the salivating jaws of their conference brethren, silencing Wheaton, 2-1, and Gordon, 2-0, to capture their first ECAC title since 1991 last week.

"I am really ecstatic for the seniors," said Coach Jim Murphy. "All five of them have been an integral part of this team for four years. Any time you can go out like that and win the last game of the tournament, you've got to be happy for them."

While junior forward Kate O'Malley provided all the scoring punch Bates would need in the finals versus Gordon, ringing up two goals en route to being named the tournament MVP, she was quick to credit her teammates. "Other people really picked it up for that game," said O'Malley. "I just happened to be there to kick it in."

O'Malley's first tally came at 16:22 off a corner kick by sophomore midfielder Val Rosenberg. She closed up the scoring at 61:32 with a penalty kick that found the twine behind Gordon goalkeeper Sara Parker. Bates goalie Suzie Arnold '99 disarmed the Fight-

ing Scots, making seven saves and wrapping up her third shutout of the season.

"Our season had its ups and downs, but it was really nice to finally go out strong and end on a positive note," said O'Malley. "We were definitely more fired up and more mentally prepared for that game. Winning was incredible...It was just the best getting a huge hug with the whole team."

To reach the finals last Sunday, Bates first had to grind their way through a brutally physical contest with Wheaton on Saturday, highlighted by first-year goalie Erika Esch's first career start, a clutch four-save performance. Kate Dockery '02 put the 'Cats on the board first when she put one away from just inside the box at 33:12. Wheaton made it a ballgame 20 minutes later with their tying goal, but (who else?) Kate O'Malley got it done in the 75th minute, driving a cross from Jolene Thurston '00 for the winner.

"That was a real tough game," said O'Malley. "The fans were getting on us and we were all pretty banged up, but we worked really hard and came through. On Sunday, I just remember feeling so beat up, but we wanted to win so badly."

NOT a great day to be a Bobcat

By PAUL ZINN
Staff Writer

In sports, sometimes a team or an individual has a flat-out bad day. A day when the team thinks it is ready to play, but absolutely nothing will go their way. Yeah, it sucks, but unfortunately, it happens. This is what happened to the Bates football team last Saturday afternoon when the team lost a 49-14 decision to the Bowdoin Polar Bears. Bowdoin took an early 21-0 lead and a stunned Bates team was never really able to challenge the Polar Bears. In fact, Bates basically could not generate much offensively or defensively all day. The loss dropped the Bobcats to 1-6, while Bowdoin improved to 4-3. More importantly, the loss eliminated the possibility of Bates winning their first outright CBB championship since 1986. On the loss, Coach Harriman said, "When it is against an archrival and for a championship, it is definitely harder to take."

On the opening possession of the game, Bowdoin took the ball 65 yards. The drive was highlighted by the Polar Bears' air attack. After Hayes MacArthur put Bowdoin in Bates' territory with a 26 yard pass completion to Steve Lafond, he hit a wide open Steve Prinn for a 46 yard touchdown pass. One of the problems the Bobcats had all day was the lack of pressure that they put on MacArthur. In fact, the Bobcats did not get to MacArthur once, recording no sacks, and as a result, like this first possession, MacArthur was able to hit his wide receivers with pinpoint accuracy all afternoon. MacArthur was 13-19 on the afternoon, throwing for 303 yards and 3 touchdowns with one interception. As Frost Hubbard '00 put it, "We definitely did not get any pressure, whatsoever, on MacArthur." After the kickoff, the Bobcats went 3 and out and Bowdoin had the ball at their own 46, in excellent field position. After a 5 yard carry by Tim Lawson and an incomplete pass intended for Steve Lafond, the Polar Bears were faced with 3rd and 5, from the Bobcat 49. Once again, MacArthur came up big, hitting Steve Lafond for a 29 yard pass completion and a first down, putting the ball on the Bobcat 20. The Polar Bears would score four plays later, when Randy Petit, a defensive back, brought in mostly in short yardage situations, ran in from 3 yards out. The run capped a 54 yard drive and gave the Polar Bears a 140 lead with 9:19 left in the first quarter. On the first play from scrimmage, after



Bowdoin carried the play last weekend on their home turf.

Erin Mullin photo.

the kickoff, Ryan Jarvis '00 coughed up the ball and Bowdoin recovered on the Bobcat 14 yard line. On the next play, Chris Houston ran the ball in and Bates trailed 21-0. The Bobcats looked stunned and faced a big 21-0 deficit with just over 6 minutes gone in the first quarter. Both teams got the ball once more in the first quarter. When Bates had it they picked up a first down, their first of the afternoon, but after that, the Bowdoin defense stopped Bates, and the Bobcats had to punt. The Polar Bears then moved the ball inside the Bobcat 30, but the drive stalled, and Alex Tatum '01 missed a 45 yard field goal.

When Bates got the ball back, they put together an excellent drive. One of the bright spots on the afternoon was Josh Howes '01 who, on the day, caught 6 Matt Bazirgan '00 passes for a total of 49 yards. On the third play of the drive, facing 3rd and 4 from their own 34, Bazirgan found Howes for a 17 yard

completion and a first down in Bowdoin territory. One play later, Ryan Jarvis carried the ball 17 yards for a Bobcat first down to the Bowdoin 30. Then, on 2nd and 7 from the Bowdoin 15, Bazirgan found Alexi Whitney '00 for a 13 yard completion to the

Bowdoin 2 yard line. Three plays later Bazirgan would take it himself, for the first Bobcat score of the afternoon. With plenty of time left the Bobcats looked like they could still make a run at the Polar Bears. However, on Bowdoin's fourth play from scrimmage on the ensuing drive, MacArthur found Lafond for a 53 yard

touchdown pass, giving Bowdoin a 21 point lead once again.

Bowdoin got the ball back again with 4:21 left in the first half. Once again, the Bowdoin air attack, led by Hayes MacArthur, would lead the Polar Bears to another score. A 44 yard pass to Steve Prinn brought the ball to the Bates 33 yard line. And then, on 3rd and 6 from the Bobcat 18 yard line,

"Any time a team has that bad of a day, everyone (players and coaches) must reevaluate."

Coach Mark Harriman

'catscratches

By CAM DONALDSON
Sports Editor

Women's Volleyball (22-12) enters the ECAC Tournament today at Tufts, marking the team's first postseason appearance since 1995. As the third seed, Bates will take on sixth-seeded Trinity (18-15) in the opening round. Coach Marsha Graef, she of recent "Sports Illustrated" fame, might consider trading some of her 413 career wins for an ECAC title and a storybook finish to her 14-year career as a Bobcat Volleyball coach. Bates, winner of the Trinity Invitational and the State of Maine Championship, has a 2-1 edge on the Bantams in play this season, with both 'Cat wins coming as shutouts. The Bobcats will trot out first-team All-NESCAC players Kate Hagstrom '01, with a school-record 125 aces this season and Amanda Colby '00, whose hitting percentage of .451 places her fifth in the nation, as they try to make up for last week's disappointing performance at

NESCAC's. At Colby last weekend, Bates fell in at sixth place out of eight teams, losing to Trinity in the consolation finals by a score of 3-1. Ah, how sweet revenge will be...**Men's Cross Country** was ranked 25th in NCAA Division III after finishing 9th/33 at the ECAC Championships last weekend. This Saturday, Bates will look to ward off the cold weather with a hot finish at New England's in Wellesley, Massachusetts...**Women's Cross Country** hopes to break out of the Pleistocene this weekend at New England after weighing in at 22nd/30 in the ECAC's...**Bates Ultimate Frisbee** (a.k.a. The Orange Whip) has its last tournament of the fall this weekend at Hampshire College. The team has a 6-4-1 record this season, highlighted by their performance at Division II New England sectionals, where they won their pool but lost a close game in the first round of the single-elimination playoffs.

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The Napkin Board: is it an effective way to bring change to Commons?

By IENNIFER GIBLIN
Style Editor

Do you often get a craving for Cookie Crisp cereal but find that your need is unfulfilled in Commons? Do you try to solve that particular problem by posting your request on one of those recyclable napkins on the bulletin board just outside of the dining hall? If so, you're not alone. The napkin board is a popular way for students to voice either their displeasure or satisfaction with the food served in Commons. But how effective is the napkin board in actually bringing change to the menu? In an interview, the former napkin board respondent answered not only this question but also explained what really happens when a napkin is tacked up on the board.

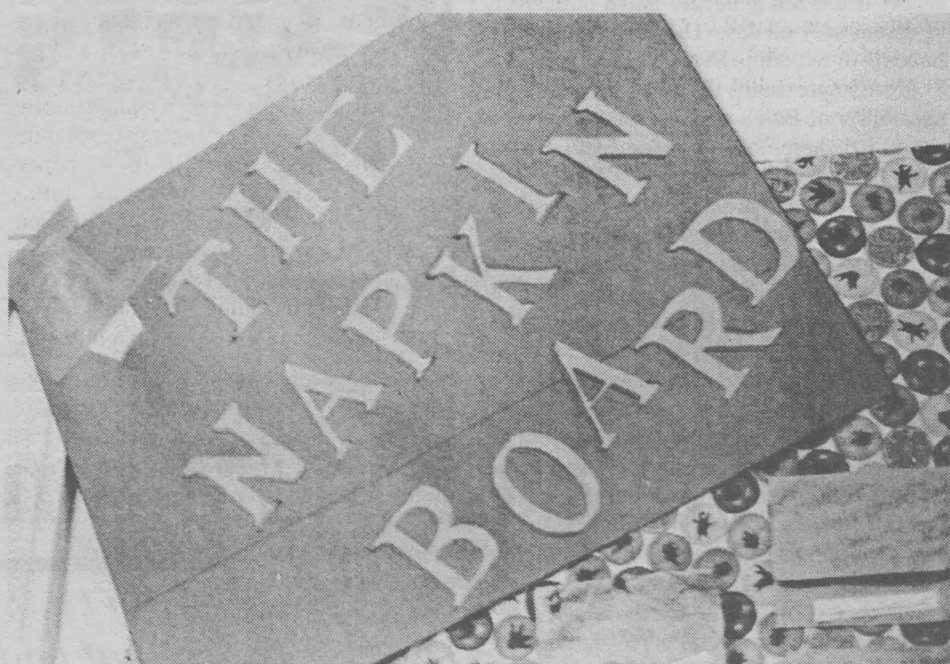
This past week, three new respondents began their job of answering all napkin requests. Prior to that, one respondent was responsible for maintaining the napkin board. After all of the unanswered napkins are collected on Mondays, a list is made detailing all the requests, complaints, or compliments. This list is then sent to the menu committee, composed of members of the Bates dining staff who respond to all requests. The respondent is then responsible for typing up replies based on the information given by the committee. Answered napkins are posted on Mondays.

The former respondent believes that the process is an effective means of communication between students and the dining

staff, especially when compared to the system used in the past. The committee began receiving the lists just five weeks ago. Previously, the napkins were photocopied and given to those in the department to whom they pertained. This new process is not only faster but it also allows everyone in dining to receive the information.

So how seriously are the requests taken? The respondent admitted that some napkins are dismissed, though only those which contain requests that have been repeatedly answered. She encouraged everyone to read the responses in order to be more aware of what has already been addressed. Also, napkins which are deemed offensive or which contain profanities are sometimes thrown away. She explained, "It is good to write a smart napkin because it keeps the board entertaining but don't be downright rude." Napkin requests which are most seriously considered include those which introduce new menu ideas, ask for healthier alternatives, or express dissatisfaction with new food items. To the napkin board respondent, positive napkins are always nice to see.

Cereal tends to be the food which for which the most requests are received. Presently, thirty-two varieties of cereal are rotated. If students want a new brand such as Team Cheerios, other cereals will have to be removed from the rotation. Questions about the new salad dressings are also frequently found on the napkin board. This summer the dressings were changed after a taste test was given, mainly to faculty and staff. Given the



Students use The Napkin Board in Commons to express their views on Bates dining.

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general dissatisfaction with the new, sweeter dressings, they may again be switched, especially if more unhappy napkins are posted.

The job of a napkin board respondent is somewhat of a challenge. Characterizing the napkin board as a "service of entertainment as well as communication," the former respondent clearly recognizes the need to come up with creative responses to pique interest. Fortunately, because their identi-

ties are kept a secret, the respondents are uninhibited in their replies. Although they have the liberty to say what they want, they are still somewhat censored to ensure that the responses are not too sarcastic. Although the former respondent is pleased to be free from the work the job demands, she sometimes reads a napkin that she wants to respond to but she said, "Everyone says I'm too mean anyway."

Skalloween Punkin' Festival an intense, exciting concert

By MATT ROSEILI
Staff Writer

So, it's four days after Halloween. The costumes are back in closets, the pumpkins are rotted, and the hangovers are a memory, hopefully. Who, then, WHO could pull off a concert called The Skalloween Punkin' Festival? Well, two of the coolest bands on campus, if you must know.

Mrs. Skannotto and the Rubber Policemen kept the Silo banging for the duration. The Rubber Policemen, a punk band loosely formed two years ago, are guitarist/vocalist Todd Robbins, bassist Matt Twiest, and drummer John Seager.

Mrs. Skannotto, who made their debut at the Ronj last year during The Battle of the Bands and also had a gig in the Page lounge last short term, are the Rubber Policemen plus horns and keyboards to add that ska flavor. Mark Annotto (a.k.a. "Skannotto," the origin of the band's name) sings and plays trumpet, Eric Hemmeter sings and plays alto sax, Nicole Granger sings and plays keyboard, Katie Driscoll plays tenor sax, and Justin Lloyd plays trumpet.

Mrs. Skannotto started off the night, playing an inspired set that mixed humor

with skankable ska rhythms. Skannotto points out that some of the band's songs "are more punk influenced whereas others are more traditional ska."

Their cover of Judge Dread's "Big Seven" was more on the straight-up ska side, featuring Skannotto doing a reggae-style solo on vocals. "That featured a little ragga muffin flavoring," he said. On their version of the Skofflaw's "William Shattner," they "added a punk element," boosting up the distortion on Robbins' guitar.

The lighter side of the performance, never avoided by this band, came when Skannotto rapped a version of "Baby Got Back" (you remember that Sir Mix-a-Lot song from middle school), with Twiest thumping out the bass line and Seager holding the funky beat. From the danceable to the ridiculous, they had the crowd digging

the scene from beginning to end.

The Rubber Policemen came out and replaced the ska party with some hardcore

punk. There were no horns here, just bad ass rock 'n roll. "They're straight punk," said Skannotto. They played mostly original tunes except for "Bar Room Heroes," by the Drop Kick Murphy's, and a Minor Threat cover.

The mosh pit was lacking...unless of course you consider one guy trying to kick about

twenty five other people a mosh pit. The place still rocked though: Robbins kept the intensity high on lead guitar. And what has the drummer to say about all this excitement? "Playing with the Rubber Policemen is 666% fun." Weird- I was having similar feelings.

Mrs. Skannotto seemed a little con-

From the danceable to the ridiculous, they had the crowd digging the scene from beginning to end.

cerned about the crowd's fear of the dance floor. Skannotto just shrugged, a bit confused: "Ska is just Jamaican dance music. It's totally designed for dancing."

Anyone looking for another chance to get down and hear some quality ska music, Mrs. Skannotto is holding a Happy Skalidays concert on Friday, December 11th that will feature two new original songs and some covers of Christmas ska songs. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information. And maybe have your dance shoes polished in the meantime, too.

Write your own concert reviews for The Student next semester.

Bates prepares for America Recycles Day

By SAMEER RAJ MASKEY
Staff Writer

As America Recycles Day, on November 17 approaches, the students at Bates are coming up with more environmental plans. On this day, the dining hall is starting its awareness program to reduce the use of paper cups. In addition, several other environmental initiatives, like environmental games, trash carrying week, and other projects are going to start. Besides that, the reusable planet mug in the Den, and a search for chlorine-free paper has already started.

Bates dining hall is trying to work out a venture of reducing the use of paper cups. Approximately 6000 paper cups are used every week in the dining hall. Since paper cups are not recycled it is clear that their use is not assisting the ongoing plan of recycling. Though paper cups are somewhat recyclable, the lack of a special grinder in the dining hall makes them wasteful. Anyone who wants to help take part in the ongoing recycling process can avoid the use of unrecyclable products. Using mugs instead of paper cups would be a good example. The

dining hall is expecting students to use their glasses and coffee mugs instead of paper cups for drinking coffee inside the dining hall. If students feel uneasy with small cups then the dining hall wishes students to use their mugs, as it seems likely to be easier to carry around hot coffee in this cold winter in a mug than in small, crappy paper cups.

The whole point of the dining hall encouraging the use of other kinds of cups is to reduce the use of paper cups until it doesn't have to put any paper cups in the dining hall. This seems to be a pretty ambitious goal for the dining hall; but they are optimistic about the whole plan, because they have seen other colleges do it. Hence, it is a challenge and a chance for all the Bates family to prove their care for the environment.

While the dining hall is impatiently waiting for America Recycles Day to start its awareness program about the use of paper cups, the Den has already taken the initiative to reduce the use of paper cups. The Den has started the new policy of the planet mug. Answering the question, "What is your reason for starting this Planet Mug plan?" Pablo, the manager of the Den, says, "In a nutshell,

it is aimed at reducing the use of paper cups."

The way the Planet Mug program works is one has to use the mugs provided by the Den to drink any kind of beverage inside den. If people use the mug five times, they get their sixth drink for free. Meanwhile, their ticket will be stamped each time they use the mugs. When the ticket has five stamps, it will be placed in a lottery. The winner each month will be awarded a mug with the logo of a green planet, the earth, on it. Thus, this reusable coffee mug is to be called "The Planet Mug."

This plan will hopefully help in the reduction of the use of paper cups. For now, people can use the Den's mugs only in the morning. If the mugs are not taken away from the Den and the plan turns out to be working well, then the Den is looking forward to pursuing the plan further. The only thing that students have to do is drink out of cups provided by the Den without using the paper cups. If all students think about this carefully and try to implement it then it will be a great help in the ongoing recycling process.

Besides this venture of reducing pa-

per cups, there is another plan the environmental coalition is trying to implement - 'use of chlorine free paper.' It is a sad fact that chlorine, which is harmful to human health in several ways, is used in the process of manufacturing the kind of papers Bates is using now. This use of chlorine leads to the formation of dioxin in the environment that can be passed to humans in several ways. The main effects of dioxin on human beings are disorders in child development and the female reproductive system, reduction in sperm count, increased risk of cancer, etc. To give Bates a clean and healthy atmosphere, the environmental coalition is trying their best to work out this plan.

When the members of the environmental coalition were asked what is the present condition of their environmental plans, they said, "Everyday people are coming up with innovative ideas, which demand the help of everyone. So, it is time for all of us to act for the environment. Let us all march forward with all of our strength to prove that the Bates family is strong enough to make the hardest environmental plans come true. Help the environment! Help the world!"

A review of REM's newest release "Up"

By DAVE BRUSIE
Staff Writer

When REM drummer Bill Berry left the group last year, many thought the end was near. After all, the band did vow, back when they started, to break up once one man left. Also a looming omen was the fact that their last album, *New Adventures in Hi-Fi*, didn't do commercially as well as hoped. However, REM fans need not fear. The band luckily abandoned their breakup vow and ignored *Hi-Fi*'s critics, releasing an album after two years of absence. "Up", the fruits of their efforts, is a beautiful and inventive piece, proving that REM doesn't necessarily need Berry, nor a number one hit, to make a lastingly wonderful work.

Unlike REM's past two outings, *Up*'s ballads outweigh its rockers, which is hardly a bad thing. In fact, the album is almost exclusively consisting of slow songs, with the exception of the Beck-like "Lotus" in the beginning of the disc. The music of REM continues to reach into further depths, with songs like "At My Most Beautiful" and "Sad Professor", which come across as miniature epics, both being moving and melodically vast. "Beautiful" rings with bells, pianos and Beach Boys-inspired harmonies, while "Sad Professor" is a simple and emotional downer. It's a pretty downer nonetheless, piercing with lines like "Everyone hates a sad professor, I hate where I wound up."

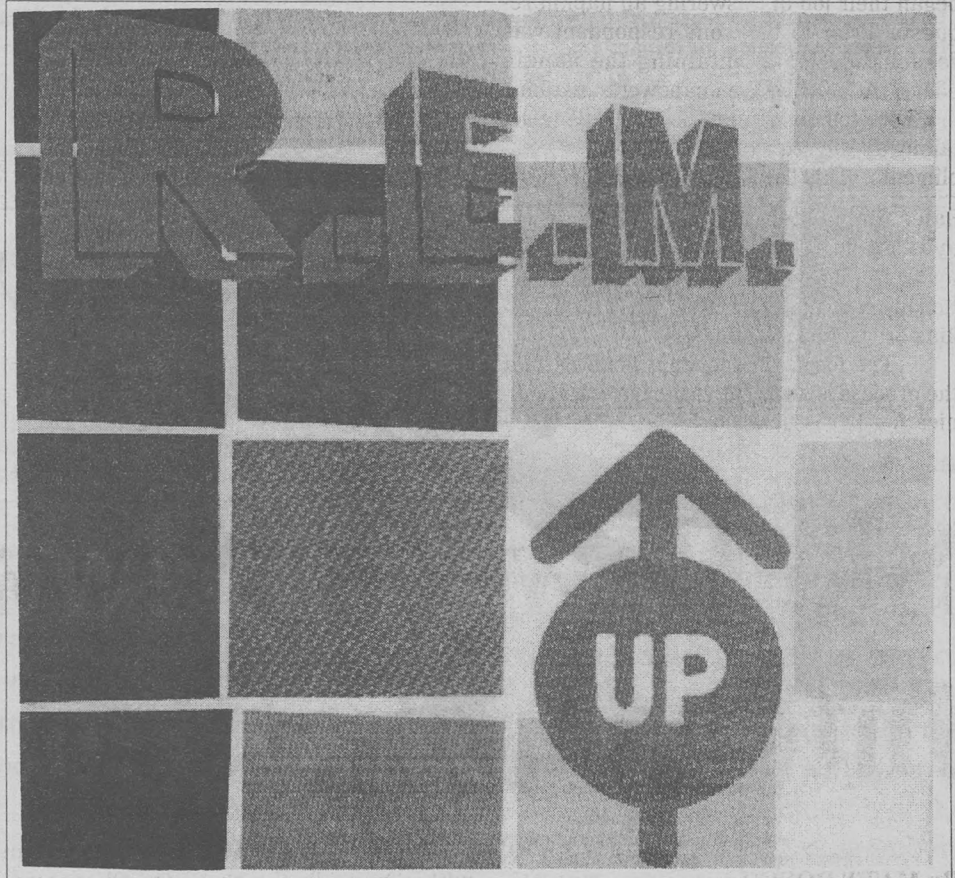
Lyrics are a prominent part of *Up*'s quiet charm. Frontman Michael Stipe remains one of rock's leading cryptics, but his

are words that perfectly fit the mood of the songs. This aspect of his writing is an ongoing feature of Stipe—murkiness, but murkiness that matches the music it is made to exemplify.

One thing that he has changed, however, is the accessibility of the lyrics. This is not only the first album without Berry, but it's also the first (out of seventeen preceding it) whose liner notes provide the lyrics. This is a milestone for millions of loyal fans who have spent the past two decades with their ears to the speakers, straining to understand Stipe's mumbles. (Don't expect this to be of great help, however. Just because one can see lines like "I'll be pounce pony, phony maroney"—a charmer from "Falls to Climb"—there's no guarantee that their meaning will be any clearer.)

Other highlights are balanced and impressive, ranging from the hiphop overtones of "Lotus" to the quiet courtroom confessions of "Diminished." "Daysleeper," the album's first single, contains one of the few traces of catchiness on the disc. It would fit perfectly, in fact, on *Automatic for the People*, the band's breakthrough album which contained mostly direct, acoustic songs. While "Daysleeper," with its monologue coming from a night-working mailroom employee, stands alone in its catchiness, it provides necessary contrast to other melodies which don't feel as poppy.

It's in this sense of balance that *Up* is at its most impressive. Emotions come from different spectrums and narrators from different realms, but the unifying sense of the



songs stays constant. The new REM has therefore created a work to silence the naysayers. While Berry will be missed, his substitutes (various drum machines and Joey Waronker, Beck's drummer) have con-

tributed to a musically expansive landscape.

Up is a portrait of a band still in search of originality, and surprisingly finding it at each attempt. Stark, sad and symmetrical, *Up* is both refreshing and gratifying.

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Adam Sandler's newest film "The Waterboy" is formulaic but fun

By JENNIFER GIBLIN
Style Editor

Adam Sandler's moronic humor definitely appeals to a certain audience. I learned that a few years ago when I recommended to my friends that we rent "Billy Madison." I had seen it before and assured them that they would find it as funny as I had. Turns out that they were not at all amused. I don't think any of them even cracked a smile. Like many of the critics who review Sandler's movies, they disliked the formulaic underdog plotline and characteristic goofy humor.

Sure enough, Sandler's newest film, "The Waterboy," is being denounced by critics. A sports movie in the tradition of "Happy Gilmore," "The Waterboy" chronicles the elevation of 31-year-old Bobby Boucher from ridiculed "water distribution engineer" to celebrated linebacker of the Louisiana Mud Dog's football team.

Bobby, a simple but well-meaning Cajun, lives with his overprotective mama (played by Kathy Bates) in the poor, backward swamps of Jackson County, Louisiana. The film's portrayal of bayou country is a blunt satire and I'm sure it would be pretty offensive to those who live there. Be prepared to see hicks with no teeth and baby alligators being barbecued for dinner.

For eighteen years, Bobby works as a waterboy for top-ranked Louisiana University football team, putting up with insults and abuse from the players and coaches to serve a higher purpose: providing "high quality H2O" to those thirsty athletic machines.

Apparently, thirty years ago, Bobby's father died of dehydration while working with the peace corps in the Sahara desert. It is now his mission to ensure that everyone, from the players to the referees are well-supplied with fluids.

When Bobby is fired from LU, he takes an unpaid job with the pathetic Mud Dogs, a team that has a forty-something game losing streak. Once again, the hapless waterboy is endlessly ridiculed and tor-

mented by the football players until the sympathetic Coach Klein (played by Henry Winkler) encourages him to fight back. Pretending that the arrogant quarterback embodies all those who have ridiculed him in the past, Bobby unleashes his pent-up fury and tackles him—so well that the coach wants to put him on the team.

Defying his disapproving mother (who believes that college and "fooseball," among other things, are the devil), Bobby joins the team and quickly becomes a hero.

Not only does he help the team snap their losing streak, but he also breaks

the NCAA record for most sacks in a game and becomes a favorite on "Sportscenter."

Let's be honest...the plot is hardly the

work of a genius. It is completely predictable right down to Bobby's last half heroics in the Bourbon Bowl on New Year's Day.

Care to guess which team they're playing against? Yep, that's right—LU and it turns out that not only does Bobby have a score to settle with the team, but so does Coach Klein who was poised to become head coach of LU back in the 70s until the current coach stole the position from under him.

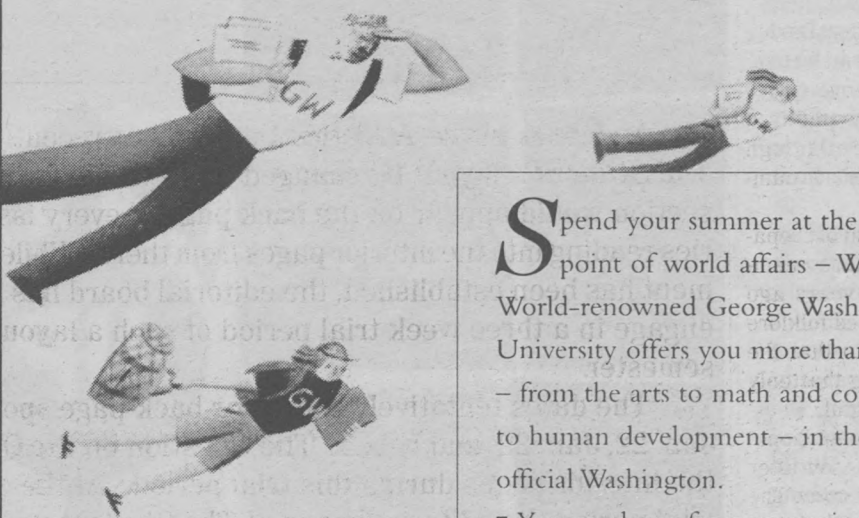
Other loose ends are also nicely tied up—Bobby's mother learns to let her son live his own life, Bobby's creepy jailbird girlfriend shows him how much he is loved, and the mean-spirited quarterback realizes what a great guy Bobby really is.

It is the typical happy ending: not only is there a triumphant, come-from-behind victory but there's even a wedding (somehow I really don't think I'm ruining the ending for you...you can pretty much guess it would end this way).

So is the movie worth seeing? Well, if you're not an Adam Sandler fan and you're looking for an original, though-provoking film, skip this one. But if you're looking for a satisfying and funny idiot comedy in typical Sandler fashion, this is definitely one to catch. Judging from the laughter in the theater, Sandler did not disappoint his audience. Who cares what the critics think.

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NBA: Who needs 'em anyway?

By MATT MEYERS
Staff Writer

Well, just when you thought it could not get any worse, it has. The embarrassment that is American professional sports has gotten even more embarrassing. We are now in the 137th day of the NBA labor lockout and the prospect of the season starting anytime soon is bleak. In fact, there is a good possibility that the season will never happen. I have two words for the National Basketball Association: good riddance.

I don't know about anyone else, but I am tired of this garbage. This is not the players versus the owners, this is greed versus greed and there can be no winner. I am as big of a basketball fan as the next guy, but I would not care if there was not one game played this season. That way, neither of the two sides would make any money and maybe they would begin to learn the value of it.

You would think that the NBA would have learned something after the last two major sports labor disputes. After the 1994 baseball strike, some teams had to practically give tickets away to get fans to come to the ballpark. The entire league should thank Cal Ripken Jr. and his streak for bringing fan interest back to baseball. This season has raised that enthusiasm even more. Without that excitement, who knows where baseball would be. Also in 1994, we saw the NHL lock-

out. The New York Rangers had just won Lord Stanley's Cup and interest in hockey was at an all time high. That spring, there was an article in Sports Illustrated saying that the NHL was hot, and the NBA was not. The lockout that followed brought the excitement over the NHL down many levels.

The NBA had managed to avoid these major labor disputes until this season. Even if the season does start, the league is in trouble. The biggest question is whether or not Michael Jordan will return to win another NBA championship with the Bulls. Most likely, if it is a modified season he will return, but that is only a short term solution.

The NBA is going to find itself in the same position they were during the late seventies. This was before Magic and Bird and basketball enthusiasm was at an all time low. Luckily, those two came around to save the league. Unfortunately, if the NBA ever starts again, the next generation of stars is not a group that gets me excited. They are probably the greediest of the bunch, demanding ridiculous salaries before they even step onto the floor

in an NBA uniform.

The question that I ask myself now is, what are we missing? We are missing a slow-paced, foul-heavy, low scoring league that is only a shell of its former self. The league has developed a one-on-one game where every time one player is isolated, he tries to take it to the basket and score. The team concept has been basically eliminated. I am a fan of good defense, but low scores do not always mean good defense. We are also missing the excitement of hearing about how Chris Webber screwed up again, or about how Allen Iverson has proclaimed himself ready to take over for Jordan as the league's superstar.

I could sit here and go on and on about the issues at hand in the labor negotiations, but what would the point of that be. To put it in laymen's terms, both sides want more money. That is all there is to it. Patrick Ewing of my beloved New York Knicks was quoted as saying "We're fighting for our livelihood. We can't survive if we sign this contract." I wasn't sure if I should take him seriously. Last year, the veterans' minimum in the NBA

was \$272,000.00 Do they expect us to feel bad for them? If you went down to Lisbon street and asked anyone if they would like to be paid 272,000 dollars to play basketball, I don't think you'd get anyone turning you down.

The owners are not really an issue in this because they are billionaires in other industries and basketball ownership is not their main source of income. On top of this, no one is paying \$1,000 to sit court-side at Madison Square Garden so they can stare up at Dave Checkettes and the front office all-stars up in their luxury boxes. Right now, this dispute is all on the players' shoulders. Only they can get the season started. If it does start, I will most likely follow it. But I would be lying if I said that I have the same passion for the NBA that I used to. It had been dwindling for awhile, and the lockout has only moved it further in that direction. The only way for fans to show their displeasure is to not support the NBA in any way. This means don't buy the over-priced tickets, the over-priced shorts, jerseys and other paraphernalia.

I am not too worried about getting my basketball fill though, as I plan to just watch college basketball. They probably get paid enough anyway.

*I have two words for
the National
Basketball
Association: good
riddance.*

View from the cheap seats

By DAVE RICHTER
Sports Columnist

Since this is the last issue of the semester, I guess if I want to make any final remarks about the football team I'll have to do it now. I'm quite excited as I'm sure all the rest of you are about tomorrow's game. What makes this game different is that I feel that Bates is the team that is favored to win.

No that is not a typo, I think that even a neutral person would agree that Bates will be bringing a significantly better football team out onto the field tomorrow. Just so you all know, the game is against Hamilton. This is the Hamilton team that earlier this year lost to Colby by over 20. The same Colby team whose offense looked downright pathetic against us lit these guys up like a Christmas tree.

The key in this game will be simply to prevent the big play. As long as Hamilton doesn't get any of those eighty yard passes or returns I feel Bates will be the ones controlling this game. In anticipation of a win I'd like to make a request of the student body. Leave the goal posts alone. Do you think Williams or Amherst students go right for the goal posts immediately following a win? For that matter, do you think that even those losers at Bowdoin and Colby go for the goal posts after their occasional wins? The answer of course is no. They maybe will go down on the field, but that is only to congratulate the players.

The football team has played with a lot of class this year, and I'd have to say that should they win tomorrow they deserve a more classy response from their fans. Even in Division I programs, the goal posts only come down after huge victories. What happened three years ago was the end of a record-breaking losing streak, and so what was done was for the most part justified. The only reason it was successful was that secu-

rity had no idea what was coming. During the Colby game I could hear the campus security guy on his radio telling everyone else the score. As the game was drawing to a close, he made sure there were enough guards down on the field that no serious damage would be done.

You can count on the same kind of preparation this week. Everyone should remember that what happened three years ago should live on for as long as Bates folklore will carry it. That does not mean that the event should be recreated. Doing that only makes the first time less meaningful.

I think that's enough of a request; hopefully people will be somewhat classy after what could easily be a win on Saturday. The players deserve it after all the hell they have to put up with in a football season. People don't always seem to realize quite how rough these guys have it. They practice every day well after dark, and in case you haven't noticed they don't have much in the way of lights down on their practice fields. Unlike practices for other team sports, even the least demanding of football coaches drill you into the ground. All of that preparation comes for only eight games all season.

It takes an extreme amount of dedication to play football at this level...Even more if you are in a losing program such as Bates. The only thing to look forward to is building toward the future, which is not enough of a goal for many. That is all the more reason that the guys who have stuck with it through all four seasons had to have displayed a lot of class. Let's try to reciprocate their efforts by making their last games memorable ones.

Win or lose tomorrow, it has been a successful season for Bates. The pieces for a team with a winning record seem to be falling into place. Maybe that could become a reality in the not too distant future.

Editor's note:

Members of the Athletics Department recently requested that *The Student's* layout be changed in such a manner that the sports section would appear on the back page of every issue, with the stories reading into the interior pages from there. While no formal agreement has been established, the editorial board has ratified a plan to engage in a three week trial period of such a layout beginning next semester.

The dates tentatively slated for back-page sports coverage are Jan. 22, Jan. 29, and Feb. 5. The Question on the Quad will move to the interior pages during this trial period. At the conclusion of the trial period the editorial board of *The Student* as well as members of the Athletic Department will meet to discuss the results and their implications for future editions of the newspaper. A large portion of that consideration will depend upon feedback from our readers.

In addition to reader feedback the editorial board will also accept, and welcome, opinions from other campus organizations and departments as to coverage in the hope that no one feels that their efforts are neglected as a result of this process. Other considerations such as the financial stability of *The Student*, its long-standing tradition of back page Question on the Quad placement, and the tradition of autonomy of *The Bates Student* from administrative influence with respect to editorial decisions will also be taken into account.

The editorial board strives to provide a newspaper which is reflective of the needs of the student body, and endeavors such as the upcoming trial period require that our readership voice their opinion in order to preserve such a relationship. I look forward to receiving your help with this difficult and important decision.

Shawn P. O'Leary
Editor-in-Chief

Men Against Rape; Could we stop sexual assaults before they happen?

Is the M.A.R. chapter at Bates a broader, different, avenue for avoiding assault and helping men?

By JOHN CONNORS
Forum Editor

It's a strange thing to be a man interested in grappling with rape issues. Right from the start the obvious contradiction with your involvement is staring at you in the face. Men are usually the ones who rape. Men assault. Men harass. For me, and I imagine for many other men, there's a guilt anchored with the knowledge that men rape, and that guilt always restrains us from being completely free to help.

So if we feel guilty, even if it's only a little, why are men involved? What is it that tells men they have the right, or the responsibility, or the need, to grapple with an issue that is so firmly entrenched in our minds (right or wrong) as a female one? When I asked Jeff Carpenter ('02) if he was comfortable telling me why he's involved with the issue of rape he replied, "I find the thought horrifying of a woman being scared of me, or a person like me. That they would have to live with any type of fear where I could do something about it."

When I asked Gavin McDonald ('99) the same thing, he said, "It's time for men to be held accountable. It's time that there are men who consider it their obligation. We should go to the root of the problem-which is us. We should be able to say to women: Without me, you wouldn't have an issue-I am the reason your issue exists, and I can look at this from a different perspective with the people causing those assaults."

If you look closely at the answers of these and other men who have thought hard about sexual assault, and are comfortable enough to talk about it, there are usually three common factors in their replies about why they're involved. First, there is an inherent

feeling of responsibility for this crime that they (I assume) have not committed. Second, I hear men trying to identify with women's fears, and their becoming surprised and disturbed with the oppressive nature of these fears when they do try and imagine them.

But the third thing that is usually in their replies is a deep-seated frustration. They are unwilling to accept the status quo as set. Explicitly, their responses show me they think they should, and more importantly could, do something to stop sexual assault before it happens.

Before it happens?

We already have fantastic support organizations like S.A.R.L. and S.A.C.C. that could use even more support, and bigger numbers. These organizations, and ones like them, have a large focus on the 'after' of assault, giving support to people when assault occurs. They fill the needs of people assaulted that would otherwise not be addressed as well, if at all, by the system.

But the question that still remains (that men may be in a unique position to tackle) is: do we deal with the situations and the people in such a way that we can stop sexual assault before it happens? We threaten with jail sentences, we offer condemnation of known rapists, and we all publically give tepid support for the idea of responsible sexual relationships. But what else do we do to deal with the situations, and more importantly the persons involved, before an assault happens?

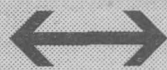
It's the lack of work on the 'before' of assaults that may be one of the core reasons why Bates College now has a Men Against Rape (M.A.R.) chapter. Now M.A.R. has yet to advocate a position like this, but the ex-

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How Bates Rates

DNA and Homosexuality: The study
by Dean Hamer



We've done it! We've raised even MORE vague non-definitive conclusions based on limited research for undefined reasons. But the even *better* news is we spent tax payer money to do it.

"Natural Five"



Is anybody else wondering if this is just watery orange juice with a snazzy name?

Senior Class Elections



I hear Newt's looking for a new job...

Sexual Assault Awareness Week



No, you don't need to be told again what you already know; that there are a lot of strong, brave, and wonderful women here on campus.

The Athletic Department's Subtle
Layout 'Suggestions'



Let's see, how do you spell "suggestions?" is it "B-U-L-L-Y?" No, wait, is it "C-O-N-F-R-O-N-T-A-T-I-O-N?" No, I know! It's "C-O-E-R-C-I-O-N." How's that for a "P-O-W-E-R-P-L-A-Y" guys?

Assuming we can avoid assault, what can we do?

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-citing possibility is that it could. Perhaps unlike any other group, Men Against Rape could address the issue of sexual assault from a male point of view, aimed towards males with the intention of dealing with this issue before it becomes a crime. Because it's men dealing with men, it dramatically changes the role of taking responsibility for rape and assault. It's one thing to try and foster a situation where men talk openly with women about this issue, and quite another when it's men engaging with them.

I've heard so little about our trying to explain the 'why' part of rape -maybe because our society has been preoccupied with how, when, where, and who. But if organizations like M.A.R. are going to advocate any different and progressive action, we need to imagine why a man is going to rape or assault a woman.

This is working under the assumption that men can avoid raping and assault, -that it's not some inherent thing inside them that cannot be avoided. It may certainly be true that some men cannot avoid it, as it certainly true for the pathological rapist, but can't we try and take a stab at the men who don't fall into that category?

First we've got to assume we can affect assaults before they happen. Second we've got to assume that the kind of rape that happens here at Bates, drawing on our survivors stories as reflective of it, is mostly date and acquaintance rape by Bates College men. Lastly, we have to be willing to reach the men who could potentially commit a sexual assault, in this case, again, Bates College men, and reach out to them in some direct ways that challenge issues in their lives that contribute to creating rape situations, but that are not presently addressed.

But what does "reaching out to men"

really mean? It means an organization like M.A.R. may have to approach sexual assault from an incredibly broad perspective. What we're talking about is really trying to ensure that it is an emotionally healthy man that can approach issues about everything from sex to anger, that could contribute to him assaulting someone later.

One example of misconceptions we need to work with exists in bed. For most men, I think going to bed with a woman has a gigantic suitcase full of issues attached to it. Yes, it is a lot more than just getting laid, although what I'm talking about isn't the cliched 'sensitive side' of men. The bravado in

but I'll wager it's not the same thing. Men do not seem to often deal explicitly, or consciously, with trying to understand their own sexual ego beyond superficial assumptions. I don't have any idea if the same is true for women. However, the extent to which this is true is something I think many women do not know about men, let alone understand and can therefore forgive. No, just because we're in college, just because we've gotten accolades in other situations, just because we were smooth enough to charm you into wanting us, does not mean we have the confidence or knowledge you may assume we do about our own sexual ego.

in her male counterpart's mind. The result may be that you have one hell of a bad male mind set to carry into bed with, one that can certainly contribute to a situation involving rape.

Now in no way are these acceptable excuses for raping a person. These are not meant to be excuses or complete 'explanations' for why a man assaults someone. But they're important if we're serious about understanding how to address sexual assault before it happens, and helping men avoid mind sets that I think aid these situations. Reading a partner is another one of those fuzzy areas both sexes fail terribly with. Neither gender seems to be able to consistently understand body language, vocal changes, or any of the other often subtle indicators that give the warning to a lover that it's gone too far.

Gavin said: "What can we do? You can define what is unacceptable to men in single, definite terms. If you let them know beforehand using unwavering boundaries it will help. That means if you ask her and she says no and then laughs, that means you need to stop and ask again, you need to SAY something definite, and get just as definite a response from her."

These are not issues that I hear being dealt with in any circle. But these the are issues that M.A.R. could potentially try to grapple with. To do that would be a huge undertaking, because essentially it's asking this group to try and shore up, reexamine, and then rebuild men's ideas about relationships, sex, expectations, performance, and respect. It may be too much to ask of one organization. But if we're serious about reducing the number of sexual assaults that occur at Bates, and assuming that I'm not completely off base with male issues, we've got to address the issue before it happens.

We have our egos way out on the ledge of sexual performance. WAY out. Not to say women don't too, because of course they do, but I'll wager it's not the same thing. Men do not seem to often deal explicitly, or consciously, with trying to understand their own sexual ego beyond superficial assumptions.

us will deny to anyone the issues we have with ourselves and sex, claiming a cool understanding, a mastering if you will, of just how to ask someone to and make love with someone in bed. But let's be serious. No one is born with that veteran knowledge, and how many really have had the chance to become the James Bond of sex?

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But we feel it's expected of us by women and by each other. Can we talk about it? Of course not. We're men, people who often deny emotion and rarely admit to what we may build up in our minds as a 'weakness.' Now add to that pressure the nervousness of any sexual encounter. Also add the impact of drinking; sometimes a lot, often far too much. Finally add the fact that a woman involved may have absolutely, through no fault of her own, any idea of the the situation

Drinking this weekend? Are you're friends important to you? If they over do it, always stay with them, check and see if they are unconscious, and if they can't wake up after drinking, don't hesitate to call for Security's help at x6111.

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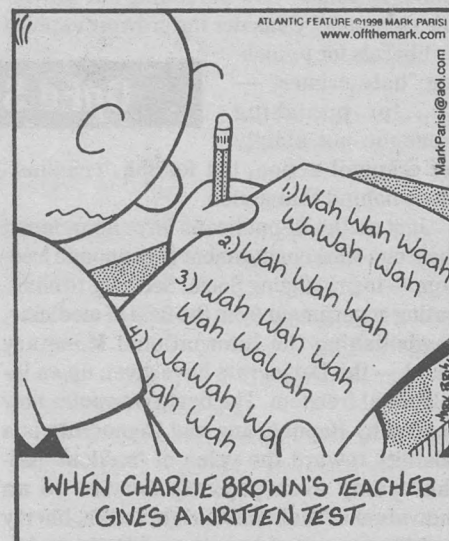
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Vandalism; a signal of latent hate

Writer argues for our community vigilance in answering these acts of bigotry

To the Editor:

Early last Friday morning the police were called to Temple Shalom of Auburn, in response to a call from the synagogue manager who had discovered anti-Semitic messages spray-painted on a sign in front of the building. According to police, one message was painted on the front of the sign at the entrance to the Bradman street synagogue. There was also a second epithet on the back of the sign where it could be seen by people leaving the synagogue. The words "Fuck you Jews go die!" were among those scrawled on the temple's sign. The graffiti also included the numbers "420" usually used to signify Marijuana. This is not the first time Temple Shalom has been the target of hate, in 1995 several posters endorsing the Aryan Nation were circulated around Auburn. One of these posters was stuffed into the mail box of Temple Shalom.

Friday's vandalism was not the end of the trouble for the synagogue however, on Sunday three teenagers were caught and charged with criminal mischief for egging the synagogue. The teens were caught when a neighbor, vigilant after Friday's vandalism, noticed some suspicious teens headed towards the temple and called the police. Fortunately there was a police cruiser on Bardman Street at the time of the call and the police were able to catch the perpetrators in the act. This egging is not an isolated incident, vandals have been egging the temple since the summer. Police as of Wednesday had not definitively linked the teens, who admitted to egging the synagogue, to the spray painted obscenities.

Rabbi Douglas Weber has been careful in his reaction to these events. Not every "vandalism is a hate crime" he said in response to the egging and he does not see these incidents as evidence of an upsurge of hate in Lewiston and Auburn. More threatening than these incidents said Weber is the "latent anti-Semitism" that exists in our community. Weber says that he runs in to the grand conspiracy theory relatively often. This theory, a concoction of members of the

extreme right, cites a conspiracy between Jews and international bankers to control the world's wealth. This superstition has obviously taken hold of some members of the community. During the recent debate over the Bates Mill Project, Weber and other community religious leaders heard individuals say that the proposed project was a "Jewish plot to bilk the honest taxpayers of Lewiston".

Too often in our closed community, where we profess a desire to live and work together in an environment devoid of hate, we forget that others do not share our values. On our campus in our community and in our world hate persists, and we cannot afford to treat these hate crimes as isolated or insignificant incidents. They serve as reminders that hate and hate crimes happen. It is too often our neighbors that are the victims of these crimes. We as a community and as individuals need to take a stand against hate in whatever form it takes, whenever we encounter it. Whether this hate takes the seemingly innocuous form of Jewish American Princess jokes, or more blatantly destructive actions like vandalism or violence, it is still hate! Speak up and let those around you know that bigotry is not okay!

To show Bates support for the members of Temple Shalom the J.C.C. (the Jewish Cultural Community) will be putting up posters outside the C.S.A. office. Students can show their support by signing these posters and thereby endorsing their message of solidarity. For those who will be at school over the break the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service of the religious communities of Lewiston and Auburn is being held at Temple Shalom to show the community support. The service is at 7:00 p.m. on Monday the 23. Temple Shalom has also invited the community to come show their support and to take a stand against hate at their candle lighting on the third night of Hanukkah, Tuesday, the fifteenth of December, at 5:30 p.m.

Daniel B. Siskin, '00

An overwhelming educational bias;

Our ability to form separate views debilitated early by liberalism

To the Editor:

Ever listen to Rush Limbaugh, William Bennett or some other right winger speak of the "liberal bias" that has recently found a home in America's grammar, middle, and high school classrooms? I know for many people, their first reaction is to dismiss those concerns and consider them another plank of a right wing extremist platform. Well, while playing with two friends of mine, who are nine and twelve, I started thinking back to my grammar, middle and high school years and eventually back to this "liberal bias" that supposedly doesn't exist. It was then that I realized that this liberal bias is so strongly present and so vehemently covered up, that it is a wonder that any product of the U.S. education system has the ability to form any separate views from those that were taught to them throughout their schooling.

To understand my examples, it is extremely important that you try to put yourself in the frame of mind of a 9-year-old fourth grader. Firstly, I'd like to give the example of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. In no way is this supposed to trivialize the celebration this campus prides itself on, but it is meant to provide strong evidence of a liberal bias in education. When you were in fourth grade, what did you understand about Martin Luther King Jr.? You understood exactly what your teacher told you to understand...and that was MLK was a great man. He fought and won the rights of blacks and his struggles are reason to have a day off to celebrate. That is basically the extent of it, correct? Well, why doesn't any teacher tell you exactly where he fought for rights, what exactly his struggles entailed (beyond the "I have a dream speech"), what rights blacks did and did not have and which rights were not enforced? There could be many different answers: One possibility is that your teachers didn't know themselves, and they in the past had fell victim to the same education that you receive. Another possibility is that some students might question the valid-

ity of the civil rights movement altogether. No teacher can allow their students to question anything multi-cultural, especially the civil rights movement, so these teachers fall back on false impressions and withholding information in order to get students to think the way they're "supposed to". While most students would ultimately judge the civil rights movement favorably, it is the job of the liberal bias in schools to make sure that they don't have the opportunity to make this judgment for themselves.

Example number two...John F. Kennedy. When you're in 4th grade, who's the number one candidate for favorite modern president? That's right, JFK. When I was nine, I was fairly nonpartisan as most of us were and knew nothing of party politics. However, I was taught to see JFK as a martyr, a patriot, a man who sacrificed his life for his country. It wasn't until my senior year that any teacher even touched upon the Bay of Pigs invasion and I had to learn on my own about Nikita Khrushchev, Fidel Castro and the Cuban Missile Crisis. Nobody let me believe that maybe Ruby killed Oswald so Oswald wouldn't blow a coverup, so I continued to believe that Ruby killed Oswald because he was angry that Oswald had assassinated his president. When I was young, I was never given the opportunity or the information needed to make my own judgments on JFK and his politics. It is the liberal bias that continues this cycle today.

One final example. In a conversation with a friend of my family that I remember distinctly to this day, she told me that Americans can be whatever they want to be and gave the example of Richard Nixon's father. "He pumped gas, and his son grew up to be president," she said. I still remember my immediate reaction - "Nixon doesn't count, he was a bad president because he was forced to resign." To this day, I don't even know why I reacted that way. I knew nothing of Nixon's policies, foreign or domestic, and had no real grasp of what Watergate was. It never occurred to me that he must have done

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Well lookie here buddy. You want to be like me. Pull out your six shooter and rob every bank you can see. Tell the judge I said it was all right.

-Bob Dylan Blues, The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan

Are the Democrats and the Republicans becoming exactly alike?

Abandoning the traditional opposition on individual rights, both parties are demonstrating just how similar they can be

By ANDREW BERNSTEIN
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As analysts debate whether the elections resulted in a net benefit to the Republicans or the Democrats, there is a far more fruitful question to ask: Does it really matter? The debate over the elections assumes that there is still some substantive distinction between the two parties. But is there?

A recent New York Times article on the Senate race in that state observed that the two candidates — Republican Alfonse D'Amato and Democrat Charles Schumer — are not nearly so opposed on political ideology as is generally thought. On such questions as immigration and gay rights — issues on which liberals and conservatives have traditionally disagreed — the two are in surprising accord. Both support strict limits on immigration, and both voted for legislation that would ban discrimination against homosexuals.

The burgeoning similarity between Republicans and Democrats extends much further. It goes beyond the fact of George Pataki, Republican governor of New York, endorsing environmentalist policies, or of "blue-collar" Democrats agreeing with Pat Buchanan on protectionism and on the need to "Buy

American." The full nature and spirit of this new coalition is best demonstrated in the joint assault on the First Amendment.

Consider, for example, that such feminist writer as Catherine MacKinnon and Andrea Dworkin regard the publication of erotic material as an act of violence against women, which ought to be banned by law (a goal they actually achieved, briefly, in Indianapolis).

Consider the oppressive speech codes and "thought police" now pervading our university campuses. Consider the growing support by liberals for punishing "hate crimes" — i.e., for punishing someone not simply for criminal action, but for the "criminal" ideas behind that action.

Just as the Republicans have abandoned their one-time commitment to economic freedom — to privatizing Social Security, to eliminating government from the field of medicine, to abolishing the International Monetary Fund — the Democrats have given up on intellectual freedom. The basic viewpoint now shared by Republicans and Democrats is a hostility toward the value of freedom. Neither party even pays lip service to an individual's "inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Both are be-

coming increasingly enamored of statism — of the desire to use the coercive power of government to deny individual rights.

The bi-partisan support for "volunteerism" is an ominous illustration of how this erosion of freedom takes place. The fact that such figures as Bill Clinton, Colin Powell, Jimmy Carter and George Bush promote state programs that make community service mandatory for highschool students is only the tip of the iceberg. The basic idea being promulgated by the volunteerism cam-

campaign is anti-individualism — the view that the individual is morally obligated to sacri-

fice his own interests in selfless service to society. It is a small, and logically inevitable, step to translate this premise into political terms: individual rights must be sacrificed to the collective needs of society. On this premise, your right to choose what to read, or your right to repudiate "politically correct" viewpoints, may be abrogated whenever "society" finds it in its "interests" to do so.

Is it any surprise that neither party champions individual rights anymore?

The issues on which D'Amato and Schumer agree make clear their consistent anti-freedom position. For example, restric-

tions on immigration mean that industrious foreigners no longer have the right to come to America and earn a living (a right enjoyed by the ancestors of D'Amato and Schumer). Legislation banning discrimination against homosexuals means that the individual does not have the right to choose with whom to voluntarily associate. It means that the individual — whether motivated by ignorant bigotry or not — is being denied his right to decide whom he wishes to accept as a renter, to use as a teacher, to employ as a worker.

The Republicans and the Democrats each used to defend individual freedom in some sphere; now they support government control in all spheres. It is becoming increasingly irrelevant which of the two parties happens to win an election. They are, sadly, coming to adopt a common position as enemies of freedom in America.

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OpEd Selection

Editorial

NESCAC Decision:

Presidents beware, the masses are not happy.

Once again the issue of post-season play in the New England Small College Athletic Conference has reared its ugly head at our campus and others.

The presidents of NESCAC, despite the clearly expressed wishes of their student-athletes and coaches have voted to keep deserving teams out of NCAA competition, therefore cheapening it by their absence.

Apparently, President Harward and others took notice of our protest, yet nearly half of his colleagues did not, insisting that NESCAC post-season play would end.

If they did not notice that this idea is unwelcome before, perhaps they will now. This Sunday, students from Bates and the rest of the NESCAC schools will gather at Amherst College to try discuss a unified strategy to fight this plan. Some of the students from Bates do not even play a sport, yet they are going to speak for those of us who do.

A similar meeting for coaches and athletic directors is planned at Middlebury.

Everyone seems to hate this plan, which is usually a good sign, except that everyone is on the same side. How is it that 10,000 student-athletes and coaches are being outvoted by 5 college presidents?

Nobody is asking that the NESCAC schools lower their academic standards, in fact, we insist that they do not. But students come to these institutions looking to excel in all areas. How can we ask them to stop short of attainable success simply because it is on a playing field, not in the library.

Keeping deserving teams out of NCAA competition that they have earned the right to be in goes against everything that the NESCAC schools stand for. All we are asking is to be allowed to do our best in whatever we do. Please let us.

December 18
Lights On For Life Day

Join communities across the country to get drunk and drugged drivers off the road.

U.S. Department of Transportation
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Please, please, please, submit letters to the editor by Wednesday night before publishing. Later than that means that we have a tough time squeezing your work in, and we definately want it all and want it lookin' good.

You believe what you're told; liberalism

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something right to defeat both McGovern and Humphrey. It was part of that liberal education I was taught in school. Even now at this school, people will tell you Nixon was a crook, cheated the country, was a bad man. If you ask one of those people what being a crook has to do with stealing files, you get blank stares and a comment reiterating, "Nixon was a bad president." In conclusion, I urge you to take your friends, sisters, brothers and

children into consideration. Beware of the liberal propaganda running rampant on campus that you just may not see. Help break the chains of the liberal bias in the educational system. No matter what you decide to believe in, let them be your thoughts, your ideas based on facts that you've analyzed and do not buy it because your liberal teacher tells you to. The time has come to start thinking for yourselves.

Christina Hassinger '01

CHC Clarifies it's Shin-Dig Friday

To the Editor:

The Chase Hall Committee is sponsoring a semi-formal party tonight in the Silo from 10 PM till 2 AM, with Jon Schultz as the DJ. The party is \$1 per person and tickets will be available at dinner and at the door. The idea behind this party is to set up your friends and roommates with blind dates, but you may come without a date as well. This theme party is a common occurrence at many colleges and universities throughout

thecountry. We have no intention of offending anyone in the Bates community with this party or its title. We are simply providing the campus with what they have been asking us for all year, which is a party with good dance music and a cheap admission price. We are also providing a safe location for a party where there will be many people present and no alcohol will be served. We hope to see many of you tonight at the Silo.

The C.H.C. Officers

Letter argues CHC posters, not the party, the issue

To the Editor:

I am writing regarding the CHC sponsored "Screw Your Roommate" party which is taking place on Friday, November 13th. I want to explicitly state that after talking with one officer of CHC, I do not have an objection to the party itself. I do, however, have a large objection with the vaugue and (to some) offensive way in which the party has been advertised. This letter jointly serves as a voicing of that objection, and an attempt to inform people going to this party of what it actually is intended to be.

As was explained to me by a CHC officer, the party, as ideally concieved of, should work as follows: You set your friends up on blind dates before the party. The party itself simply serves as something to do for people while on their blind dates. So the premise is that you fix your roommate or friend up on a blind date, and they then go to the party. And what follows from this is that because blind dates are always nerveracking, CHC decided to title the party: "Screw Your Roommate."

As I stated eariler, I'm not voicing an objection to the party itself. I'm objecting to the irresponsible and dangerous way in which this party has been advertised. I, for one, had to seek a CHC officer out to determine what the party actually consisted of. Before speaking with them, I had simply wandered campus seeing signs with "Screw Your

Roommate," and; "Who says Friday the 13th is unlucky?" When I questioned others, they had just as little information.

The power advertising cannot be denied in these situations. A person, other than CHC officers and members, going into this party knows two things about it. The first is how people talk about it. The second is how it's been advertised to them. (In other words, what message does the advertising send to them.) If people don't know what the party is because no one else they've talked to does, then they can only know about it through the advertising.

If what has been advertised to them is that it's called "Screw Your Roommate" and that the slogan is about getting lucky on the 13th, I don't think it's a leap to say that CHC would be creating an atmosphere which is dangerous to say the least. The advertisements are as such, and I believe that it may be the case

that CHC has begun to create such an atmosphere.

I want to explicitly state that I am not accusing CHC of deliberately promoting an atmosphere which condones sexual assault at their party. This is not my claim. My claim is that through irresponsible advertising, CHC has *begun* to move towards an atmosphere of expected sexual gratification, which *begins* to move into an atmosphere which, in our current culture of injustices, condones sexual assault.

Some may call this conclusion extreme, but remember that this party falls on the wake of sexual assault awareness week. If nothing else, CHC is guilty of discounting the importance of the struggle to raise awareness of these issues, due to not explicitly avoiding the creation of these atmospheres through its advertising.

Furthermore, I know that a number of people were offended by the blantly irre-

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Keith R. Gauger, '99

Question on the Quad

What is the dumbest thing you've done at Bates?



"I ran naked around the football field."

Jesse Reich '02



"Became friends with Lyle Estell"

Chooch Jewell '99
and Ralph Livermore '99



"I flipped a CSA Van."

Laura Rothman '00



"It involves a booty, a telephone, and a rotten banana."

Jean Nagy '98

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