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Clinton budget to recommend increase in student aid

President wants Pell Grants, other education funding to rise due to strong economy

By **CLAIRE EDWARDS**
Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

(U-WIRE). CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. - The nation's booming economy likely will lead President Clinton to advocate some healthy boosts in higher education funding.

Education policy experts say Clinton's proposed budget - due to be released officially Feb. 1 - will contain several increases in higher education spending.

Larry Gladieux, executive director for

policy research at the College Board, an association of colleges and universities, said he believes Clinton will recommend an increase in almost all higher education programs - including grants, loans and outreach programs.

Clinton is likely to propose increased funding for the Pell Grant program, a need-based award for college students. The proposed funding likely would increase the maximum grant a student can earn by \$125, to \$3,250.

But that increase will not be enough, Gladieux said.

"We need a much healthier increase to restore the purchasing power [the Pell Grant] has lost over the past 15 years," he said.

Jamie Pueschel, United States Student Association legislative director, said the maximum Pell Grant award would be \$6,000 per student if it were to pay for the same proportion of college tuition that it did during the 1980s.

Another expected Clinton budget proposal is a bid to make interest on student loans tax-deductible for the length of the loan.

That tax cut originally was passed as part of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 and limited to five years, Gladieux said.

Clinton administration officials said the measure would reduce the burden on students with large loans.

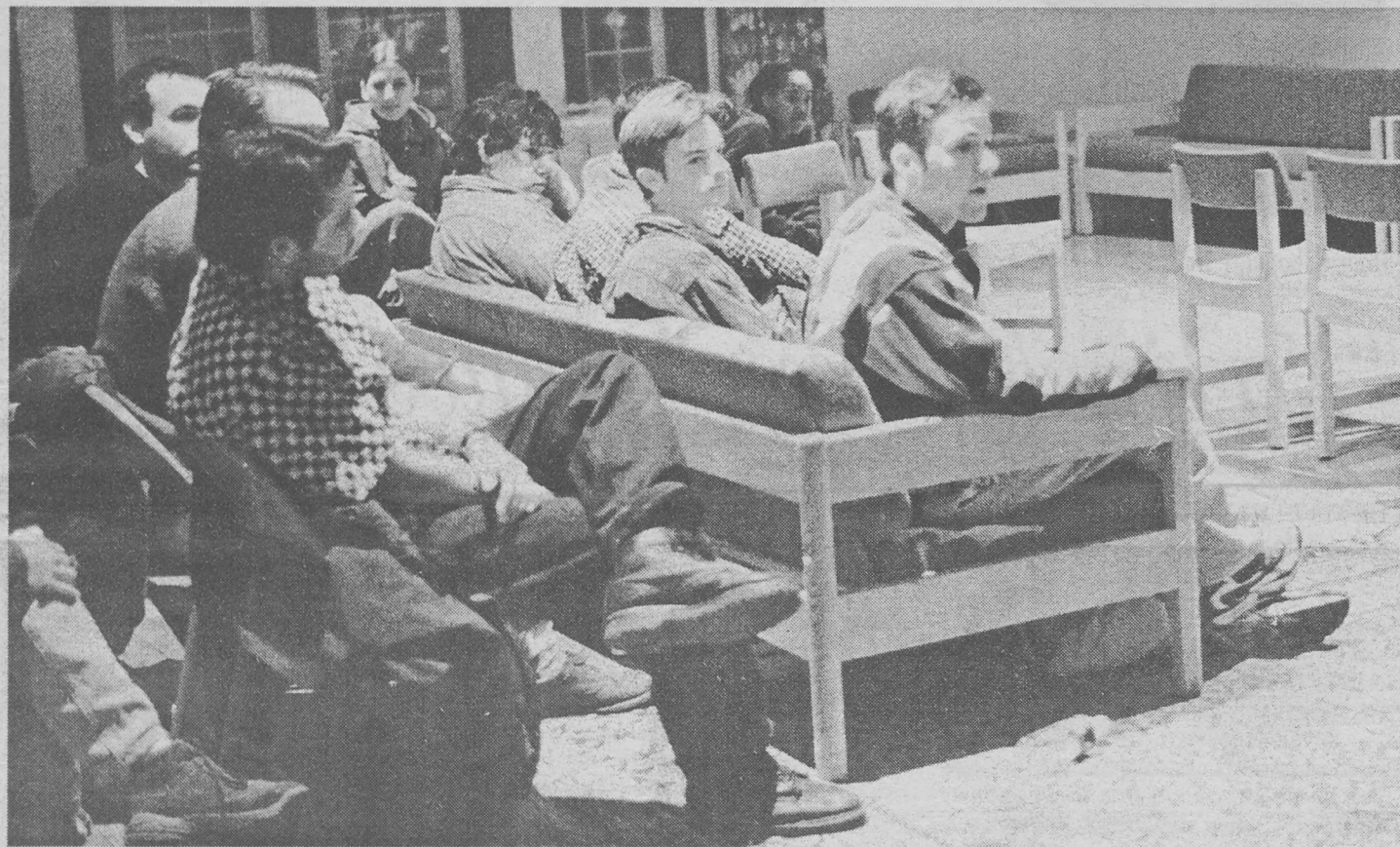
The measure "helps a person who is in repayment status get on their feet," Edu-

cation Department spokesperson Roger Murphy said.

Some key congressmen favor the tax-deductible interest idea. Bill McCarthy, press secretary for the House Education and the Workforce Committee, said Committee Chairman Rep. Bill Goodling, R-Penn., would support such a proposal.

Despite widespread higher education funding increases, some organizations say the president's proposals will not reduce the cost of education enough for low-income students.

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Students at the RA sponsored alcohol forum on Wednesday night

Erin Mullin photo

Students voice ideas at alcohol forum

By **JENNIFER MERKSAMER**
Staff Writer

CHASE HALL - Among the items discussed in a Representative Assembly forum on Wednesday were the frustration of the CHC, various clubs, and the general student population over low attendance at campus wide events.

Last year the State of Maine required liquor enforcement on campus in order to quell underage drinking and stop Bates organizations from selling alcohol without a liquor license. Unfortunately, this caused a gap in the social scene, where alcohol had been the major reason for attendance. The R.A. conducted Wednesday's forum in order to hear suggestions from the student body on improving the social environment and creating a generally more positive atmosphere.

A medley of complaints were heard during the hour long forum. Grievances ranged from CHC's financial difficulties due to low turnout, to the boring nature of campus-wide activities. Despite the two bands at the recent Winter Carnival, CHC President Jennifer Lemkin reported the worst attendance ever. Only six hundred people bought tickets for the Lenny Kravitz concert, causing it to be canceled. Fewer people attending these events prevents organizations from earning enough money for future parties and frequently causes debt. A CHC member also mentioned that students only go to the traditional annual parties like Halloween and the seventies and eighties party. When CHC attempted a new event like Monte Carlo night it was not very successful. Another student commented that clubs are less willing to attempt parties when it is not possible for them to make a profit from it.

The change from large scale parties to small dorm room and lounge parties, which has allegedly resulted in more binge drinking, was also discussed. Said Ewan Wolff: "I have a problem with seeing my friends crash and burn and then go back and say that I am going to drink in my room again."

Several students commented that the
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Seniors discussing class gift

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

CARNEGIE SCIENCE BUILDING - A small assembly of seniors attended the first meeting of the Senior Class Gift Committee who gathered Wednesday to develop a list of possible gifts. In little more than an hour the 17 seniors developed three alternatives to take to the remainder of the class.

The three proposed plans include the establishment of a fund to help Bates students and organizations do community service work in the Lewiston area, most likely related to social justice; purchasing a clock, sculpture or other piece of artwork for the new academic building; and the development of a lifetime e-mail account for all Bates graduates as a means of staying in contact with one another after graduation.

It appears likely that regardless of which option is selected the senior class will offer the gift in honor of Robert Branham, the longtime Bates professor of rhetoric who succumbed to cancer last October. A gift given in memory of Branham would require the consent of the his family, who would determine the appropriateness of any selection.

The committee hopes to support one of these gifts by raising \$12,000 from 85% of the senior class - a mark which would eclipse the Class of 1998's record contribution rate of 82%.

Other gift ideas included purchasing porch swings for houses along Frye Street; establishing a sign for the college to be displayed on Campus Avenue; establishing an annual 1999 party; updating and replacing documentary film equipment; purchasing a bobcat statue; and adding to the fund established by the Class of 1997 which provides scholarship moneys to the family of Bates employees.

The committee will meet next Wednesday evening to discuss the logistics of bringing the three alternatives to a class-wide vote.



Hooray, no more lines here for registration.

Erin Mullin photo

"No line/On-line" comes to Bates

By MATTHEW EPSTEIN
News Editor

LANE HALL - As students discovered from the packets in their mailboxes this week, there is a new way to register for classes, starting with the Short Term Preregistration that runs from February 1-5.

"No Line - On-line," Bates' new internet-based course registration service is now in service, with its first trial beginning on Monday, when students pick their short term classes.

It is, however, more than just an on-line registration system. It will also allow students to check their grades, majors, addresses and other personal information in one place, without having to go to multiple offices within Lane Hall.

"One of our goals is making it very stu-

dent centered - so you have access to that information when you need it," said Registrar Meredith Braz.

The system, developed by students, faculty and staff, even allows for students who are abroad to view their academic records and register for classes by confering with their advisors over e-mail.

Though the new system was an add-on module to the college's Banner software, Braz pointed out that: "We [the Web Implementation Team] did a lot of work redesigning it."

Changing to on-line registration will require some changes in the way that students pick their courses.

Because there is no way for advisors to submit their consent on-line, and the college still wants to maintain the advising process, students will still have to submit a piece of paper verifying that they have conferred with their advisor before being allowed to register for classes.

"Signature cards," which were sent to students on Thursday, must be submitted

before the Registrar's office 24 hours before one is allowed to select courses over the web.

"We said give us 24 hours because... when you get 100 of them in the mail, it might take a little while to do it, but I'm sure over time it's going to get a lot faster," said Braz. "If somebody is really concerned about it, don't use campus mail. We didn't want to make people have to walk down here.... Bring [the signature card] by, and if it's not busy, we'll do it right then."

However, Braz acknowledged that students who wait until Friday to submit their cards may be out of luck; that in essence, the calendar for preregistration has been moved forward by one day.

The other change involving signatures is that they are no longer required during the regular registration period.

"We encourage students to talk to their advisors, particularly if they are making a lot of changes.... Hopefully when you have that first visit with your advisor you'll have talked about not only first choices, but you'll have talked about alternates," Braz said.

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College Board to upgrade financial aid formula

By JEFF HERZOG
Yale Daily News (Yale U.)

(U-WIRE) NEW HAVEN, Conn. - In a move that will change how schools across the country calculate financial aid, next month the College Board will consider updating its institutional methodology, the formula it uses to assess a student's need, Yale Director of Financial Aid Donald Routh said.

Many colleges, universities and scholarship programs use the information collected by the College Board to distribute nonfederal financial aid funds.

But the College Board's institutional methodology has not been updated for 20 years and does not reflect recent radical changes in financial aid made by leading universities like Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and Dartmouth.

Last year Princeton, by changing its financial aid awards to attract more low- and middle-income students, caused a chain reaction in the Ivy League. Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, and other schools followed with financial aid changes of their own to ensure competitive financial aid packages.

Routh said in the New England regional meeting of the College Board member schools that the issue of the institutional methodology is scheduled as a discussion topic.

"It seems very likely that something called the new institutional methodology will be adopted," Routh said.

He added that the College Board may not adopt all of the suggestions discussed in the regional College Board meetings, but he said "there is pretty widespread support" for a new institutional methodology.

Dean of Admissions Richard Shaw said the College Board's new institutional methodology has been long in coming.

"They've been working on evaluating established methods," Shaw said. He added that the College Board has been evaluating all kinds of issues that middle-income students face when applying to college.

For students applying to college in need of financial aid, more schools in the

country will adopt policies already in place at other schools.

"If the changes on the institutional methodology are adopted, the changes will be uniform in the system," Routh said. He said schools must fine-tune certain aspects of the formula.

Colleges use the information collected by the College Board to distribute non-federal financial aid funds.

An example of this, he said, is the \$150,000 asset protection adopted by Yale to help middle-income students apply to Yale. Routh said other schools will have to determine if the same figure will cover need for their own students.

"Each school has to make that decision," Routh said.

Routh said existing College Board institutional methodology is outdated and contains economic assumptions from a bygone era. The schedule of loan payments is also outdated, he said.

Years ago families only had Social Security payments for their retirement, but today families have a myriad of pension plans in addition, Routh said.

"That has a bearing on how we calculate how much they can contribute," Routh said.

For some students, the College Board's institutional methodology is as foreign to them as co-ed inner-tube water polo is to freshmen.

"I'm not even sure how the old methodology affected me," Gene Bialczak '01 said.

But for students who understand the inner workings of financial aid, some believe financial aid still needs more broad-based spending power and remain skeptical of the College Board's changes.

"It's not necessarily the solution," Joe Racine '00 said.

Federal aid

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The USSA is lobbying for a \$400 increase in the Pell Grant, as well as undetermined funding increases for Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunities Grant (FSEOG) and Leveraging Education Assistance Partnership Programs (LEAP). Both programs help low-income students pay for college.

Pueschel said Clinton's budget proposals are likely to increase funding for both grants, but not to the level that the USSA would like.

Clinton also is expected to double funding for the "GEAR UP" program - an outreach effort that partners high schools and colleges to motivate disadvantaged high school students to pursue a college education.

Gladioux said although the budget will

not be released until Feb. 1, there is no evidence that Clinton will recommend decreasing spending on any higher education programs.

If spending is decreased, "usually you'll hear about it in advance," he said. "It leaks."

But Julie Green, press secretary for the Department of Education, said Clinton is committed to keeping higher education affordable.

"The president will do everything he can to make sure students have access to the most affordable way to pay for college," Green said.

She specifically mentioned Pell Grants, work-study and lowering interest rates, as means to increasing affordability.

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Supreme Court decision may affect college sports

By **BEN TRACHTENBERG**
Yale Daily News (Yale U.)

(U-WIRE) NEW HAVEN, Conn. - Supreme Court action could force the National Collegiate Athletic Association to change policies on athletic scholarships, budgeting and athletic eligibility.

The Court heard oral arguments Wednesday in the case of R. M. Smith v. National Collegiate Athletic Association, which centers on whether the NCAA, as an institution separate from its member colleges, receives federal funds in the form of dues from its members.

Federal laws prohibiting discrimination against women and minority students, known collectively as Title IX and Title VII, apply to all recipients of federal education dollars.

If the court determines that the NCAA does receive government money, it would be subject to Title IX and Title VII regulations. Such regulations could affect budgets on men's and women's sporting events, distribution of athletic scholarships and standards for athletic eligibility.

Political Science Professor Rogers Smith said that the precedent could lead to the Ivy League itself being held to the fed-

eral anti-discrimination standards. The League's academic index and budgeting policies would then be subject to government oversight.

"In so far as the members are subject to Title IX restrictions ... and the league is organized and funded by such member institutions," the league could be subject to federal regulations, Smith said.

Still, Yale athletics would likely remain fairly unchanged by the decision as Ivy League colleges do not award athletic scholarships and Yale's football and basketball teams rarely compete in NCAA championships.

"Yale's already subject to restrictions when it receives federal funds," Smith said. "It has to comply with Title IX" regardless of the status of the NCAA and the Ivy League.

The Chronicle of Higher Education reported on Thursday that two students have already accused the NCAA of violating their civil rights on the grounds that the NCAA's use of biased standardized tests to determine athletic eligibility violates Title VII.

Tai Kwan Cureton and Leatrice Shaw, two track athletes from Philadelphia, say the NCAA unfairly prevents nonwhite students from competing in intercollegiate athletics.

The case now before the Court arose when Renee Smith, a former volleyball player at St. Bonaventure University, attempted to play intercollegiate volleyball while in gradu-

ate school. NCAA rules prohibit graduate students from playing on varsity teams, but the organization occasionally grants exceptions. Smith's case argues that the NCAA waives its restrictions more often from men than for women, and therefore violates Title IX.

Smith's brief to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit claimed that the NCAA "arbitrarily denied her the opportunity to play intercollegiate volleyball ... because of her gender."

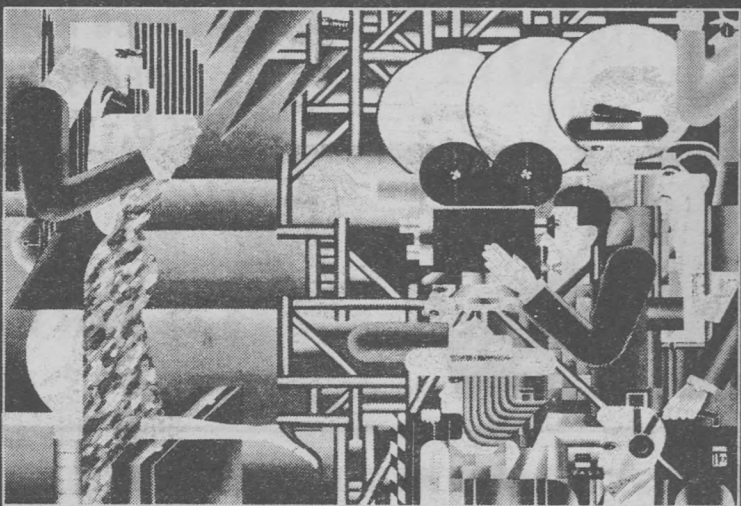
After a lower court dismissed the case, the appeals court ruled that the NCAA must abide by Title IX because it receives federal funds.

"The plain language of the [Title IX] statute and regulation is quite broad and encompasses indirect recipients of federal funds," the appeals court decision said.

The NCAA asked the Supreme Court to review the case, and in October the court agreed to do so.

Title IX litigation has prompted changes at athletic departments across the country. In an effort to create parity in budgets for men's and women's athletics, colleges have used a variety of strategies — including starting new women's teams, upgrading women's club teams to varsity status, increasing funding to women's varsity teams, decreasing funding for men's teams and abolishing men's teams in unprofitable sports such as wrestling and water polo.

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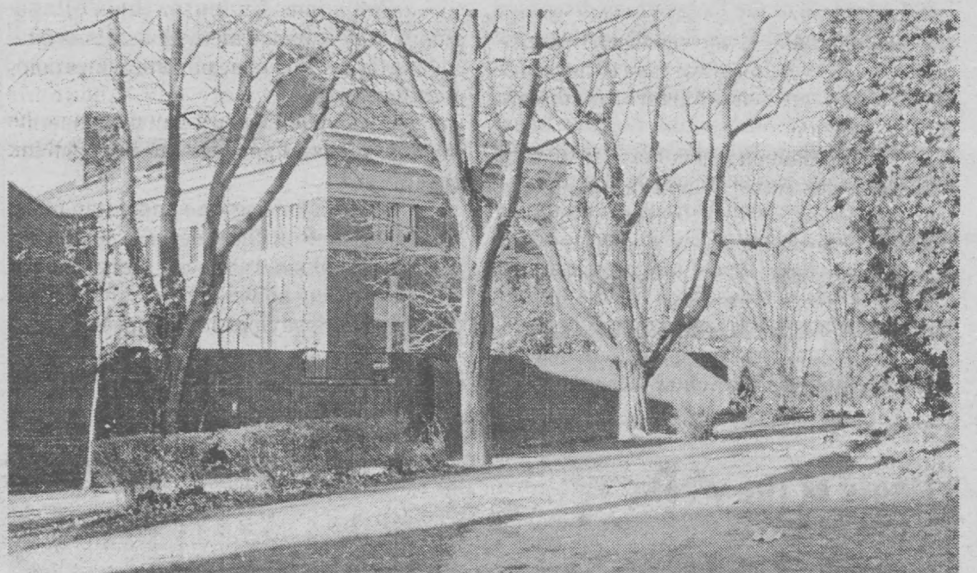
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Alcohol forum

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ambience of parties has deteriorated due to the number of excessively intoxicated persons in attendance. Lemkin spoke to this point, saying that often a party's quality was affected when "people leave after two or three minutes because they are so drunk."

Numerous suggestions were also made to alleviate the deteriorating social scene including students attempting a larger role in planning events, as well as simply being more creative. Sophomore Amanda Green mentioned the success of Triad which, al-

though it was a dry event, used several bands to attract interest. The possibility of reconnecting the student body through large events was asserted and quickly rejected because of money issues. The CHC remarked that coordinating with Bowdoin and Colby to bring a big-name band to the area had been attempted and failed. One member even questioned why they should "bother spending so much effort and money when nobody wants to go to [the concerts.]"

Conversely, the concept of starting on

a small scale, through greater effort by dorms and clubs to provide social life, was proposed. A resident of the German house mentioned that her club would have liked to have connected with other groups for their annual October Fest party, but were unable to, or did not know how. Another possibility suggested

was providing First-Year Centers with more money. A long-term resolution involved creating a student center where such organization could occur. The idea has apparently been discussed by the administration and put on a five year goal list.

The need to create a coherent campus by simply reducing the image of a dismal social scene was presented as the main objective for next year. Nevertheless, students acknowledged that it would be a lengthy undertaking that would have to start with the incoming first-years.

Gay fraternities threatened at U. Kentucky

By BRANDON HART

Kentucky Kernel (U. Kentucky)

(U-WIRE) LEXINGTON, Ky. - As gays organize themselves into structured social fraternities at several schools around the nation, UK fraternity leaders say that such a group - while not out of the question - might have trouble gaining acceptance into the UK's Interfraternity Council.

Penn State, Colorado State University and the University of Florida have fraternities for students who are gay or lesbian.

"If an organization like UK Lambda can become viable at UK, and considering the large population of gays in Lexington, then an all-gay frat is a definite possibility," said Josh Knipp, former IFC president.

But Knipp said because of its controversial nature, such a group might have difficulty getting voted into the council, which governs the acceptance of new fraternities on UK's campus.

Additionally, Knipp said such fraternities are at a severe disadvantage if they don't have a national headquarters to support their expansion.

At UF, Gamma Alpha Psi, a fraternity for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and the transgendered, is in the process of becoming a structured fraternity - complete with chapter meetings, functions and officers. Spelled in Greek letters, the organization's name resembles the word "gay."

Gamma Alpha Psi was formed three years ago by Martina Williams, a Santa Fe Community College student who is

transgendered and lives as a woman.

"I wouldn't want to be part of a group where I feel I couldn't be myself," Williams told the Independent Florida Alligator. "I have (gay) friends who rushed at Florida and were not getting bids."

Knipp said at UK, even liberal fraternities fear being labeled a "gay" fraternity, because they think it could hurt them during rush. Current IFC president Bryan Roth said when gays form their own fraternities, discrimination against them might increase.

"I think that gays would be more accepted as individuals in other fraternities, than to have their own separate fraternity," he said.

Delta Tau Delta fraternity president John Stonger said he didn't foresee a great amount of social interaction between his group and a gay fraternity, should one ever be formed at UK.

"We wouldn't go out of our way to associate with them, but they wouldn't go out of their way to associate with us," he said.

Stonger said none of his organization's members were openly gay. About his fraternity's policy toward gay members, he said: "It's never happened, so I don't think about it."

Because Lexington has a large population of people with alternative lifestyles, Roth said, he would expect a gay fraternity to form at UK eventually.

"I'm not saying that there would not be trouble, but I would not personally be against it. There are still a lot of close-minded people on this campus."

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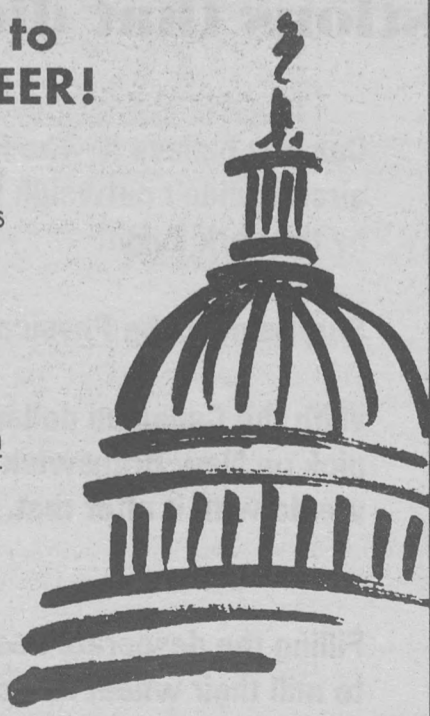
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Take a note Bill; Social Security safer in our hands

Editor takes critical position on the direction of America's entitlement program, and short sightedness of government

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

Guess what? You don't know how to handle your money. No, its true, you really don't. You mean you didn't know that Uncle Sam, the model of fiscal irresponsibility, is the only entity which can be trusted with your long term financial stability and security?

'Who says?' you rightfully ask. Your president, that's who. That's right, good 'ol Bill: the political enigma that is one part charismatic politician and one part teflon - with a smattering of 'Long Dong' Silver thrown in for good measure.

Speaking to a crowd in Buffalo, New York last week, President Clinton made a few conjectures as to who would be better at spending the budget surplus- the government or the people from whom the surplus was formed by way of taxes. Summing his position up, President Clinton said, "We could give it all back to you and hope you spend it right." He later stated, however, that he believes that it is, of course, his administration which should decide how best to spend the money ... most likely on Social Security.

So let me get this straight: our government balances it books and realizes, to their great astonishment, that they have a few extra dollars lying around. The question now becomes, "What do we do with it?"

Well, before I get into how Washington chooses to approach this problem, I'll make an analogy to a more common, yet similar, event.

Imagine that you own a construction company and you place a bid on a project to build a series of homes, and being the lowest bidder, receive a contract for that project. Upon completion you realize that you over-estimated your costs and have roughly \$100,000 left over. Do you have any right to

the money? Are you better suited to decide how the money should be spent on things such as furniture or fixtures for the homes?

Of course not. The money entrusted to you as a contractor is for one specific purpose: build the homes, not decide on how they're furnished.

In essence, the same principle applies to the budget surplus in Washington. When we pay our taxes to the government we enter into a contract, willingly or not, with the good old U.S. Of A. to provide us with services, protection, and justice - to name a few. The United States government assesses what these services will cost and develops a budget funded by taxes.

Therefore, the contractual obligations have been met and there is money left over ... money which should be returned or rolled over for next year's services - not spent as the President, his cabinet or Congress thinks it should be spent. Its quite simple - anything done with a surplus is not within the bounds of the contract, meaning the government is, to use the prior analogy, picking out our furniture and fixtures for us.

So here we are ... awaiting our social security furniture and fixtures. Its frightening to think that the President can say that he is worried the American people would not

spend the surplus responsibly, and in the same breath claim that pouring \$4.5 trillion into programs such as Social Security over the next 15 years is a responsible act.

Does anyone in their twenties realistically believe that once the baby boomers retire and pass through their golden years that there will be anything left for our generation? Social Security is a massive and cumbersome

entitlement program that will inevitably run dry - it has to. Americans on Social Security are consistently drawing far more than they ever contributed to the fund, and the trend is destined to continue.

Pouring a surplus into the fund is a stop-gap, short-term measure designed by politicians with relatively short political life spans. Washington is a town in which the politician lives and dies with every passing week and network

sponsored poll - it is only natural that they game plan for short time spans ... It's all that their consultants and handlers will allow them to do.

The simple truth is that when the economic good times end with the start of a periodic downturn the surpluses will dry-up and Social Security will return to its present form ... a ticking time bomb wrought with the potential for tremendous debt.

In fact, a closer analysis of the Presi-

dents commitment of the surplus to various programs is not in any way the responsible spending he worries that average, check-book balancing, American could not attain.

According to an article in the current issue of *Newsweek*, the President's plan to "save" Social Security, "fix" Medicare, establish individual savings accounts, and boost military spending commits a whopping 151% of the next fifteen surpluses. That's right: 151% of the surpluses ... as in more than is available. Apparently this president defines 'responsible spending' in the same convoluted manner as he does 'sexual relations.' The total projected shortfall, according to *Newsweek*, is \$2.3 trillion.

So how should we go about 'fixing' all of this? First, return the surplus and stop taxing to an excess so as to create further surpluses. Allow citizenry to take control of their retirement by choosing how they wish to invest their retirement savings. Every dollar that I invest in a 401k or mutual fund for my retirement helps to invigorate the private sector - supporting the entire economy.

Secondly, 'Generation X' will continue to pay into Social Security to support the aging baby-boomers, but we must bite the bullet and declare that Social Security ends with the 'boomers ... It cannot, and will not, last long enough for us anyway.

The onus is upon us to take accountability for our own long term financial security and invest wisely for our retirement days. We are about to enter the working world with a clean slate, we have to prepare for the death of Social Security and the necessity of safeguarding our future for ourselves. We must reject funny math and ludicrous vocabulary and all the assorted political pipe-dreams and take our future into our own 'responsible' hands.

You mean you didn't know that Uncle Sam, the model of fiscal irresponsibility, is the only entity which can be trusted with your long term financial stability and security?

How Bates Rates

Past senior class gift suggestions that didn't quite fly

A huge spotlight in the shape of the Bat Signal

Our own wildebeest heard for the Quad

The purchase of our very own Canadian Province.

The building of a giant, totally useless windmill on the top of Lane Hall

The funding of a small, right-wing, army



Can you believe it? The FAA said that the blinding of aircraft didn't outweigh the foiling of super villains by the dark knight

Surprisingly, the Physical Plant had some objections

With the Canadian dollar so low, I hear we can still pick up New Brunswick pretty cheap. Now what we do with it after that...

Filling the desperate need for students and faculty to mill their wheat and corn the old fashion way

Would allow us to sack, pillage, and burn Colby and Bowdoin for additional endowment funds.

Editorial

Varsity hockey at Bates shouldn't be a pipe dream

We need varsity status for the hockey team. Why don't we have varsity hockey here at Bates? Isn't it absolutely amazing that a school like us, where we are, with the facilities we have, doesn't have a varsity hockey team? We had a huge, modern, well equipped skating rink built just a few years ago that gets more use as an extra parent's weekend facility. And we're in MAINE for crying out loud. People sometimes take wars less seriously here than they do their hockey.

Look at the precedents we already have supporting the idea; first, we fully fund the football team. Admittedly a totally different sport, but nevertheless just as culturally popular, just as deeply rooted in fan fanaticism and support, and just as tough and demanding a sport as hockey. What football is to fall, hockey is to winter. Second, as you read this paper, the Bates rowing team is under consideration for varsity status. They will hopefully be elevated into the ranks of varsity sports here at Bates, owing to their determination and dedication to their athletics. Club and varsity hockey, in determination, enthusiasm and commitment isn't any different.

The math on this is pretty simple. Take one northern school, deep in hockey country, with a fervent school athletic spirit (just look at the fans at the women's B-ball games), add that virtually brand new hockey rink, and mix in a whole lot of great club varsity players and what do you have? The recipe for a winning hockey team as a full fledged varsity sport.

The issue here isn't just a label, it's an admission of interest on behalf of the school and a recognition that people fight for this pursuit. It's also about the very practical aspect of funding; a varsity sport receives direct funding from the school to pay costs associated with a sport. Outfitting a hockey player isn't exactly cheap. It can cost a person, man or woman, anywhere from six hundred to a thousand dollars to buy everything from the skates to the helmet.

There have been rumors, albeit unconfirmed, that parts of the administration are reluctant to support a sport that stereotypically produces drunken, destructive slob. Anybody who's been to real hockey game knows that the fans and the players aren't the most reserved of gentle souls, and that we will concede. But let's be serious, there are several other sports on campus that exist that easily fit the definition both on and off the playing field of reckless and irresponsible to the point of infamy. And some are already varsity sports. Anybody making the case that hockey can't exist at Bates because of that kind of stereotype needs to reconsider this oddly inconsistent stance that smacks of hypocrisy.

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NO to a chem free Roger Williams

26 Residents write against the proposed switch from all female dorm

To the Editor;

The housing committee has recently proposed that Roger Williams Hall, otherwise known as "The Bill," be turned from an all-female dorm to a chem-free housing option. On Wednesday, the 27th of January, three residents of The Bill met with the housing committee to discuss this idea. It was apparent from the beginning of the meeting that the members of the committee have already firmly decided what they plan to do, and are not about to be dissuaded.

Their plan is to make The Bill coed and chem-free, while moving all the women who want to continue to live there to Moulton House, Milliken House and Hayes House. The reason cited for this change is that there are not enough people requesting to live in all-female housing, while an increasing amount of people are requesting a chem-free option. In response to this point the Bill residents argued, and Mr. Tannenbaum himself conceded, that it wouldn't be at all difficult to find the 55 women needed to fill the rooms set aside for upperclassmen. The only thing that may be difficult to fill is one of the two first year centers. The logical thing to do in response to this is to move one of the first year centers to another dorm instead of trying to move the 55 other women.

The only other argument brought up by the committee is that several of the sophomores living in the Bill didn't choose to live there. In response to this we pose the question: how many sophomores actually got the housing they requested? It is well known that the sophomores have the worst pick when it comes to housing, and chances are that if you walk into any dorm on campus and talk to the sophomores, you will probably find several who did not request to live there. The vast majority of the women who live in the Bill are very happy to be living there and want to continue to do so next year. The reason so many support living in a dorm as opposed to living in houses is that they don't want to feel cloistered, or reinforce the stigma already associated with all-female housing. In response to this point one of the committee members argued that Moulton House, which is currently all women, is actually very social. This argument has absolutely no validity. The reason Moulton House is so social is that it is mostly filled with members of a particular sports team. These women are a team and are choosing to all live together in a house. They aren't a group of random women placed together in a house isolated from the rest of campus.

Another thing that the residents of the Bill value so much is the quiet which comes

along with living in an all-female dorm. Putting all these women into houses on Frye Street almost defeats this purpose.

Living in the Bill this year are artists, musicians, athletes and a wide array of multi-talented individuals all coming to-

gether in one setting. If they are divided up, like the housing committee suggests, there is a risk that the all-female houses will follow the examples set by the all male houses on campus. That is, they will become quasi-sororities inhabited by a specific group, possibly to the exclusion of any women wanting all-female housing but not affiliated with the particular group that inhabits the house. Bates College has taken a stance against this type of segregation by not having a Greek system on campus. The creation of these types of houses seems to be the first step towards implementing this system in a college which prides itself on having an inclusive campus, as opposed to a systematic method of exclusion.

All these reasons, along with the simple logistical problems associated with turning a dorm with an odd number of floors and bathrooms, and disproportional amounts of single rooms on certain floors into a coed dorm should be enough to persuade anyone that the Bill should stay an all-female dorm. We firmly believe that Roger Williams Hall should remain as it is in the present system, and the housing committee should take the logical step of simply moving one of the first year centers to another dorm.

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Staff, Faculty, and Administration are wholeheartedly welcome to contribute to the Bates Student. If you've got an issue to voice, we've got the place to do it, so ante up the courage to put your thoughts, opinions, passions into the public forum.

off the mark by Mark Parisi



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Paper usage; our insatiable environmental concern

By MARIA LIBBY
Environmental Coordinator

Paper. At Bates, we use 6.1 million sheets of copy paper alone each year. Add to that letterhead, publications, special print jobs, and the amount of paper we consume is mind boggling. Even more astonishing is that paper consumption is on the rise at Bates. It would behoove us all to consider that. If we do not question our own use of paper, as well as the institutions, we inadvertently continue to support environmental degradation in the form of unsustainable logging practices and the poisoning of waterways.

Most of us do not consider the implications of using a fresh, clean, white sheet of paper. We don't know if it has recycled content or was bleached with chlorine. We never stop to think whether we need to print the whole draft just to read what we have written, or whether we need a new piece of paper to scribble a note to someone. Paper epitomizes the notion of an infinite resource within the context of a school. Indeed, for as long as we have been alive, it has been the principal tool of instruction in our academic world.

Unfortunately, paper use has costs beyond the obvious. Trees. Rivers. Fish. Habitat. These are all adversely affected by

the traditional paper of choice: made from virgin fibers bleached with a chlorine process. The virgin fibers come from trees, a resource that takes decades to mature, but only seconds to destroy. Dioxin is a byproduct of chlorine bleaching, which is poisoning rivers, fish, and shellfish. These issues are arousing considerable debate in our own backyard: the forests and rivers of Maine.

Although Bates uses papers that have recycled content, some of which are processed chlorine free, and we are continually on the look-out for a better product, it is not enough. We are trying hard to change the mind-set that feeds our insatiable appetite for paper. For example, we are planning to implement a policy for double-sided copies as the standard, default printing option. Students have attempted to educate other students about how to manually make double-sided copies in the library. We may set up a draft printer in the library that uses paper that has already been used on one side. We are investigating laser printers with the capability of printing on both sides. We made a display in the library this fall highlighting paper use—it was piled up near the front door. We are also trying to glean the advantages of the electronic age. Through email, we can eliminate the generation of literally tens of thousands of hard copy announce-

ments, to students, faculty, and staff.

For this critical venue to work however, we need to facilitate another shift: a culture that accepts email as the principal means of communication for announcements and organizational dialogue, and makes the break away from paper. Already, the "announce" list serve allows a announcements to be sent to all students via email. This saves up to 1600 sheets of paper each time someone sends a message via announce.

Students should realize that the information will be sent to them one way or another. Either their mailbox or their email account will be filled with such mail. It is a lot quicker to delete a message with one or two strokes of a keyboard than to retrieve a sheet of paper and toss it in the recycling bin (after you have read it, of course). Better yet, with email, it is easier to recognize the content of the message than with a folded paper announcement, making it much easier to sift through unwanted mail.

Currently there is a committee looking at communication among faculty and staff. Hopefully, a similar system will be established, whereby faculty and staff with access to email will be able to receive email announcements instead of hard copy announcements. A cultural shift can be engendered on campus if indeed paper is not sent as a back-up to these systems. Whether

the argument is for a healthier environment or support of computer technology, it makes no sense to utilize email in this manner unless it is the exclusive means of transmitting the information (assuming the system is engineered for those who have convenient and frequent access to computers).

The potential for us to reduce paper use at Bates is significant. The ideas of how to do this are plentiful. But ideas alone do not a change in behavior beget. We invite the campus to embrace these initiatives—to rethink paper. They will be introduced to you gradually, but you don't need to wait. Start saving your own single sided copies to use in your own printer. It saves money and trees. Think twice each time you grab for a piece of paper—do you really need it? Could you use a scrap instead? In conjunction with this effort, let us all become more tolerant and accepting of notes that come on the backs of envelopes and history papers that come on the backs of science articles.

Let us find the way back to when it was customary to conserve resources, and not waste. At this pace, the day will come soon when trees are no longer the primary component of paper. This will not be the result of a voluntarily shifting to flax or hemp or old money. It will be because there are no forests left to cut. Think about it every time you reach for paper.

German semester abroad a rich cultural adventure

Full of romantic sights and avenues full of interest, writer reflects upon the experience of visiting the German Republic

By SERAP BINDEBER
Staff Writer

There is a saying in Turkish that goes: "Who knows better? The one who reads a lot or the one who travels a lot?" The answer might differ from person to person, but after having spent my fall semester in Germany with twenty-five Batesians, Dennis Sweet Liz Tobin and Steve Hochstadt, it became clear to me that you gain a lot from the people and places you visit.

We spent three and a half months in Berlin, all of which, I believe, we lived fully. Berlin, a city of history, art, music, clubs and

cultures has a lot to offer everyone. Since we arrived in Berlin in September, we missed the 'Love Parade,' outdoor cafes and the excitement that goes on around the city during the summer. However Berlin had a different beauty in fall as well. On my first weekend in Berlin I was psyched to discover the city. So I went to take a walk on the famous street of Ku 'Damm. This is a street of about two kilometers with shops, cafes restaurants and historical buildings. I remember, when I was taking my first walk on Ku 'Damm I didn't know whether to keep looking up or down. I didn't want to miss hundreds of year old buildings with great architecture. On the

other hand, I was looking for a great cafe to sit and try the delicious German pastry.

After having lived in Lewiston, everyone in the group was overwhelmed by the amount of stuff one could do in Berlin. During the first couple of weeks we did not know where to start from. The museums? The concerts? Night life? Fests? Or the appealing bakeries? Fortunately, our professors and host families were there to help us out with getting around in Berlin. If you ever happen to go to Berlin, you should not miss 'Unter Den Linden,' whose names comes from the lime trees on the street. You can find concert halls, opera houses, and history museums

there. Brandenburger Tor, which used to be the "door" separating East and West Berlin, appears a little bit down on Unter Den Linden. Potsdamer Platz is probably one of the places in Berlin where you can run into pieces of the Berlin Wall. As you can imagine, there's no need to go to a museum to learn about the history of Berlin since it lies among the streets.

Germany was not the only place we visited during our trip. We also made short trips to Prague and Krakow. I would say that Prague became one of my favorite cities and

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The lasting, armed conflict in a land of icy desolation

Writer argues the armed and strangely politicized dispute between India and Pakistan over Siachen Glacier

-By SAMEER RAJ MASKEY
Staff Writer

It is a common trend that human beings fight for power, wealth and status, and animals fight for their territory. It seems unlikely that countries can fight for a small piece of inhabitable land but the reality is incredible in today's world. When we talk about these numerous international territorial disputes one will easily come across the longest running armed conflict in this 20th century - the dispute over Siachen Glacier. Though this dispute between India and Pakistan is trivial in comparison to another conflict of Jammu and Kashmir, the Siachen Glacier conflict has resulted in many casualties and the loss of a lot of money.

Both of the parties have been trying to resolve the conflict since it started, but the treaties have never resulted in peace. So, it's only hope is that someday the conflict will be resolved and soldiers will not have to risk their life.

Siachen Glacier, which is about 45 miles long and 1 to 5 miles wide, is a place where survival is limited to only soldiers, who are trained to withstand such weather. With temperature diving down to negative forty and blizzards blowing, it one of the most inhospitable places to live. Even though the territory is covered by glacial ice, India and Pakistan are still fighting for it. Until the mid-

1980s neither of the parties was trying to control the glacier, though both of them had been claiming it up until that point. Later India's soldiers, camping on the Saltoro ridges, forced Pakistani troops to come forward and fight.

Looking at the harsh conditions India and Pakistan exist under, it seems plausible that they might not be fighting just for the

plain piece of land but for the advantages that can be obtained by having control over the glacier. India is not willing to back off and vacate the high

Saltoro ridges of the glacier because the control of the glacier would give support to India's defense of Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir. Besides that, this looks like a major victory for the Indian military. At the same time Pakistan is saying that the glacier is a part of their territory.

Factoring the cost of operation into this conflict, India is actually at a disadvantage. India, which is taking charge of ridges, is prone to high altitude effects. Avalanches, lack of roads, and the height make the soldiers vulnerable. That's why out of all deaths of Indian soldiers only 3% have died from shots fired. The rest died due to avalanche and altitude effects. India's camps are on the

heights of 16,000 to 22,000 feet while Pakistan's camps are only on 9000 to 15,000 feet. Hence, Pakistani soldiers have the advantage because

they have roads coming to their camps making the cost of operation low. That is one of the reasons Pakistani armies are not willing to take any kind of treaty which will be to their disadvantage.

The treaties have taken place, but none of them has resulted in completely stop-

ping the conflict. From 1984 to 1985 they had flag meetings. In 1986 they had talks between high-ranking personnel. In 1989 they made a treaty saying that they understood the problem and would attempt to reduce the chances of conflict. In November 1992 they made a treaty which was close to resolution. According to that treaty, the glacier was assigned as a zone of complete disengagement where there shouldn't be any kind of military or civil action. Though this treaty was made the dispute never ended.

India and Pakistan both are bargaining for the settlement while they operate the military camps. Pakistan even says that though the glacier had been theirs they had taken it as an inhabitable area for human beings, but India's deployment of military made them fight back.

Another motive of Pakistan for continuing the ongoing conflict is that Pakistan knows that the operation cost for India is much higher so they can wait for India to come down to make a treaty benefiting them. In the mean time India doesn't want to vacate the place because they don't want to take the chance of letting the Pakistani army take over the glacier which would be dangerous to their defense.

Hence, the peaceful settlement of this dispute, whenever it happens, will surely reduce the tension existing between India and Pakistan to some extent and save lives of soldiers, who are still vulnerable to altitude effects.

It is a common trend that human beings fight for power, wealth and status, and animals fight for their territory. It seems unlikely that countries can fight for a small piece of inhabitable land but the reality is incredible in today's world.



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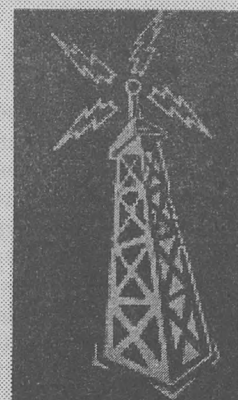
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German adventure continued

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I fell in love with it. I found it quite romantic. Years later, when I think about the trip to Prague I will remember the historical Charles Bridge and the sweet melody of violins you hear on almost every corner in Prague. It's also one of the places in Eastern Europe where you can find many German and American tourists since it is both cheap and beautiful.

The trip to Krakow was also great, but it gave me a different and bitter taste. The main purpose of going to Krakow was to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau, one of the concentration camps. This is also the place where 'Schindler's List' was made. I can honestly

say there's never been anywhere else in the world where I have felt as confused and disgusted by what I saw as I was in Auschwitz-Birkenau. When we were taking a tour there I was asking myself "Why?" but I couldn't find the answer. If I had an opportunity to go back to the days we spent in Germany, I would take it and want to live every single moment again, except for the time we spent in Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Spending four and half months in Germany, getting to know the Germans, their history, culture and language has definitely been a great experience for all of us. I would strongly recommend that all Batesies go abroad during there years at Bates. There's a lot more going on outside the Bate's bubble.

Symptoms of alcohol poisoning;

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4. Vomiting while "sleeping" or passed out, and not waking up after vomiting.

What your mother never told you... about Newman Day

by S.K. Redding
Staff Writer

What Your Mother Never Told You... About Newman's Day

As a Senior at Bates, I thought it appropriate to start a column in our newspaper that is devoted to advice, thoughts, and experiences of the Senior class. What would we do differently if we could, what would we change, and what the heck are we going to do after we graduate? After 4 years we have this unique transition time, before we're actually gone to reflect on our time spent wisely and not so wisely. For this week's first column, I thought we could discuss something fun- something that we all have stories about with regrets and laughs over our four years. Newman Day. Do many of the underclassmen even know from where it originated, why it can get you in big trouble, or do the freshmen even know how to drink, first time away from home, without yacking? Maybe this bit of senior advice should be passed down.

Broken windows, food fights and long lines to the bathroom in commons, obnoxious people in the library for those who are doing their normal duties as students, and most of all this year- checkpoint chow with dining "guards" at every door. They checked me over with that intimidating stare merely because I got the hick-ups in line. Is this the

tradition that brings us all together almost more than many others at Bates? But how much do we really know about Newman day, its real origin, the original rules, and the do's and don't's of drinking or not drinking. First we'll discuss the myths about this famous or infamous Paul Newman Day.

The myths, and what many *think* Paul Newman day stands for: Students must drink 24 beers in the span of 24 hours, while attending all that they normally would, without booting. Another normal myth is that this 'tradition' originates from a Paul Newman movie, *Cool Hand Luke*, in which he eats about 40 eggs, not 24 beers.

According to Dean Reese, Paul Newman day has not been around only in the past decade, but it was strong and running in 1974-1975. The 1972 class has no recollection of this tradition. Therefore it was approximately around March of 1973 that Paul Newman appeared on the Carson show. Newman's birthday in March and therefore Carson asked what he liked to do on his birthday and Newman replied racing cars and drinking a case of beer. Therefore it started with a few Bates students who took it upon themselves to celebrate Paul's birthday. Newman Day, originally in March, with no encouragement for underclassmen to drink, was a day about drinking slowly and at a steady pace, and always finishing their 24th

beer at midnight of that night with everyone who had participated at a common meeting place, such as Mount David- drinking their beer together. Also, no puking or sleeping is allowed, of course.

Pressures over the years made evolutionary history for Newman Day, and it migrated to the beginning of the semester when less work is given. An appropriate day was found, the first day of Winter Carnival. This day of Winter Carnival used to be a great day for creativity and activities celebrating the arts, music, and night life. Immense ice sculptures and statues used to be found all over the campus where now beer cans and barf stains remain.

The original rules are as follows; drink a case of beer on the day designated as Newman Day, with no puking, no sleeping, and calculated drinking so that the 24th beer is drunk with all participants on Mount David at midnight, and attend all normal responsibilities.

Now, there are different rules for girls, one can take 24 bong hits instead, one can skip classes, and the beers can be finished at any time. If it's the tradition we want to uphold, then we should do so, being mindful of the careful pace and safety that should be involved. If people are determined to drink, they will, but as Dean Reese says if it has to be done drinking should be done "properly

and safely, not as quickly as possible."

The most infamous of cases, in 1989, found 2 students dismissed from Bates for a semester because of profanities said over the air from WRBC, while enjoying the fun of Newman Day. These 2 students, Matt and Rob, have also an on-line opinion of Newman Day found at Bates pirate Web page: batesoffline.org.

Many who don't partake in the full-on activities of Newman Day, whether annoyed with drunken participants or not, have generally healthy advice for underclassman in the future: Drink much water and eat a sufficient amount of bread, wake up early, don't take your I.Q test on that day, pace yourself, burp a lot, *stay with friends and don't find yourself alone*, and stay away from those who are drunk and don't pick a fight with anyone.

After stories of people being mistaken for drunkards, simply by drinking coffee in class, belching, or being clumsy, and seeing those students who wake up before 8 only on this day, doesn't change any of our opinions of Paul Newman Day, then maybe the truthful history and the original rules will. After 4 years at Bates, we Seniors wish to pass down this little bit of clarification of Newman Day and our tips for a successful and safe time for all, whether you are participating or not.

Movie review: The Thin Red Line

By ANDREW REECE
Staff Writer

After a confusing trailer advertised war-weary soldiers snatching rounds of ammunition up out of an infantry helmet, alongside scenes of aboriginal youth swimming peacefully with GIs, *The Thin Red Line* started to spawn confusing rumors. One popular magazine promoted it as a competitor with *Saving Private Ryan*, while various web sites and gossip columns questioned the film's seeming acknowledgement of the peaceful world surrounding the mechanized horror of World War II.

The Thin Red Line tries to do both. Amidst an intense study of the vicious battle fought at Guadalcanal, the soldiers of an Army Rifle company gradually come to realizations about themselves, their perspectives on life, and their fellow men.

The battle of Guadalcanal was an ex-

tensive, six month campaign fought in the Solomon Islands, in the Southern Pacific during the middle of World War II. The movie takes place near the end of the campaign, when the Army comes to relieve the Marines stationed there. Nick Nolte leads the reinforcement company as an aging, bitter colonel, and with him comes a host of seasoned veterans (Sean Penn and Woody Harrelson among others). A wave of new recruits follows their

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command, though (including Jim Cavaziel and Ben Chaplin), and at the risk of cliché, their unscarred idealism clashes with the officers' hardened cynicism to produce a shade of maturity somewhere between jade and green. Fortunately, director Terrence Malick succeeds in his attempt to make a film about maturity out of a scenario of traditionally violent action.

In order for *The Thin Red Line* to act

as more of a character study than a war flick, however, it necessarily moves at a slower pace than classic battle films. Actual fighting doesn't occur until well into the movie, and both battles and peaceful scenes are peppered with dreamlike flashbacks to characters' lives before enlistment. I left the theater with a baffled expression on my face, unsure whether I had just witnessed a moving anti-war statement or a harsh message meant to snap the peaceful out of their naive existence.

The Thin Red Line is not *Saving Private Ryan* on the Pacific Theater of World War II. Instead, it is an exploration in self without a clear conclusion; perhaps it will be remembered as a failed attempt to intellectualize the war movie genre. I think instead it is a successful acknowledgement that times of crisis are often most opportune for clear insight into those beliefs which both motivate and support our lives.

Sold-out concert proves Vanilla Ice is still alive and trying to kick it

By KEVIN PRIDE
The Chronicle (Duke U.)

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — I'll be completely honest—I had absolutely no idea of what to expect from a Vanilla Ice concert. As it turned out, no one else did either. Yes, the "Hard to Swallow" tour—featuring the Iceman's new brand of bass-heavy rock and angry rap—made its way to the Cat's Cradle last Saturday night, and it seemed like most of the audience was there for one of two reasons—to either laugh and make fun of Vanilla Ice or because of peer pressure.

As the beginning of the show neared, I sought out the most interesting people that I could find to try to get to the bottom of this ticket-selling phenomenon we came to know in junior high as The Iceman. I mean, who would have thought that Vanilla Ice, the rap star turned nobody turned, well... punk rocker had the popularity to sell out a free show, much less one that actually charged for tickets. I mean, the show was on a Saturday and by Thursday the last ticket was gone. Hell, scores of people were being turned away at the door.

I had to get to the bottom of this.

Between the opening band, Skarhead, and Ice's appearance, I met Crazy—he has a real name, but it's not as cool. Crazy is a Christian. He's also a punk and has the word "zealot" tattooed on his arm.

On Sundays, Crazy devotedly attends church, and he believes that Jesus Christ is the savior of the world. He and his buddies sit together in the back of the sanctuary during the worship service, dressed in their everyday clothes which might include anything from loose, baggy pants to frazzled corduroy shorts to a tattered sock toboggan to a punk rock t-shirt.

"Going to church is not about getting all dressed up and putting on a show... it's about being a Christian and believing in Jesus Christ," he told me with conviction.

Crazy, 19, doesn't think it's funny that

Vanilla Ice is back, much less that he's now a 'born-again' Christian.

"The V.I.P. is a big fat joke, and I'm here to make fun of him," said Crazy, referring to Ice and his posse. "The dude is a poser, man. He's got no credibility whatsoever... who does he think he is? One minute he's rapping and the next he's trying to be hardcore. No integrity, man. None."

"I tell you, the last thing that another Christian needs is him! I love Jesus, man, and I don't want somebody like Vanilla Ice to defame him. We don't need posers."

Crazy is the kind of guy who, if you met him in a dark alley in the middle of the night, your first instinct would be to run away. But if you actually talked to him (like I did), you'd realize that he'd probably shake your hand and offer you a ride home instead of taking your lunch money. In other words, Crazy's nice. But he doesn't like Rob Van Winkle, aka Vanilla Ice, and he would definitely take Ice's lunch money.

Our conversation ended when the lights went down and an exodus of teenage flesh packed itself toward the stage. Before Crazy left, he told me that: "If it was me and him (Vanilla Ice), one on one... I'd jack him real good." As the Christian irony set in, I watched him trot away, the words "COOL AS ICE" painted on the back of his head.

The crowd assembled itself in a dark heap directly in front of the stage. I now understand what a sold-out show is like at the Cat's Cradle—tight and smelly. Amidst the absence of light emerged a singular voice, the voice of the Iceman, who announced in a voice that cracked like an awkward pubescent's: "Beware of the black cat, if you believe in suuper-stiii-tiooon!!!"

And that's how a Vanilla Ice concert begins. I was expecting something far less, well, poetic, perhaps more along the lines of "Yo V.I.P., let's kick it!" or a hearty "Word to your mother!" Instead, I get a damn warning.

Among the murmur of voices, there were several chuckles.

A blast of very loud music began and a figure appeared, bending down while he

walked and rapped. An assortment of foreign objects flew through the air and onto the stage, barely missing the guy: two beers cans, a cup and something that looked like a shoe. Unfortunately, it's not Vanilla—it's Rod J., his backup rapper and human shield.

The Iceman is not far behind, and he goes into a sneering and borderline angry rap, of which the only words I understand are "Learjet" and "here I come." Just for the record, Ice came to the show in a bus with horses painted on the side, not a Learjet.

Standing next to me are three high school students from Durham Academy that I had talked to earlier: Mary, Katherine and Elliot—a floppy, self-proclaimed Vanilla Ice 'groupie.' Earlier, they too were concerned with Vanilla Ice's new status as a born-again Christian, but for a different reason.

"If he gets up there and starts fucking preaching, I'm fucking leaving," said Mary, the outspoken member of the group.

"I'm only here because of peer pressure... Elliot is a fan and that's why we're here," said Katherine.

"Vanilla Ice!!! The V.I.P.!!! Ice Ice Baby!!! Cool as Ice!!!" is all Elliot could say. But it seemed like he was putting on a show for the 'media,' i.e. 'me.' Some kids will do anything for attention.

Well, it just so happened that I was standing next to them when Vanilla Ice did, sort of, start preaching. After finishing a song about "sitting back and smoking a joint," Ice told the crowd "I've been through a lot of adversity... and seeing a crowd like this is truly a blessing from God." I turned to Mary, who earlier had threatened to leave if he started 'preaching' and asked her what she thought.

"Ohh my God, he is sooooo HOT! I still love him!" she said.

She didn't leave.

Real rock stars get women's lingerie thrown at them. Vanilla Ice gets another man's piss splashed on him.

Midway through the show, the Iceman

did what everyone wanted him to do—he kicked it old school, performing a medley of songs from his first album, *To the Extreme*. First "Havin' a Roni," then an impressive beat-box session, then there was "Play the Funky Music," "Stop That Train," a five-minute scratchin' solo by DJ Zero, and eventually, you guessed it, "Ice Ice Baby." But this time it was different—it was a revised, heavy-metal version of the song, the same one found on his new album *Hard to Swallow*. The crowd was disappointed, and after the song was finished, the Cat's Cradle was half-empty.

During the old-school medley the stage looked like a zoo. People were jumping onstage, dancing, then diving head-first into the waiting arms of the crowd. It was also during this time that Dexter went to work.

Dexter is a skinny 16 year-old punk who lives in abandoned houses until the cops come and kick him out. His hair is messy, his clothing is tattered, and he has just bought a Vanilla Ice t-shirt using money bummed off of random audience members.

During the old school melee, Dexter managed his way onstage, did the "MC Hammer" dance, somehow spritzed Vanilla Ice with a bottle full of another man's piss (that's right, Dexter wouldn't even waste his own urine on Rob Van Winkle), pulled down his pants and mooned the crowd, then did a professional-quality stage dive. I think his ass might still have been hanging out when the crowd was passing him around face up.

And that's how fallen '90s rap stars get treated. That sucks.

As the evening came to a close, Vanilla Ice performed an indecipherable encore song and thanked the crowd for showing up. All in all, the show wasn't bad, it just wasn't all that good. The Iceman got picked on, pissed on and just generally laughed at.

But maybe the joke was on us. After all, we were the ones who had just payed money to see Vanilla Ice.

CD review: Dave Matthews is still the best of what's around

By KAYA RICHMOND
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(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — Last week, the Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds Live at Luther College CD was released, which may have lead people to ask, what is Dave Matthews without the band? A lot actually.

Granted, the musicians that make up his band are all excellent in their own right and Matthews is lucky to have them.

But this release proves that with or without Tinsley, Lessard, Moore and company, Matthews is an amazing artist and performer who can put on a great show.

Live at Luther College is a double disc live CD which was recorded at Luther College (of course) in Decorah, Iowa. It consists of Matthews singing and playing a miked acoustic and Reynolds playing electric acoustic - oh yeah, and the fans who were caught on tape screaming, clapping and even requesting songs.

This fan participation was not unlike that of the recent Dave Matthews Band concert in Madison, except that one can actually hear Matthews' vocals. This is true for two main reasons.

The first is obvious: it is a professional recording, so the mix and levels are pretty good. The second reason is that the concert that they recorded took place in early 1996, before the release of Matthews' two extremely commercially successful releases, *Crash and Before These Crowded Streets*.

So when Matthews played "Halloween," "Two Step" and "Crash Into Me," there were no off-key fans wrecking the songs. This is quite possibly the best thing about the CD.

One of the greatest things about this CD is hearing the songs stripped down to the bare essentials, with the exception of a few guitar effects used by Reynolds throughout the performance.

Some of these effects were used to great effect (like delay and reverb); others (flange and a phaser) were just too much for

the acoustic versions of the songs. What is thoroughly impressive about Reynolds are his chops - jazz chops at that. When he is given free reign in the songs his playing is very proficient as well as flavorful.

But the real greatness of the CD lies within Matthews and his songs. Listening to the CD is probably as close as any of his fans will come to knowing what Matthews' songs sound like before they hit the studio and get the once-over from the rest of the band (apparently certain members of the band do a good amount of arranging of Matthews' song).

At their core, Matthews' songs emanate simple beauty and showcase his amazing grasp of human emotion. Not only does Matthews have this grasp, but he also possesses the rare ability to put his analyses of situations into words.

One of the major highlights of the album is "The Christmas Song." Using a few chords and simple changes, Matthews allows his lyrics to come into the spotlight, telling

an adapted story about Christmas and its focus, Jesus Christ.

There was also a great version of "Jimi Thing" off of *Under the Table and Dreaming*. Matthews' voice has never sounded better than when he sings "If you could keep me floating, just for a while/Til I get to the end of this tunnel, called Jimi."

Other versions from Matthews' major releases include "Lover Lay Down," and "Typical Situation."

The final song on the second disc in the set is a personal favorite of mine, "Two Step." The song which is heavily driven by drums on the album version, held up very well on acoustic.

All in all, this is a great release, especially when you consider the fact that it is a double CD that costs the same as a regular one. It will only further secure Matthews place in the hallowed halls of music history not only as a performer, but as a songwriter. If you're a fan, definitely pick this one up: all of the great songs are on here.

Downloading online music easy, but risky

By DANIEL DUGGAN
The State News (Michigan State U.)

(U-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich. — The newest trend in online music offers quality sound and easy access.

But it also offers the possibility of a court case.

This controversial digital music format is called MP3 — Motion Picture Experts Group, Audio Layer 3. MP3 files can be found in a lot of places on the Internet, but depending on the site they can be legal or illegal.

"This is definitely a new trend," said Brian Winn, assistant director of the Communication Technology Lab at MSU. "You can find (MP3s) anywhere, but most of them are pirated. I see (MP3s) as something that will be growing a lot in the future with the growing technology."

These files can be found online with

little difficulty and can be played on a computer or a special player. Some Web sites, however, have posted songs without the permission of the artists, which Quint Randle, a mass media doctoral student, said is illegal.

"It is a violation of copyright law," he said. "You cannot copy something that someone else has created. It's just as illegal as copying a tape from a CD, or copying software."

Some members of the record industry do not approve of this new format of music. Bob Fildman, president of Redhouse Records in Minnesota, said this is hurting recording artists.

"It's just a shame that people don't think about the artists," he said. "This is in the same category as bootlegging. It hurts all artists and makes it harder for them to survive."

With the growing popularity of this format, new companies such as Goodnoise Cor-

poration are coming up with ways to make this process legal. They sell songs for 99 cents, which can be paid for and shipped online. Goodnoise works with recording artists, and uses only authorized material, said Steve Grady, vice president of marketing for Goodnoise.

Making this technology even more accessible is a new product by Diamond Multimedia Inc. called the Rio player. A Rio player, which can be purchased at Best Buy for \$199.99, is about the size of a deck of cards and can store up to 60 minutes of music. A user plugs the Rio player into a computer and can load and unload MP3 files onto the player then listen to them with headphones.

Over the last few months there have been several court cases involving Diamond Multimedia and the Recording Industry Association of America, in which the association wanted to stop the production of the Rio player. In a press release, the association

stated that the Rio player makes the spread of unauthorized music too easy.

"Digital music gives the consumer a wide variety of music options," said Jeff Joesepp, spokesperson for the Consumer Electronics Association. "We support this new format and hope to see a balance between the record industry and the computer industry."

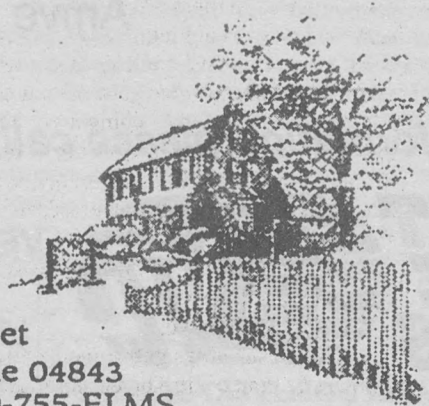
When used properly, the MP3 can be a convenient way to find music. Lansing resident Jim Pineau uses MP3 files from authorized sites to find concert recordings and hard-to-find music from bands such as Phish and Metallica that do not copyright their material.

"The sound quality (of an MP3) is just as good as a CD," he said. "But downloading can take a while. For an entire concert, it might take about an hour to download."

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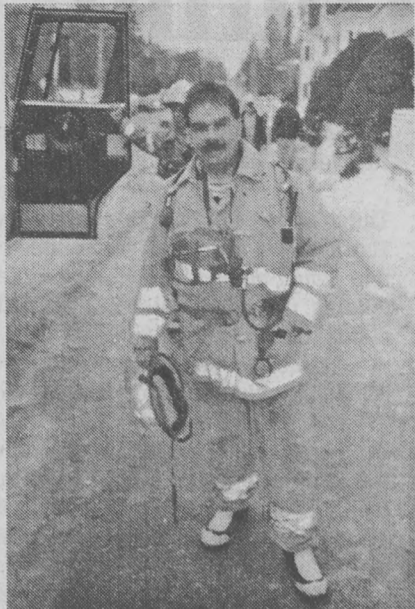
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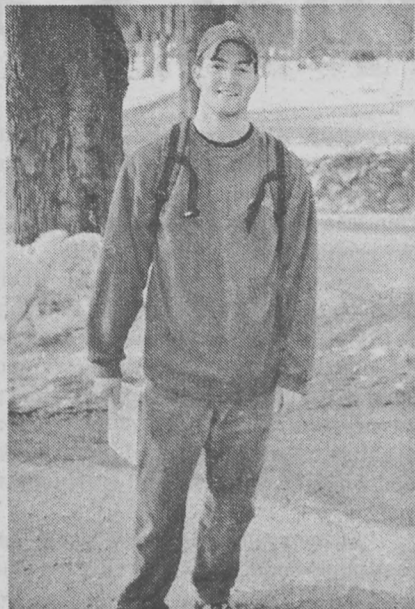
Question on the Quad

Who should be the patron saint of Bates College?



"Alice Palmer,
the Goose Bartender"

Don Lagrange
Lewiston Fire Department



"Saint Augustine, who said, 'Give me
constancy & give me chastity, but do not
give it yet'."

Doug Krause '99



"Adolphus Busch."

Mike Apfelbaum '99



"No way!"

Laura Kinaird '99

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Women's Squash whittles away at Colby, Amherst

by SEAN DOHERTY
Staff Writer

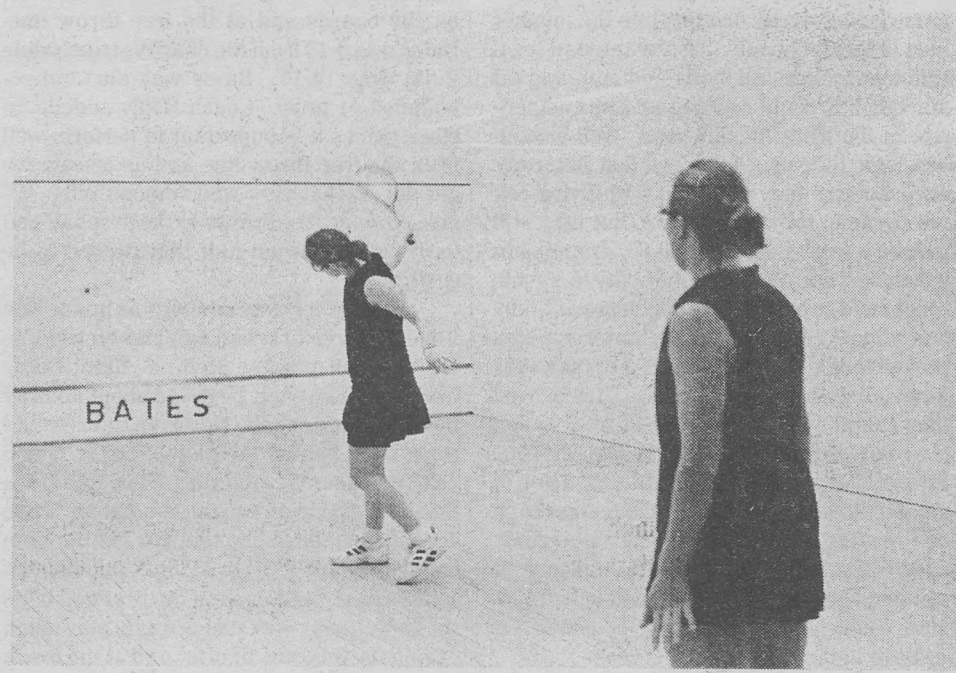
On the weekend of the 23/24 of January, the women's team traveled to Waterville to compete in the Colby Invitational - a mini tourney with the host school, Bates, and Amherst. It was going to be a tough weekend with Colby and Amherst both ranked above the Bobcats. In addition, the team lost four of the top nine starting players to Junior Semester Abroad programs, and after this weekend, they would lose another. Janice Michaels '00, Nathalie Milbank '00, Lori Buffum '00, and Jenn Garlin '00 had departed for their respective abroad programs, and the team's #2, Emilie Soisson '00, would play at Colby and then head off to sunny Australia.

The Bobcats first took to the courts against intrastate rival Colby. Depleted, the lineup was regardless quite strong. Playing #1 was first-year standout Aisha Shah '02 from Bombay, India. She is a very talented player, and was invited to the Constable Tournament at Princeton - a tourney for the top 20 collegiate women. Number 2 was Soisson, having played only a few matches previous due to a serious knee injury. Number three was junior co-captain Mary Ellen Hennessey, a solid, fit player with a real brain for the game and sound technique. Number four was another first-year, Ginny Hurley '02, who was a standout on the Bates Field Hockey team - a tremendous athlete with scholastic experience, having played #1 at St. Mark's School. Number five for the Bobcats was Selikes to ram into the walls - likes to leave body imprints." A wrecking ball of a player, she packs a punch. Alternate Sze-Wei Ang played 10, which was an exhibition match, but nonetheless she will be a key player at Team Nationais after the departure of Soisson when she is bumped up to #9.

The White Mules fielded a strong, deep team. In fact, these two teams had met only 10 days earlier at Bates, where the Bobcats fell, 7-2 - Shah and Hennessey picking up wins. Now the match was on Colby's turf, so the Mules held a slight advantage. The even-numbered players took to the courts

first. Soisson and Hurley put up a good fight, taking their opponents to extra points in several games, but ultimately succumbed 3-0. Anderson and Craig suffered similar fates, falling also by 30 margins. Undaunted as possible, the odd numbers played with Shah winning comfortably 9-0, 9-2, 9-7, putting Bates on the board. Hennessey played extremely well in her first game, crushing her opponent 9-1, but couldn't keep the momentum going, ultimately losing in four. Hagstrom put up quite a fight as well, ekeing out the first game 9-7 and almost grabbing the second, losing 10-8, 6, and 5. Greslick came close to winning her first two, falling just short 9-7, 9-7, and losing the third 9-3. The most exciting match was McMenimon's. Winning the first two games quite easily 9-1 and 9-3, she found herself in a bit of trouble in the third, when her opponent snuck by, 10-8. Motivated by this unforeseen victory, her opponent stormed to take the fourth, 9-1, taking the match to the deciding game. McMenimon was not to be outdone, and played superb squash to seal the victory with a 9-4 win. The Bobcats had fallen by the same margin as before, but the quality of play unfortunately wasn't reflected in the score.

In the final match of the day, the women faced Amherst, a top-ranked powerhouse. The prospects of a win seemed grim. Amherst had beaten Colby easily earlier in the day. The evens played first again. Soisson, Hurley, and Anderson found their opponents a little too strong, and all fell 3-0, but not without putting up a fight. Craig's match showed how her work on court has really been paying off. Her opponent took the first two games 9-1 and 9-4, and perhaps got a little...overconfident. Craig took advantage of her opponent's mental relapse, storming to take the third and fourth games 9-3 and 9-1. Again, the stage was set for the final game. Unfortunately, Craig succumbed 9-2 but played some fantastic squash. The odds were on next. Shah had the unfortunate luck of playing Page Callaghan, a senior top collegiate player with a lethal game. Shah played very well, though, extending Callaghan to 9-7 in the second game, but fell



Women's squashers readying for battle in practice last week.

File photo.

3-0. Hennessey, McMenimon, and Greslick were also outmatched, falling 3-0. Kate Hagstrom's match was the last one on, and it looked as if Amherst was going to sweep the match 9-0 when her opponent won the first two closely contested games 9-7 and 9-7. But this was all part of Hagstrom's plan, as she wearied her opponent enough to take the last three games 9-5, 9-7, and 9-1 to finish her match with an exclamation point. To some, it may have seemed a Pyrrhic victory, but there was undisputed merit in the win. The Bobcats walked away with an 8-1 loss, but it was nothing to be ashamed about. Excellent squash was played by all. With all the returning players next year, this team will definitely be a force to be reckoned with.

The team is 8-4 overall, and earned a #14 national ranking last week when the ranking list went public. The team's best end-of-season ranking was #12 in 1996-97, and last year they placed 14th as well. To have lost half of the starters and maintain the same ranking as the year before is quite

impressive. The team will be in the B-division of the Howe Cup (the end-of-season team national tournament) with the potential of finishing 9th, and unable to finish any lower than 16th.

This is a team with a lot of heart. They stared misfortune in the face and made the best of what they had. Last week's article was a great disservice to one of this College's best teams. We should all get behind the women's squash team - why some teams and not others? Just because squash is a sport relatively lacking in spectator appeal does not mean these athletes don't have the same heart and will as others. They do. Moreso. Remember Tinkerbell in Peter Pan, after having imbibed poison, and on the verge of death. We need to clap; to show our support, in order for her to survive! So too must we rally behind the women's team, and cheer them on. It's the least they deserve.

Men's Hockey 6-0 at Underhill; eyes 3-game homestand

By CAM DONALDSON
Sports Editor

Men's Ice Hockey followed an 8-4 win over Daniel Webster in front of the Underhill throng last weekend with a 4-2 letdown at WPI on Wednesday. The team is undefeated at home and owns a 1-3 record when not getting an assist from their fans.

"There's a couple of reasons for our success at home," said sophomore winger Scott MacDonald. "Confidence definitely plays a role, but I think the fans deserve the majority of the credit for all their support."

Against Daniel Webster, the Fan-O-Meter was in the red for most of the game. The visitors actually came out on top, 3-2, in the first period, but that lead evaporated over the course of 40 seconds in the second with sophomore winger Rob Ayres's sixth and seventh tallies of the year. With loyal Batesies spilling over the glass shrieking unmentionable diatribe at those unfortunate enough to be lining up for a faceoff within five feet of the boards, the visitors would not see the lead again.

"Omar's my secret weapon," said sophomore defenseman Nick Gurnon, who swears that the fans have helped him become a more volatile physical force on the blueline. "He's got it goin' on from here to Lebanon."

Kyle King '99 and Matt Muse '01 notched two goals apiece against Daniel Webster, earn-

ing plenty of time to practice their goal-scoring serenades. Muse, whose two goals when these teams met in November boosted Bates to a 4-3 win, is planning to send the boys from Webster a valentine in a few weeks.

Despite the team's success at home, until they can organize a booster club to travel with them, their road woes will continue. After a nightmarish trip to Worcester, they found themselves \$1.25 short and with one more road loss. "Stuffed in vans like sardine cans 'ain't good for team morale," said King, remembering brighter days and greener pastures when the team was given buses for road trips.

After unfolding themselves from the vans, Bates skated to a 4-2 loss against the same team they beat earlier in the year by a 4-3 margin at home. Earning only two penalties on the night, the Bobcats just didn't have that same snarl that we've all seen at home. They need that to be effective, even if it means averaging nearly nine penalties per game. The only bright spot was the ever-inspiring play of first-year center Kevin Cherrington, who figured in both goals, scoring his third of the year and registering his 11th helper. Why so many assists, yet so few goals? "Hey Scoo, look for me when you're set up near the goalie," said Cherrington to Scott MacDonald, who rides shotgun on his wing and has reaped the benefits, scoring six goals on the season. "Shooting is always my second option. I love to pass."

Cherrington also loves to scrap. He

boasts a team-high 33 penalty minutes and his body is a testament to the kind of punishment he absorbs day after day. With a broken finger, separated shoulder, bruised elbows and a six-inch gash on his neck courtesy of an irate opponent's failed attempt to decapitate him, the 6-foot, 150-pounder just keeps on chugging. Despite the wiry build, opponents have learned not to underestimate this product of Nashville, Tennessee, where the herds still run wild. "There's nothin' like flyin' into someone twice my size and just layin' 'em out," said Cherrington. Yeehaw!

With Bates carrying ten first-years on their roster, including both goaltenders, Cherrington is only one of a number of rookies that have emerged as prime time players.

"This style of hockey is a lot more fun than high school," said first-year defenseman Josh Gowan. "The guys are a lot bigger and it's a huge lift to play in front of the crowd." Gowan forms an explosive duo with fellow rookie quarterback Scott O'Neil, who leads the team in scoring from the blueline (4 goals, 3 assists). Kyle Kilgour has become a mainstay at the point, keeping the puck away from opponents' top lines by making smart, quick plays out of the zone and concentrating on positioning. At forward, the ranks have been fortified by clutch sniper Jeff Vachon (3 goals) and reedy puckhandler Jake Riley. In the nets, Matt Christensen and Ryan Fitzgerald have performed with consistent flare and occasional brilliance, splitting the goaltending duties equally

between them.

This weekend, Bates takes to the ice against Southern Connecticut State at 4:00 on Saturday and Maine Maritime on Sunday at 2:00. Keep an eye on the MacDonald-Cherrington-Ayres line, which has produced 16 goals this season and always dictates the physical tempo. The first unit of King, Muse and Andy Carlson '00 has churned out 17 goals and will likely see more than their share of power play duties this weekend.

"Southern Conn will be physical," said Carlson, who plays a gritty yet disciplined style and is our early season pick for the Lady Byng Award, with just four minutes in penalties. "We'll just have to adjust our game with that in mind and avoid taking bad penalties. Maine Maritime is not a league team, but we have to keep a positive attitude and not overlook them. We have a lot of strong, young talent and every game is a learning experience for them."

It would be nice to get on a roll with wins this weekend, as playoff nemesis MIT comes to town on Wednesday to give the 'Cats one more shot at recording their first career win against them. The Engineers have already dealt Bates a 5-2 loss this season, and need we remind you what happened last year in Cambridge? Fans, you know what must be done. The puck drops at 7:00.

Colby squeaks by in Men's Hoops, 69-65

By PAUL ZINN
Staff Writer

Fans of the Bobcat men's basketball team wanted answers after the team lost a game to Tufts on Tuesday that was more than winnable. At Colby on Saturday, those fans that wanted answers got them. Fans wanted to see how this team would react to a two-game losing streak heading into the tougher part of their schedule. They wanted to see if this team would fall apart and ruin a great start or if it could regroup and be competitive in the NESCAC this year. Well basketball fans, Bates passed a test last Saturday. Let's not say they passed it with flying colors because they did not win, but they still passed a test. Bates lost 69-65, dropping to 8-5 on the year. However, they played a good, tough, and experienced Colby team at Colby and almost came out with a victory. Bates proved that when pushed into a corner, they were not going to back down. They proved they can play with a good NESCAC team on the road. Being competitive in the NESCAC this year may not mean winning a lot of games. It means playing a lot of teams tough and beating a few of them. But remember, most other NESCAC teams are loaded with seniors, while this team is loaded with freshman, which gives Bates fans a lot to look forward to in the future.

Bates showed an incredible amount of resiliency in this game. The team came back from deficits time and time again and just would not go away. Down 67-65 with 13 seconds left, Bates had the ball with a chance to tie or take the lead. However, on this afternoon it would not be as Billy Hart '02 got caught in a double-team and turned the ball over. Describing this play, Coach Reilly said,

"We were trying to get the ball on the block to Rommel on the final play of the game. He had made some big shots down the stretch and we were confident in his ability to score in the low post."

Two Brian Hansen '00 free throws with nine seconds left would ice the game for Colby and give them the four-point victory. When it comes down to it, Bates lost this one on the boards and at the free throw line. Bates was 6-13 from the charity stripe, while Colby was 14-19. Bates was also out-rebounded 41 to 30. Coach Reilly added, "In close games it is important to perform well from the free throw line and as a team we did not do that very well versus Colby. We missed some free throws in the first half and early in the second half that proved to be costly."

Early on it was all Colby as junior Ken Allen hit three first half trifectas en route to 19 first half points. Behind Allen, Colby would build an early 20-8 lead about midway through the first half. However, Bates would come back behind the play of Garth Timoll '99, Ed Walker '02, and Hart. Hart had six in the first session on two three-pointers, while Timoll also added six. Walker led the Bobcats at the half with seven. Bates completed a 15-3 run with 6:10 left in the first half to tie the game at 23. Both teams would play tough during the final six minutes and at the break Bates trailed by two, 34-32.

As the second stanza started, Colby became hot again, this time behind the play of another player. Allen became cold and would not score in the second half. However, James Spidle '99 had 17 of his 20 in the second half. The 6-4 senior used a very effective inside-outside game to help the White Mules build a 13-point lead at 56-43 with

about ten minutes left in the game. This is where it looked like Bates might go away, but they did not. To get back in it, Bates used a great inside-outside punch from Billy Hart and Rommel Padonou '01. Padonou became very effective on the lower blocks, while Hart really began to look for and hit his shot while also playing very well in transition. On his performance in the paint Padonou said, "I think that it's about positioning in the paint and also, my footwork. I am able to capture the entire defense and it makes the job a lot easier for my team and I."

Jesse Carney '02, who appear to working his way back into game shape, had a big shot during the stretch also. Jason Patterson '02 continued to impress with a beautiful reverse layup during the run. With Bates down 60-50, Hart would create his own 5-0 spurt with a trifecta and a breakaway layup to cut the deficit to 5. Bates continued this run to finally even the game at 60. However, with the ball and the game tied, Bates was unable to score.

Colby then went on a 5-0 run. Spidle hit a three and then, after a Bobcat missed a blockout assignment, Colby added another layup to make it a 65-60 game. Padonou, who had recovered from early foul trouble with three, then made a clutch play. On the right block, with about two minutes to go, Padonou scored a beautiful layup and drew a foul. After sinking the free throw, Bates was once again within two at 65-63. The two teams exchanged baskets on their next two possessions to make it 67-65. With about 20 seconds left, Bates fouled David Forsyth '01. Forsyth was shooting 64 percent on the year. He missed the front end of a critical 1 and 1. Bates got the ball across the timeline and called timeout with 13 seconds left. However,

Hart got caught in a double team on the right wing after catching the inbounds pass from Walker. On the play, Hart later said, "The last play was designed to have me curl towards the baseline and receive the pass. When I caught the ball, I was right on the sideline, and the trap caught me off guard. I would give anything to have that play back." Hart lost the ball and the Bobcats were forced to foul Brian Hansen. Hansen calmly sank both, and the White Mules escaped with a 69-65 victory. For Bates, Hart finished with 19, while Padonou chipped in 13. Also for Bates, Timoll had 8, Walker had 7, and freshman Matt Moulis had 6.

This was one of the games that will, hopefully, come with time. An inexperienced Bates team, despite a great effort, could not get it done in the last minute against a much more experienced Colby team. As the team continues to grow together, it should begin to win the close games. Hart said, "There are many positives that we can take from this game, but the fact remains that we had a chance to win and we didn't. This year's team made great improvements, but we won't be satisfied until we see results." This was really a gutsy and classy performance by this Bates team. They came back time and time again from deficits. They also put themselves in a position to beat a good team on the road. This weekend the Bobcats have a big NESCAC game at home against Hamilton on Saturday at 3, and then, on Monday Maine-Farmington comes to Lewiston in a men's and women's doubleheader. The women play at 5:30 while the men have the nightcap at 7:30. It should be an exciting weekend of Bates basketball.

Rocky Mountain high? Or too legit to quit?

By MATT MEYERS
Staff Writer

I believe it was one of the great poets of our time who made this phrase famous. The poet I am referring to is Chuck D of Public Enemy and the phrase is "Don't Believe the Hype." Unfortunately, anyone who is associated with the Super Bowl in any way has never heard these words, for once again, the Super Bowl has turned into one giant hype-fest. There is not one event in the world that receives more unwarranted hype than the Super Bowl. With the exception of last year and about four others, "Super Sunday" has been about as dramatic as a Wayans' brothers film festival.

Since January 17, when the Denver Broncos and Atlanta Falcons won their respective conference championships, us fans have had to sit and squirm for two weeks in anticipation of this year's game. The national media has taken this time to pump us full of possible game plans, brash quotes and crazy antics. There is no better example of this hype than the annual Super Bowl media day. It took place this past Tuesday and unfortunately the budget of the Bates Student prevented me from attending. I was forced to miss Denver's All-Pro tight end Shannon Sharpe run his mouth off like a Muhammad Ali disciple and Atlanta cornerback Ray Buchanan guaranteeing an Atlanta victory while sporting a dog collar to symbolize his team's "underdog" status. Oh, those wacky NFL players!

Look at me, I'm just as bad as the rest of them. Anyway, as hard as it is to believe, there will be a game played this Sunday evening. I will go out on a limb and say that this appears to be one of the best match-ups in recent years, although the "gaming" world does not seem to think so, as they have made the Broncos seven-point favorites. It seems to me that the Falcons are not getting the respect they deserve because they were not

the favorite coming out of the NFC and because this is their first Super Bowl. Despite this, the Falcons had a 14-2 regular season record and they were outdone only by the 15-1 Minnesota Vikings. In fact, the Falcons were the only team in the history of the NFL to not have homefield advantage throughout the play-offs with a 14-2 record. As of this moment, they have the exact same record as the Denver Broncos and the only teams that Atlanta lost to (the New York Jets and San Francisco 49ers) made it to the AFC championship game and second round of the playoffs respectively.

Based on these facts, there is no reason to think of the Falcons as inferior opponents; however, they are facing the defending Super Bowl champions who seem to be pretty darn sure of themselves. Ironically, the Broncos were in Atlanta's position last year as no one gave them a chance against the then defending champion Green Bay Packers. Did somebody say "pattern?"

I can sit here all day and give you breakdowns about what might happen or what I think will happen if someone does this or that but it does not really matter. A lot of guys like to give their "keys" to the game, but I see no point. As far as I'm concerned, every football game has the same "keys." Play defense and don't turn the ball over. Oh yeah, scoring a few touchdowns doesn't hurt either. If you have read this much of the article, I'm sure you are expecting me to make my gratuitous prediction. It seems like everyone from Bill to Monica is asked to make theirs. But oh no, you won't get one from me! I would hate to think of my loyal readers placing a wager based on my prediction. I will be pulling for the Falcons because "hey, America loves an underdog" and also because M.C. Hammer used to hang out with them when he was important.

If the game is a blow-out, we can always look forward to the cool commercials, the Bud Bowl (I think this is number ten or

eleven if you can believe that, the never tedious half-time show and John Madden turning the "coaches' clicker" into everyone's favorite motion sickness tool. Also, Atlanta's star running back, Jamal Anderson, who is notorious for his touchdown celebration

known as "the dirty bird" has promised a brand new dance pending he makes it to the end zone.

Alright, enough talk. Besides, you should put this down because you're missing the pre-game show.

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View from the cheap seats

By DAVE RICHTER
Sports Columnist

Last weekend a few kids from my dorm and I decided to try a new sport that I had never really done before. Although this sport has no official name, I feel it is best titled "drunk skating". For the most part it was fun, and it might not even have hurt so much if it wasn't for being repeatedly knocked over by my "friend" Brett. However, I walked away from the whole experience with one heck of a new found respect for the guys on the hockey team.

True, none of them are intoxicated at the time (at least I'm assuming that's the case), but after struggling just trying to skate forward for a little while I am a bit more impressed by what they are able to do. This year's team looks at least as good as last year's, and is probably a bit better.

For anyone who has not been to a game yet this season, I strongly encourage that you go. Even if you don't like hockey, there's almost as much entertainment off the ice as there is on it. Plus, the guy on the Zamboni is still there.

With a strong core of young players, and not too much dependence on seniors, it

seems that this is a good team right now that has its best years ahead of it. Still, if they are going to make it farther in the playoffs this year, and beat those nerdy punks from MIT, there are a few areas where improvement needs to be made.

First thing on the agenda has to be post-goal celebrations. With the exception of Scott McDonald '01 it just doesn't seem like anybody is really putting out a solid effort in this department. It doesn't have to be anything fancy. I'm not asking for the Ice Capades here, but at this level of hockey it is absolutely essential

to perform for the fans after scoring. I feel that McDonald's "Mile High Salute" is exactly the type of thing everyone needs to be doing after a goal. Everybody needs a trademark, so I encourage everyone on the team to be creative in thinking of something. Just try and stay away from anything like that New Orleans Saints leapfrog dance. That abso-

lutely blew.

Another area that really needs work is the death stare. Now, I think this is something where Ed Helmer could probably hold a private clinic. To me, one of the most important parts of hockey is pure intimidation. Nothing is more intimidating than the look

that says, "I'm going to knock you out at the earliest possible convenience." This is a look anyone can give, and it can really produce excellent results. Some may worry that this could lead to more fights, and that brings me to my next issue:

There needs to be more fights. Plain and simple, that is what we fans desire most, after a win of course. There needs to be more fights, if for no other reason than to put more opposing players in the penalty box where they are suddenly open to the merciless taunting of the fans. We fans have been effective so far this year. I have seen the mother of an opposing player

yell at us, but unlike last year, the fans have yet to encourage an opposing player to try to climb over the boards and attack spectators. Still, there is half the season to go, and I expect big things from the fans for the rest of this season.

Strong turnouts should be a given from here to the end, seeing that there is no conflict on Super Bowl Sunday. These guys are really not something to be missed. If not for the exciting sport on the ice, then for the antics of the crowd in the stands. I only have one complaint, and that is that the programs don't give us the names of the other players. In order for the fans to be fully effective we need time to research the other players; especially the goalie, to find out if his mother is promiscuous. Usually the fans work with the assumption that she is, and feel the need to frequently remind the goalie of this fact.

Clearly there are some areas that can be worked on, but I truly have to say that the Bates hockey team is as much fun to watch as any team on this campus. Hopefully there will be huge turnouts to watch the Bobcats when they next take the ice. All I know is that if they follow a few of my pointers the rest of the season could be unblemished.

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'catscratches

By CAM DONALDSON
Sports Editor

Women's Basketball (12-1) continues to climb the ladder of Division III rankings, with their only loss being to pesky in-state rival USM. They are currently ranked 23rd in the nation, 5th in the NCAA, 3rd in New England and 2nd in Maine. Colleen McCrave '99 continues to garner national recognition as she robs every store in town with 6.8 steals per game, good for first in the USA. She can produce on offense as well, as evidenced by her 7.4 assists per game (#2 nationally). You can watch Bates kick the pud out of UMF this Monday at 5:30 for a preview of what they have planned for Round 2 with USM...Andrew O'Donnell '02 staked Men's Swimming and Diving to a 180-116 victory over the Mules last weekend with a school record-setting performance in the 200 back (2:04.42). Bates also took advantage of the chance to set a pool record at Colby as Mike Jensen '01, Dave Blaney '01, Paul Urbanczyk '00 and Miles Cobb '01 established a new standard in the 200 free relay (1:39.90). Jensen added wins in the 100 and 200 free, Andrew Hastings '02 dominated the diving bracket and Damon Bowe '99 and Chris Orpilla '99 took the 200 fly and 200 breast, respectively, to round out a very enjoyable afternoon for the 'Cats...Women's Swimming and Diving did not fare so well, however, as they jumped to an early 49-25 lead on the backs of Megan Simmons '02, Kara McKeever '01, Pamela Murchie '01 and Gudrun Mirick '01, who combined for a win in the 200 medley, but failed

to execute later in the day as Colby won by a narrow 163-136 margin. Despite Simmons winning both the 100 and 200 back and Mirick blowing away the competition in the 200 free, Bates just couldn't hold together for the W...At Quad Cup Part Deux, Men's Track and Field placed 3rd behind MIT and Tufts but ahead of of in-state rivals Colby and Bowdoin. Lucas Adams '00 heaved the 35-pound weight 58 feet, placing him fourth in the nation and giving him an automatic invite to the NCAA's. Joining him at the tourney will be Mike Danahy '00, who took second in the 5,000-meter run with a 14:59 mark, his personal best by six seconds. School record-holder in the 200-meter dash Eric Zwick '01 added the only other win on the afternoon for Bates with a time of 23.20...Women's Track and Field placed 6th/7 at Tufts last weekend. Kate Osborne '99 placed second in the 20-pound weight throw, earning a berth in New England's and ECAC's. Anya Belanger '02 captured second place in the high jump, vaulting her into the ECAC's and New England Division III championships. Leah McDonald '02 took fourth in the 600-meter dash to reserve a spot at the New England Division III Championships, while Erika Bristol '00 earned a shot in the postseason with a 9.40 time in the 55-meter hurdle preliminaries. The Quad Cup comes to Bates this weekend and next, so don't miss out on all the action...Men's Squash posted a pair of biggidy wins last week, crushing Tufts by a score of 8-1 and bageling Conn College, 9-0.

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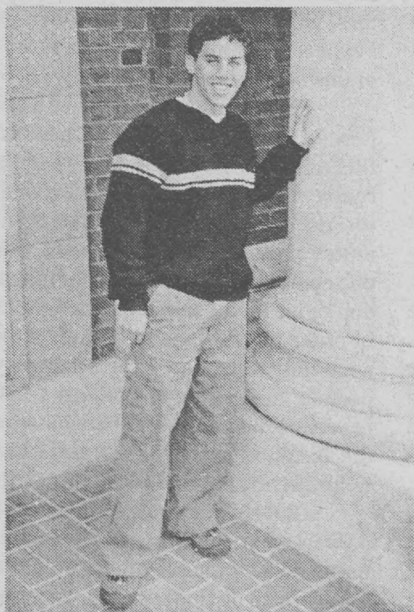
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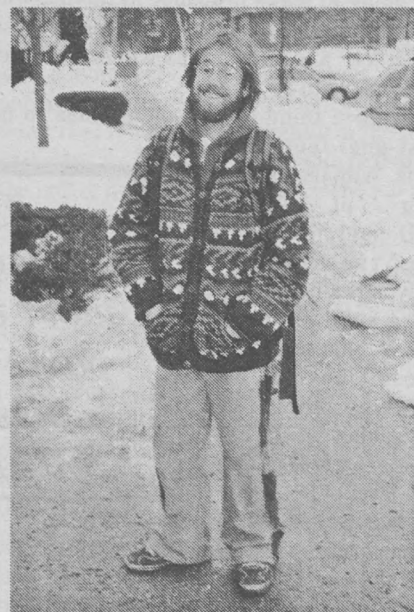
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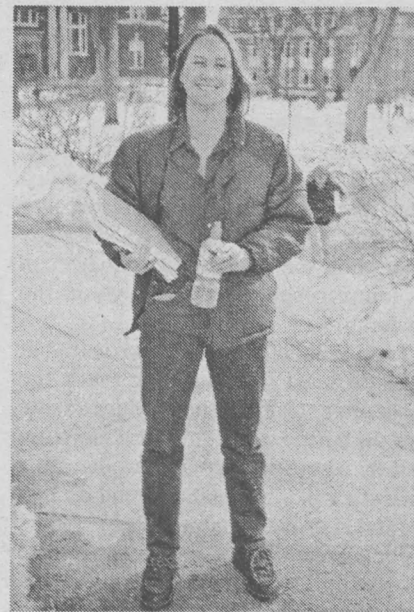
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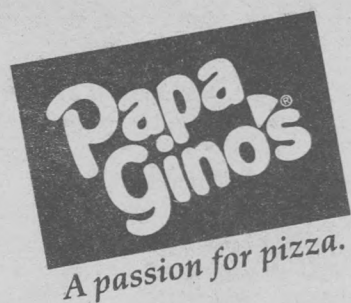


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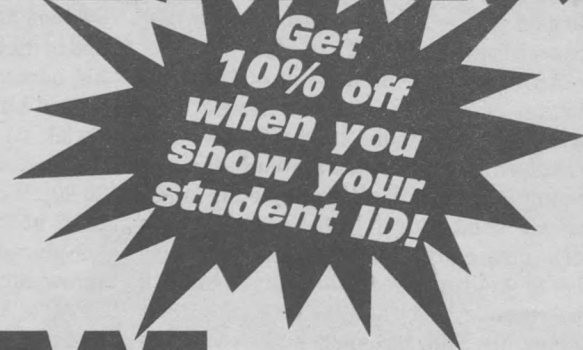
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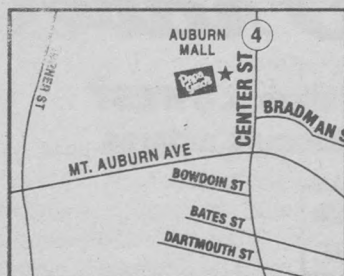
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