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For Bates Students - By Bates Students

Presidential Election Today: Get Out To Vote!

By DOMINICK PANGALLO
Election Correspondent

It was over a year and a half ago that Texas Governor George W. Bush formally announced his intention to run for President of the United States. It was nearly as long ago that Vice President Al Gore declared his candidacy. In the last eighteen months, the United States has witnessed one

of the most bitter, expensive, and closely run presidential election campaigns in political history.

And in just a few hours, it will all be over. Confetti will shower the victor and humility the loser. Over one billion dollars will have been spent by all the candidates. Over one hundred million ballots will be cast. Nearly fifty campaign commercials by presidential candidates will have reached over two hundred million viewers. Over one hundred pri-

maries and caucuses have narrowed the ballot down to a handful of final candidates. Four debates were watched by nearly fifty million voters. Nearly one million people have changed their minds. And in the end, only one man will ascend to the highest office in the land.

George W. Bush was elected governor of Texas in 1994, upsetting incumbent Democrat Ann Richards. The son of

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Deans Release New Drinking Policy

By DAN NEUMANN
News Editor

Following the most dangerous binge drinking weekend in the history of the college, the office of the Dean of Students has been working hurriedly to create new regulations covering drinking on campus. The policy that was announced to the student body, through the Representative Assembly on Monday, October 30, created a new regulation on drinking. A ban on hard alcohol comes into effect immediately, with a task force being formed to examine several factors. First, a broad examination of the drinking culture at Bates. Second, an examination of a ban of alcohol in first-year centers and if this would be enforceable. Third, the examination of a ban on drinking games. Fourth, looking at the ban on hard alcohol as a permanent measure. While hard alcohol has been defined by the Deans as anything other than beer or wine, no definition of drinking games has come from their office.

Student response to this initiative has been fast and vocal. The Deans gave students two opportunities to give input into the new policy before announcing their decision. Branham called the Dean's Advisory Committee together for a meeting on October 31, and a forum for students was held at the chapel on November 1.

At the Dean's Advisory Committee meeting, Simon Deleka, a member of the class of 2002, pleaded with the administration to delay any far reaching policy until the student body was able to research the planned policy or to research different possibilities.

Whitman Holt, also a member of the class of 2002, urged the Deans to look first into enforcing existing regulations before moving forward with new, stricter enforcement. Holt suggested a more stringent regulation of alcohol in underclassmen dormitories.

David Kirby, class of 2001, at the Advisory



Senior Tara Lombardi speaks out last Wednesday at the alcohol forum

Erin Mullin/Bates Student

Committee meeting argued that perhaps a ban on hard alcohol for people under the age of 21 would be a more logical first step.

At the Forum in the chapel on Wednesday night, hundreds of students turned out to voice their feelings on the new policy. Andy Stanton, a member of the class of 2001 and an RA representative, asked the administration to regulate first-year centers and underage drinking before taking a more drastic measure.

Jessie Winslow, a senior, voiced concern over the fact that the typical binge drinker who gets into trouble is an underage female. Winslow implored, "I hope these girls are eating enough before they are [drinking]."

Max Bergmann, a member of the class of 2003, asked whether increased enforcement would solve the problem at all. Bergman pushed for a loosening of the restrictions on keg parties. "[Bates could] mitigate [drinking] with kegs. Kegs are not a threat. Kegs

are cans and create a social atmosphere. Hard alcohol shots are the problem. I don't see Beirut [a drinking game involving beer] putting anyone in the hospital. Deregulation is the key."

David Kirby, a member of the Dean's Advisory Committee, brought a policy proposal to the meeting. Kirby stated that the "challenge is to come to a paradigm shift [in the drinking culture]." Kirby proposed a

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Volleyball Qualifies For NCAA's

By AMANDA BECK
Staff Writer

Following an impressive second place finish at the 2000 NESCAC Volleyball Championships, the Bates Volleyball team has received an at-large bid for the NCAA Tournament.

Bates, seeded number three in the Northeast Region, is slated to meet No. 6 Bridgewater St. this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The Bobcats will face the Massachusetts State Athletic Conference champion at Wellesley College.

First-year Head Coach Jen Bowman will lead the 'Cats (29-6) to the NCAA Tournament for the second time in school history and the first since 1993. The winner will meet No.

2 Amherst the following night at 7:30 p.m.

"The entire team is thrilled by this opportunity to continue its season in the NCAA Tournament," Bowman said told Sports Information Director Adam Levin. "They have put in a lot of hard work to be in this position."

The Bobcats performance at NESCAC's, hosted by Bowdoin this past weekend, was highlighted by their win over top-seeded Middlebury in the semi-finals. Bowman said the bid wouldn't have been granted, had it not been for the victory over the Panthers.

Three Bobcats also received special recognition for their individual achievement on the court: Senior setter and co-captain Kate

Hagstrom was named to the All-NESCAC first team, fellow co-captain, junior outside hitter Lauren Fennessey was placed on the All-NESCAC second team and was named NESCAC Defensive Player of the Year, and first year outside hitter Liz Wanless was All-NESCAC first team and NESCAC Rookie of the Year.

In the first game of the tournament, Bates, which was seeded 4th, took on 5th seeded Wesleyan and was victorious in 5 games, 15-13, 15-7, 13-15, 13-15 and 15-11. It was an all-around effort for the Bobcats; Fennessey led with 15 kills and 11 digs and Wanless added 16 kills and 9 digs. Hagstrom chipped in with 9 kills and 44 assists, senior

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Faculty Vote On New Honors Standards

By Paul Zinn
Sports Editor

Beginning in the 2001-2002 academic year Bates students will need to obtain a higher G.P.A. than the current 3.2 to be named to the institution's Dean's List. That was one of the results of the November faculty meeting, held yesterday in Chase Lounge.

The other major change to college policy deals with Latin Honors, which will also require a more stringent G.P.A. that will first effect the Class of 2006. Both pieces of legislation were introduced by Professor of Math John Rhodes and passed with an overwhelming ma-

majority.

For Dean's List, the new G.P.A. will be determined by looking at "the G.P.A.s of all students during the previous three years." To obtain the new G.P.A. for the Latin Honors, "the cumulative G.P.A.'s of graduating students during the previous three years" will be examined. For both, the cutoff G.P.A. will be determined each year.

If the Dean's list proposal were to apply this year, the G.P.A. would increase to 3.57 (3.2). For Cum laude, it would increase to 3.60 (3.4), for Magna cum laude, it would increase to 3.72 (3.6), and for Summa cum laude it would in-

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Editorials

Alcohol Ban- a Simplistic Idea

The creativity with which the Deans have gone about implementing their plan for a hard alcohol ban is clearly limited: the Deans have activated the institutional machine- by presenting their intentions to the Representative Assembly, by holding an Open Forum, and by allowing for official student input through an Ad Hoc Committee.

The research involved in uncovering Colby and Bowdoin's plans to control student drinking must have taken the Deans extensive amounts of time and effort.

The administration clearly must act due to its human concern for student safety and due to the college's legal liability (in terms of avoiding negligence after observing the dangerous situation on campus). Students are cornered between a concern for their friends and a concern for student rights in the face of increasing administrative scrutiny on student activities.

Does the administration care enough about student lives to take action? Yes.

Yet, *The Bates Student* asks, does the administration care enough about student culture to analyze and help incite a discussion on why young females seem to be most at risk under the current policy?

At least one question can be answered: Does the administration care enough about student rights and the college to get creative- to research and present to the college community more than one, old idea about how to run Bates? No.

Republicans' Fraudulent Flier

On Saturday night, nationally-known comedian and Al Gore supporter Elayne Boozler came to the Bates chapel. A lesser-known comedian came to the Roger Williams Hall. The former was sponsored by the Bates College Democrats, the latter by the Bates Republicans.

The appearance of Boozler was widely publicized on campus during the week leading up to her appearance. The appearance of the Republicans' performer was not as well-publicized; in fact, it was not publicized at all until Saturday night. The Republicans distributed flyers in commons on Saturday evening that read, "Comedian now at the Bill."

The Republicans did not give the name of the comedian, nor did they announce that they were the group distributing the flyers. They scheduled their comedian to appear for 7 p.m.; Boozler appeared at 7 p.m. Apparently, the Republicans were attempting to sabotage Boozler's appearance by making it seem like, through ambiguous advertising, her appearance had been moved to a different venue. The Bates Republicans have acted shamefully and without justification.

Dirty tricks are supposed to be for the real politicians, not the college kids who support them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Batesies Need to Protect their Friends, and their Rights

To the Editor:

"The whole world is about three drinks behind." -Humphrey Bogart

Bogart's lament captures the essence of my experience as a Bates drinker. Whether in Page Hall, Frye St, V1, or visiting friends from home, the whole world seemed about three drinks behind. I cannot speak for everyone's Bates experience, but after the information that trickled down to Boston regarding Halloween, perhaps I'm on to something. My sources inform me that Batesies exercised their God given right to sail off into alcohol-induced oblivion, three sheets hoisted firmly to the wind, and liquor enforcement, state law, security, and inability to control bodily functions were not going to stop them.

The result of this overindulgence? We

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have "The Open Forum on the Administration's proposed ban on hard alcohol and drinking games."

Ah yes, the open forum. It rekindles memories of the best and worst Bates has to offer. The ability to gather in the dusty chapel and be a community is indeed a unique feature. Although, as veterans of open forums know, little substantive change usually results from these communal wine fests.

My pessimism towards this open forum is greater than usual. Why? I firmly believe alcohol problems exist beyond the Administration's grasp. The latest proposal smacks of a prohibition that always fails. A ban would simply make Vodka, Gin, and all things ending in meister a seductive forbidden fruit. Banning drinking games would result in a hip and clandestine existence, and possibly a political science thesis attempting to submit a ballot referendum supporting 'Beirut' as Maine's official sport.

It is true, folks. Push something underground and people will flock to it. I can only imagine the Dead Asshole's Society playing cards atop Mount David. As proven before at Bates, this descent to the underground carries enormous danger. The administration last changed the alcohol policy in 1997-98, requiring caterers and hence identification at campus wide parties, and pushed drinking behind closed doors resulting in an enormous increase in EMT calls involving alcohol. Pushing the drink further from the mainstream only makes the drinker clutch the bottle closer. The inability of the College to take any meaningful action leaves the solution squarely on our shoulders. This is only fair since it is our problem.

This letter will not dip into lambasting students for irresponsibility and immaturity. For those who know me, I would have to live in an enormous glass residence to toss stones at anyone for excessive drinking. Rather than editorializing, I offer a plea. The only way out of this rum soaked quagmire is via accountability. Not accountability to the administration, security, or the State of Maine, but to each other. Peter Taylor can ban the weekend, decreeing "No fun of any kind", but drinking will not cease in Lewiston. Rather, the only way Batesies will avoid the hospital and the bottom of an institutional toilet is through each other. We need to crack that first Beast or pour that Kool-Aid and vodka and think "nothing bad is going to happen to my friends tonight." Take an attitude that nobody will get hurt on your watch. Cut your friends off a little early. Designate one person to stay sober. (It is actually great fun. Drunken people are amusing and tend to pick up the tab at Gene's.) Simply, being accountable for each other preserves the freedom of Bates students to socialize and party together while ensuring the safety of your friends.

This attitude might sound overly optimistic, but Bates is an ivory tower. Send a message to the Administration that students can govern their own social scene. Invade each other's lounges, rooms, e-mail accounts, and talk about this in a context beyond "wow, I was so hammered." I urge you to be accountable for the sake of safeguarding yourself and all you hold dear. Let's not have the College regulate every last shred of life at Bates. The College will never stop drinking at Bates, but we can stop the damaging and dangerous consequences of socially accepted excess.

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Drinking to Distraction

An Attitude that Leaves Friends too Drunk to Protect

By SMADAR BAKOVIC
Opinion Writer

When I attended Northwest College in Powell, Wyoming I used to drink a lot. Unlike in Israel where young people drink when they go out to the bars on a Friday night, I was doing what many of my American friends were doing. I was turning drinking into a way of life, and into the only available entertainment. I even reached such an ignorant and immature level that I actually believed that we were drinking and getting "trashed" because there was nothing else to do.

I used to drink in dorm rooms, which was

Friends don't get too drunk to be there for their friends and protect them if necessary.

completely against the rules (Northwest College was and still is a dry campus), and then when we ran out of beer, I used to go down to the Time Out Lounge to continue what then I considered having a good time. Why I forgot that drinking could actually be a sociable and enjoyable activity if not abused is still a mystery to me. However, the fact is that I forgot what I learned in Israel, and that I was losing my self respect, and the control I had on my life, again and again.

Hurting myself was one thing. I knew what I was doing, and I knew that I was on the wrong. Not because drinking is a bad thing, but because I was turning it into a bad thing. In Israel, I never used to drink for the sake of drinking and getting plastered. I used to go out and have a really good time, using alcohol only as an additional means to enjoy myself. Sometimes I didn't drink at all because I didn't feel it was necessary.

Here, having a good time suddenly revolved around beer, whiskey and vodka. It was clear to me that most of the people around me didn't know that it was actually possible to have a good time without drinking. Looking back I am so ashamed of myself. The parties I attended were so pitiful and boring. I can

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still see groups of people holding a six or twelve pack of beer in their hands, sitting on the floor in a remote house and hardly even talking to one another. The more beer you drank, the cooler you were. What nonsense, and how could I actually have fallen for that?!

Hurting another person is a different issue, though, and although I never thought that my drinking would actually hurt and affect someone else's life, it did, and I will never forgive myself for it. I can still remember the night of April 14, 1999 so well. I went out to the Time Out Lounge with several of my best friends who were of age to be drinking. We knew the school year was coming to an end and that we might not have another opportunity to get together and hit the bars. We were actually having a good time. The live band was great, and we were all dancing and enjoying ourselves. We all pitched in to buy alcohol, and pitcher after pitcher of beer were brought to our table.

Very early in the evening I noticed that my friend, Amy, was drinking much more than she usually does. I ignored it because I thought to myself, "What the heck? She never really drinks, why not let her enjoy herself?" I also noticed that a certain guy, Tom, was hitting on her, but because she seemed in-

terested and flattered by his attention, I ignored that too. While that was going on, I was drinking more and more. Slowly but surely I started feeling that everything was great and that life was good. I'm sure you know that light, wonderful feeling just before you drink too much and lose track of what good really is. I continued to drink.

Suddenly it was 2 a.m. and the Time Out Lounge, like most bars in the United States, was about to close. Amy was so drunk, she could hardly even walk. I was less drunk than she was, but I, too, was stumbling towards my friend's car. Two minutes later when she was waving goodbye to me and getting into her car with Tom, instead of saying, "Wait a minute, you are too drunk to drive, and besides you can't go home with a total stranger when you're too drunk to even walk," I waived back and wished her a good night.

Amy was brutally raped that night. At three a.m. she was sitting on the floor in Tom's house screaming and crying. She was too bewildered and shocked to even move. In a matter of one hour, Amy changed from a happy and energetic young woman into an angry, resentful, depressed, hurt and hateful one. She locked herself in her room for days, and went into hysteria attacks, throwing around whatever she could grab in her hands. She didn't want anyone to touch her. She missed classes and sometimes totally disappeared for days shutting herself in her little room, creating a different world only she could enter. I saw a talented and promis-

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ing young woman dying within.

I know that many of you are thinking to yourselves that it wasn't my fault that Amy was raped. That's what many people in Powell, including Amy told me when I introduced my concern to them. Although I do agree that it wasn't my fault -after all it was not I who raped her- I do take partial responsibility for what happened. Amy was my friend, and friends do not let friends go and get raped. Friends do not let friends drive home drunk with a stranger. Friends don't get too drunk to be there for their friends and protect them if necessary. By letting Amy drink too much and go home with Tom, I betrayed all that I learned when growing up. I betrayed all my ethical codes which my parents taught me and which were always of highest importance to me. I am still so ashamed of myself that I find it hard to talk about. Amy's life shall never be the same again, and I could have prevented this so easily. All I should have done was say, "Amy, you're coming home with me." Six words would have changed a person's life.

Since then, I have stopped drinking. I refuse to let alcohol take my self-respect and judgment away again. I refuse not to be able to help my friends when they're in need. I refuse to forget all I have learned when I was growing up in Israel. All I ask from you is to think twice before you drink.

Although I don't know anything about who you are and how you think, I do know one thing. I know that you never want to feel the way I have been feeling since April 14th, 1999. Believe me when I say that having a great time is not worth the awful feeling of knowing that you could have prevented something so evil from happening but that you didn't do so because you were drunk. It's just not worth it. Please, please, please, always remember that when you're in a party and someone says, "Here, have another one." You might regret it for the rest of your life. I sure do.

Note: The names of the people referred to in this article have been changed.

Lions and Tigers and... Batesies, Oh MY

By TIM CASTOR
Opinion Writer

We interrupt this regularly scheduled article to bring you an important news flash: it has come to my attention that Bates College is not, in fact, an undergraduate academic institution. Now, this blatantly insane statement may have you all wondering what the hell I am talking about. I am sure you are all thinking that my assertion is as questionable as Chez Commons' cheeseburger soup, especially considering that there is plenty of tangible evidence that contradicts my claim. All that I ask is that you bear (or tiger for

"Watch as the majestic Batesie, in a magnificent display of drunkenness, stumbles across the open plain (quad) in search of its next meal (Ramen)."

-Fictional Tour Guide

those who really dig foreshadowing) with me and you will see that I am not insane, at least not because of my opinion on this matter.

A few weeks back I was strolling across the quad and happened to come upon a group of prospective students who, along with their parents, were embarking on the epic journey that is a Bates College tour. When this nomadic group passed me by, I was taken aback by the fact that they proceeded to stare at me for an extended period of time. I realize that these people want to get an idea of what Bates students are like because we are so different from everyone else in society. I am also aware that I have an aura about me that simply demands attention (or maybe it was because my fly was unzipped). Whatever the case, I do not have a problem with prospective students and their families staring at me, as long as none of these individuals are related to Superman. The reason for this anecdote is that this experience made me

realize what Bates College truly is. If one were to make a quick and superficial judgement of Bates College, he or she would most likely conclude that it is an academic institution that is dedicated to fostering a stimulating intellectual environment for bright and motivated young adults (Do I sound like the college catalogue yet?). On the surface, this presumption makes sense, as I often see people going to classes or doing work. This is just a cover, however, for what truly defines this institution. Bates College is, in essence, a combination of a public zoo and a bad infomercial (as opposed to the good infomercials).

Maybe categorizing Bates College as a zoo is a little misleading. Although tourists, also known as prospective students, come from far and wide to see the exotic Batesie, the campus is not exactly a cage (although it is ironic that we have a building called the Cage). A more appropriate analogy, therefore, would be likening a campus tour to an episode on the Discovery Channel. Here is a sneak preview of the next episode: As the Bates College tour passes by the dorms, some unusual jungle music is playing in the distance and the tour guide (who in ideal terms would have an Australian accent) says: "We are now looking at the Batesie in its natural environment. Watch as the majestic Batesie, in a magnificent display of drunkenness, stumbles across the open plain (quad) in search of its next meal (Ramen)."

Along with being a plot line in a cable television series, Bates College can also be viewed in the same light as a knife that can cut through a shoe or an exercise machine that helps you build muscle while eating potato chips and drinking beer. While on a campus tour, prospective students are subjected to countless facts, numbers, and reasons why matriculating to Bates College is the best action they can take. At the time, at least for me, a lot of the pro-Bates statements the tour guides made were really impressive. "Wow, that is really amazing that 97% of all female economics majors that graduated from public high schools in the suburbs of Phoenix, Arizona get to sit in the front row at graduation." Statements such as these make pro-

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BATES RATES

Alcohol Policy



Hey, the committee won't decide to ban hard liquor at least 'til Jan. 31, 2001 -- And you thought you'd be cold all winter without J. Daniels.

Election Day



If Bush wins, Dean Tannenbaum, will there be a free bus to Canada?

[and if so, will I receive an announce e-mail about it?]

November Slump



Now's the time to realize that your three seminar papers are due the same day: and continue to put it off 'til the last minute...

Senior Class Election



"Joey Begadonus" didn't get enough votes to get Federal matching funds- but hey, he got more votes than real candidates!

Holt Defends Ranking Value

Towle and Burke Don't Challenge Value of Academic Glory

By WHITMAN L. HOLT
Opinion Columnist

Within the October 31st issue of the Bates Student, Katie Burke and Kelly Towle each wrote critiques of my October 24th article on Bates' "US News & World Report" ranking - this is my response.

Before I begin, I want to express my general enthusiasm about these responses. Not only do they prove that people are actually reading my column, they also mean that the ideas I posited have made people think —

I think it is wonderful that we have such a diverse selection of extracurricular activities; I participate in many of them myself, but we should never allow these extracurricular activities to take primacy over our academic lives.

which was the original reason why I decided to write a biweekly column. Moreover, Burke and Towle employ the very "marketplace of ideas" of which I am so fond. They took issue with a position that I articulated and took to the market to challenge my ideas with their own thoughts. The dialogue in *The Bates Student* (our own "mini-mart") demonstrates the efficacy that the intellectual marketplace can have, for both constructive discourse and for lively debate.

Although I am glad that Burke and Towle did respond to my article, there are a number of flaws in each of their arguments. Before responding to their separate columns, I have two observations that are applicable to both arguments. First of all, each of them does an excellent job constructing what is known as a straw man argument. Rather than address my idea that Bates needs to undergo a fundamental paradigm shift towards a culture that has academics as its primary or controlling value, Burke and Towle were content to misconstrue my argument as an all-out attack on extracurricular activities. Their mistake probably stems from my use of the word "exclusive" when referring to the value that Bates should place on academics. I was using the word in the sense of "primary" or "controlling," rather than in the context that Burke and Towle understood it, meaning "absolute" or "only." This clearly would not be a good argument. A college without extracurricular activities would be a pitiful place indeed. In fact, any move to eliminate extracurricular activities, as Burke and Towle fallaciously believe I advocate, would likely decrease our reputation and our ranking.

Moreover, if either Towle or Burke had bothered to do ANY research into who they are writing about, they would have found that I am incredibly active on campus; I am an officer of the student government, I am an officer and active member of the debate team, I am a member of the residence staff, I am obviously a columnist for the paper, I have served on over seven committees at Bates, and I have a wonderful relationship with my girlfriend. I am hardly the one-trick academic horse that Burke and Towle would cast me as, and they would have realized that if they had actually put some effort into researching their arguments. The fact that each column was attacking a straw man position that no reasonable person would actually defend pretty much eliminates most of their argument; however, I feel it is still prudent to point out additional flaws in their positions.

A second significant problem with both the Burke and the Towle article is that they ignored the majority of my analysis about why the "US News" rankings impact Bates. As I said in my original column, the rankings have three major ramifications for Bates: i.)

they influence the probability that Bates grads will get into good graduate and professional schools, ii.) the rankings influence the quality of incoming classes, and iii.) the rankings provide a clear comparison between different institutions. Only one of these arguments was addressed by either author. Moreover, neither Burke nor Towle devoted any time to constructing their own positive reasons why the rankings don't matter, leaving my arguments unchallenged.

Now let's examine the Burke article. Burke has four primary contentions in her article, each of which merits consideration. The first argument Burke makes is the "incoming classes = good" argument, essentially she states that the quality of our incoming first-year classes are the highest ever. I have three responses. While this is certainly wonderful, the same statement is true at every single one of our peer schools. High-quality first-year classes certainly is not a characteristic unique to Bates. Secondly, I would argue that the quality of our first-year classes could be even higher if our "US News" ranking was higher. The reason for this is that our higher ranking would result in more applications as well as higher quality applications, and thus we could be more selective. Beyond that fact, if we were ranked higher, it is likely that our yield would be greater as well. My third response is that Burke never asks the critical question WHY our first-year classes are so wonderful. If she had, she

The fundamental change I am asking for is for Bates to be more like Swarthmore or Williams.

would have realized that one of the primary reasons people come to Bates is that we are considered an "elite" school in all of the various rankings. This comes back to my fundamental point that if we were ranked higher, then we would receive better applicants and therefore have even better first-year classes.

Burke's second argument is the "senior classes = good" argument in which she sites four examples of seniors who have had great accomplishments while at Bates. Most of my analysis from above applies here as well. All of the other "top" colleges have wonderful seniors as well. We could have better seniors who achieve even more if we were ranked higher. Moreover, I would argue that these seniors are exceptions in their senior class. While we do have many outstanding graduates who go on to elite graduate and professional programs (such as Rebecca Goetz at Harvard's history program, or Lucy Fowler at Yale Law), the number of Bates grads at the top three law schools in the country is quite small when compared to Williams, Amherst, and Swarthmore. Clearly, the success that Bates has at getting graduates into these type of programs is not as high as some of our peer schools.

The third argument that Burke puts forth is a list of eight of the various activities here at Bates. As I stated above, I think it is wonderful that we have such a diverse selection of extracurricular activities; I participate in many of them myself, but we should never allow these extracurricular activities to take primacy over our academic lives. What Burke fails to recognize is that we are first and foremost a school, a place for learning. As such, the major emphasis should be on learning, not on other activities (although those activities should still exist). Furthermore, I still feel the need to point out that every other top school also has excellent extracurricular programs, meaning that Bates is certainly not unique in this respect.

The final argument that Burke makes is that all of these aspects of Bates combined are what "put us on the map" and are why

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Smokey Room Talk

Predictions- National and Local

By DOMINICK & MATTEO
PANGALLO
Opinion Columnists

It was later than usual when I finally stumbled into my usual chair at the Ronj. I was exhausted from polling more than four hundred Batesies about the up-coming election. And I was beginning to doubt my own sanity, when Dominick re-affirmed my faith in idiocy.

"I want to get drunk and play ping-pong," he said.

"Not on hard liquor you're not" I downed my chai in a single gulp. There was a brief silence.

"Are you going to elaborate on that?" I ventured.

"I swear, if one more person asks me who I think is going to win, I'm going to open up a can of whup-ass."

"And you're just so intimidating..."

He pondered the swirling depths of his Tanzanian AA Blend, with his usual two teaspoons of salt. I took a deep breath, and took my life in my hands.

"So," I said, "who do you think will win."

"Gore will win Maine. And he'll take the Electoral College home by the skin of his Tennessean teeth. However, there's a good chance that Bush will win the popular vote," he said.

"I wouldn't be so sure about the popularity vote bit. Bush is in the lead but, according to the CNN/Gallup Tracking Poll, he's lost 4 points since last week, and Gore has picked up 2. Al is almost within the margin of error."

He threw his hands up in the air, "Fool! You cannot conceive the power of the undecided electorate."

I sniffed his coffee for Bailey's. (For the benefit of the deans, let's say it was clean.)

He continued, "In any number of national polls, between ten and twenty percent of respondents are still undecided. So throw that into the mix as well."

"Let's stick to the predictions," I said, "Go on."

"Olympia Snowe will hold on to her seat in the Senate. And expect to see the U.S. Senate remain under the iron fist of the GOP."

"Well, at least the Dems will take back the House."

"Nope. The GOP's in the House. They may lose seats, but they'll stay in control," he said, "Baldacci will be returned to the Hill. Where does that bring us...State Senate?"

"Ayup."

"Rotundo. All the way home, baby."

"Ayup."

He got up and began to dance around the room.

"That's it! That's it! No more questions!" he sang.

"What about the ballot questions?"

He stopped and looked at me. A long, hard look.

And then he slowly poured his Tanzanian AA blend, with his usual two teaspoons of salt, onto my lap.

"Since you asked," he returned to his seat, "let us continue."

I writhed and squirmed in unholy pain, but he ignored me and rambled on his predictions.

"Question One — physician as-

sisted suicide, if you recall — will win, but narrowly. Question Two — the forestry question — will lose. By a lot."

"Too bad," I grumbled as I continued to writhe and squirm in unholy pain.

"Question Three — the video gambling

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business — will lose, again by a small margin. No one's really paying that much attention to that one anyway. Question Four - the commercial fishing property question - is just too close to call. As is Question Five - giving the mentally ill the right to vote."

"I've got a feeling that one will go down, too."

"And finally, the big kahuna here at Bates - Question Six - equal rights for all sexual orientations. It will pass. This is the third time Maine has voted on a gay rights question. But this time, it is expected to do well."

"Wow. That's a lot of stuff to be voting on."

He sighed, "Not as much as some other states, where voter fatigue can be expected to diminish turnout. Look at the Oregon ballot: in addition to the federal and state office elections, Oregonians had 26 ballot questions to consider. Scary stuff."

"Yeah," I said, "Well, thanks for the predictions run-down. Certainly are a lot of possibilities."

He nodded, "There are. In fact, I think it would make a damned good drinking game..."

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Lions and Tigers and Batesies

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spective students believe that they really need to matriculate to this institution, just like people really need to buy that knife that can cut through a shoe. Once you have purchased the item, however, you realize that you either do not need it or did not get what you bargained for. Although I truly love being a Batesie, I am quite sure that the circumstances under which Pettigrew Hall was built are not essential to my happiness. All in all, the administration at this institution does a very good job at convincing people that it is focused on the pursuit of academic excellence.

For the most part, no one would question that every employee at Bates College is doing anything less than devoting its time to ensuring that Bates College continues to be a well-oiled academic machine. If one looks

a little deeper, however, you can see that this is not the case. In order to make a quasi-zoo run smoothly, energy has to be devoted to maintenance and upkeep. For every zoo worker that has the unenviable task of cleaning up Coco the monkey's daily business, there is a custodian or a physical plant worker forced to clean up a drunk first-year's little surprise. Aside from the menial work at the quasi-zoo, advertising must be top notch in order to attract the tourists and maintain a good position in the daily infomercial lineup. Our institution has public relations running the tours and we have a gift shop to ensure that every tourist's need is met. All Bates College needs to ensure its place among the elite zoo-infomercial combinations is Suzanne Sommers leading the tours and a vendor selling cotton candy and balloon-shaped Batesies on the quad. I guess we can only dream.

Poster Trail

A Papered and Plastered Senior Class Race

By JOEY WEISS
Staff Writer

The race for senior class president and secretary has taken off at an unprecedented rate this year. Currently, over 30 posters are running for office. The race is tight, with vigorous campaigning in contentious areas such as the inside of bathroom cells, bulletin boards and dorm walls. The race is thought to be particularly close on many nearby telephone poles.



Cartoon by Joey Weiss

While many posters have entered the race, the debate to this point seems somewhat shallow. Poster Mike Carrigan, when asked what he would bring to the office of the president, responded only, "elect experience." When asked to elaborate on this point, he repeated only, "elect experience," many times, concurrently. Other candidates, too, have been campaigning on somewhat limited platforms, simply repeating slogans such as "100 percent committed," and, "love is all we bring," as the election date nears.

Bates College residents seem luke warm in regards to the race for president and secretary. Some students expressed apprehension about an elected poster's ability to cooperate effectively with more experienced, human RA members once in office. Others expressed reservations about the candidates staying power.

"Who's to say, if I elect poster Jarashow, that he will be around in 8 days? I don't want to look in the trash in a week and see my elected class president under a stale banana," said one Bates senior.

Other students expressed shock at the sheer number of candidates running. Cur-

rently, the list of those running for senior class president or secretary includes:

Chris Somma
Evan Jarashow
Walter Shicko
Leon Trotsky
Patrick Livingstone
Ryan Bouchard
Ceaser
SKAnnato
Mike Jensen
Ralph Nader
Mike Carrigan
Kaiser Wilhelm II
Che Gueverra
Arron Sells

.....and many others

With the race coming down to the wire, who's winning? The gigantic, 30" x 40" poster of SKAnnato and Butt may well be in the lead. As one student said, "I don't feel I can depend on a simple 11" x 9" poster to get the job done; we need a poster who can really fill the job," expressing the sentiments of many students. Yet Tate Curti, one of only a few color posters, may be close behind. Poster "Pick - Shicko" might well be out of the race, after admitting yesterday he entered the race because his name almost rhymed with pick. Only time will tell.

While the list of candidates is daunting, to help, the student has noted a few distinguished posters still in the race:

Ludicrous size award: SKAnnato and Butt, for their 30" x 40" poster hanging on the wall on the way down to the mail room.

There's no shame in Politics award: 1st place: TJ and Miles- for posing next to a full

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-Bates senior

trash can for a poster. 2nd place: Sells and Buckley (self explanatory)

Were just in this to make cool posters award: Jarashow and Bouchard, for the monkey poster.

Holt's Defense of The Value of Ranking

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our alumni and students love Bates. First of all, I would argue that this claim is actually not true. If any activity at Bates "puts us on the map," it would be our debate program with its vast history and international reputation, not the more transient events that Burke discusses. However, I do agree with Burke that extracurricular activities are valuable and help constitute the vibrant community that we share. I am still puzzled why she has the impression that I would disagree with her on this point. Fundamentally, I agree with most of what Katie Burke has to say. Bates offers a wide variety of excellent extracurricular programs and we have some wonderful people here. However, I still maintain that none of these other activities should ever be placed above our academic program. By clearly articulating our emphasis on academics, Bates can boost its academic reputation. By doing this, we will be able to bring greater numbers of talented people to Bates and become an even better institution.

Moving on to Towle's article...Towle had two primary arguments, each of which I dis-

agree with. First, she argued that I wish to move towards a "Reedian" paradigm where the only focus of students' lives is only academics and nothing more. As I stated earlier, this is not my intention at all. I would like Bates to make a paradigm shift that places greater emphasis (but not absolute emphasis) on academics. To rebut Towle's empirical Reed example, I only need to mention the college where my sister goes to school, Swarthmore. Swarthmore, like Bates, has a wide variety of extracurricular activities. Swarthmore, like Bates, has a number of talented students. However, unlike Bates, Swarthmore as an institution makes it absolutely clear that its first priority is academic. The fundamental change I am asking for is for Bates to be more like Swarthmore or Williams. These schools have all of the things that make Bates so great, but they also have truly excellent academic reputations. I see no reason why Bates cannot have a reputation on par with these other schools; all it would require is that we hold each other to a higher academic standard (something that I think we should do anyway-refer to my 10/10/00 article).

Shopping at the Market Making a LSATing Impression



By WHITMAN L.
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Over the course of the last five months, I went through the grueling process known as the LSAT. I spent my summer months studying and preparing for the test, I honed my skills during September, and on October 7th, I took the test that would determine where I would be able to go to law school. Last week I received my score and found that I did quite well on the test. While participat-

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ing in this arduous process, I spent some time reflecting about what exactly it was that I was doing and came to one clear conclusion, I am a proponent of standardized testing, at least in principle.

Some form of standardized testing should be required by each admissions office at every rung on the higher education ladder. Standardized testing is in principle the only possible way that an admissions committee would be able to make objective comparisons between students. The vast discrepancies between undergraduate schools, both in terms of quality and grade inflation, clearly demonstrate the need for another measure of ability. The need is even more significant on the high school level. High schools in the United States are vastly different in terms of difficulty and quality. Moreover, the widespread infiltration of parental influence into students' applications, particularly the personal essay, also needs to be counter-balanced by some form of standardized testing. Standardized testing provides a measure of different people's abilities at doing identical tasks. Furthermore, standardized testing places the student into a situation where (s)he is dependent only on his/her personal ability. Without some type of standardization, it is impossible to directly compare students; therefore some form of standardized testing is justified.

The second argument that Towle makes is that Reed is a good school and sends people to good graduate programs despite its lower "US News" ranking. I have three responses. First of all, I would contend that this would likely be due to the quality of students who go to Reed. In fact, if all of the students are as hard-core as Towle describes them, they are probably the type that end their college careers with the high grades and standardized tests scores needed to enter these elite programs. My second response is that Reed is an uncommon example. Schools such as Swarthmore and Williams have the academic reputation of Reed, have extracurricular activities, and send many people to high quality programs. My final response is that it is probable that Reed would send even more people to top quality programs if they were highly ranked in the US News.

Towle's Reed example really does not prove much. There are many counter-examples that I could use of schools that have excellent academic programs that place their primary emphasis on academics AND have a wide-variety of extracurricular activities that result in a wonderful college experience.

The arguments made by Burke and Towle fail to rebut the arguments I made in my initial article. The majority of their analysis is

based on a poorly constructed transformation of my article into an argument that I would never make (which they would have realized had they taken the time to research what they were writing). Moreover, both Burke and Towle miss the fundamental point of my article: like it or not, the "US News and World Report" college rankings have a tangible impact on the Bates campus (if they didn't, why would the college be so concerned about increasing our ranking?). I presented a cogent argument why we should attempt to increase our academic reputation in order to increase our overall ranking. We are an institution where people come to learn, and while it is nice that we can do other wonderful things with our time while we are here at Bates, we should never lose sight of the primary reason why we are attending college. By readjusting our current paradigm so that our main emphasis is on academics, we will realize the scholarly ideal demonstrated by other "elite" liberal arts colleges.

In principle, standardized tests should be a necessary component of any admission process. Without some type of measure of how two people objectively do at an identical task, direct comparison of candidates for admission is impossible. However, the cur-

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rent forms of testing, particularly the SAT, do have significant problems. As such, Bates should attempt to form a coalition with our peer schools in order to develop a superior test for high school students. Standardized tests for graduate and professional school admission, such as the LSAT, are proof that testing can be accurate, useful, predictive and fun.

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Senior Class Election Begins

By JASON HIRSCHHORN
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On Sunday, November 5, the 11 presidential nominees for Senior Class President and the 10 nominees for Secretary addressed the senior class and had the chance to answer any questions posed by the class. One day later, the field has been narrowed to four nominees, thanks to a primary election that took place during the day on Monday. Seniors Mike Carrigan and Evan Jarashow will compete for the title of President of the class of 2001, while Mike Jensen and Asad Butt will run against each other for Class Secretary.

The run-off election will take place during lunch and dinner on Tuesday, November 7. 301 seniors voted in the primary election, the highest voter turnout for the senior class election ever. Carrigan received 56 votes, while Jarashow received 48 votes. In the Secretarial race, Butt received 70 votes while

Jensen received 53 votes.

At the forum many candidates spoke of their experiences and involvement at Bates as evidence of a strong track record of leadership. Many candidates also focused their three-minute speeches on their plans for Senior week and Short Term. A barefoot Carrigan said he saw himself as being a liaison between the class and the college. He said, "It is important to elect someone who knows that and will [be a liaison between the class and the college after graduation.]"

Carrigan said he planned not to solely decide on the best ways to plan senior week, but to "pool everyone's ideas together; that's how well have the best senior week. He mentioned other candidates good ideas, as being things [Carrigan] never thought of and talked about using those ideas if elected."

Jarashow said he was excited about the possibilities for this year. He spoke of his membership on the Representative Assem-

bly for four years, his involvement in athletics for 3 years and his role as a Junior Advisor and Resident Coordinator as preparing him well for the role of President. He said he saw the election as being about the years beyond Bates. Jarashow also introduced his idea of Puddlestock 2001 where different bands would play at the amphitheatre overlooking the puddle while seniors, in inner tubes and rafts, frolicked in The Puddle. He said also had plans to link the OCS and Alumni Relations Office better so we can all stay connected.

Mike Jensen, in his bid for class Secretary spoke of this being, "A great election. I am a hard worker and I hope that whoever is elected will give serious consideration to a community service idea." Jensen also said he liked the idea of a whitewater rafting trip during Senior Week. Asad Butt did not attend the Candidates forum.

Security Stats

Security responded to many incidents between October 8, and October 21, 2000 including an aggravated assault, four burglaries, a hate crime, five thefts, six incidents of criminal mischief and nine trespass violations.

On October 11th, two students from Pierce House were referred to the Dean of Students Office for possession of drug paraphernalia.

On the 19th, a female student was issued a warning by the Lewiston Police Department for carrying an open container of beer while walking down Campus Avenue.

On October 14th, three white males assaulted an alumnus on College St. by Vale St. The Lewiston Police Department responded to the scene and a security alert was issued. Unfortunately, the assault victim was unable to provide the police with information.

There were three burglaries beginning on October 12th when two students at Page Hall reported that a portion of their unlocked room was ransacked. A dresser was overturned, clothes from the closet were thrown on the floor, and a trash-can was dumped out. Nothing appeared to be missing from the room.

On the 17th there were two burglaries. A student reported that someone entered his unlocked room at Mitchell House. Stolen was a Motorola Pronto Pager belonging to Bates College EMS, valued at \$50.00, and a TI-86 Texas Instrument Calculator valued at \$130.00. In a separate incident, a Camcorder belonging to the Bates College Education Department was stolen from a locked metal storage cabinet in room 309, Pettengill Hall. The Sony Digital 8 Handy Cam DCR-TRV510 was valued at \$1300.00. The same day an unlocked room at Mitchell House was entered and a set of keys to a Ford Escort were taken. The student had to have a new ignition and key installed for \$125.00.

Also on the 17th, a vehicle parked on Central Avenue near the bleachers had all four hubcaps stolen. The hubcaps had "ALTIMA" written on them. They were valued at \$50.00 each for a total value of \$200.00.

On October 15, the Sukkah constructed by the Jewish Cultural Community to celebrate the holiday of Sukkot was vandalized. Located in the Quad by the Chapel, there was no estimate of the damage.

Three bicycle thefts occurred over the past three weeks including an unlocked blue Diamondback with gold lettering valued at \$700.00 stolen from the back of Frye House on the 11th. Two days later a red Kona Kula Mountain Bike was stolen from the bike rack behind Whittier House. Valued at \$1,300.00, the front tire of the bike was locked. On October 15, a blue Schwinn Woodlands bike was stolen from the bike rack in front of Chase Hall. The locked bike was valued at \$350.00. On October 12 a bike that was reported stolen from the bike rack at Wentworth Adams September 27 was located at a local pawn shop. The individual who sold the bike to the pawn shop will be charged with theft by the Lewiston Police Department.

Serious counts of dorm damage totaled three. On October 14th, a stall door in the second floor men's room at Page Hall was damaged. On the 16th a used water fire extinguisher was found in the first floor hallway at Frye House. The cost to refill the extinguisher is \$2.00, and the Life Safety fine is \$75.00. Both charges will be assessed to the House. On October 20th, three windows were broken in the Rand Hall ground floor utility room and laundry room. The replacement cost is \$150.00 for each window for a total of \$450.00. Also that day, an individual made an unsuccessful attempt to remove a CD player from a student's vehicle parked on College St. near the chapel. The passenger-side vent window was damaged, valued at \$50.00.

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Alcohol Policy Announced By Deans

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policy that banned hard alcohol for underage drinkers, created a task force for "careful study" of the Bates drinking culture, and a program to change attitudes about drinking at the college. The attitude shift program would be run by students for students. Kirby also noted that there would be "one caveat: a no questions asked policy. If your friends are sick [and you call EMS] you don't get a strike."

Rachel Beckhardt, a member of class of 2002 questioned if the rise in underclass binge drinking to excess was in their detachment from upperclass students who seem to drink more responsibly. She questioned if first-year centers were spread out among upper class housing if that may decrease the drinking problem.

Tate Curti called for upperclass Batesies to set an example of responsible partying for the younger members of the community.

At the RA meeting on November 6, Dean Branham began her statement by saying, "I come tonight in the spirit of compromise."

"Coming up with a really good policy is more important than coming up with an expedient policy."

-Jason Hirschhorn

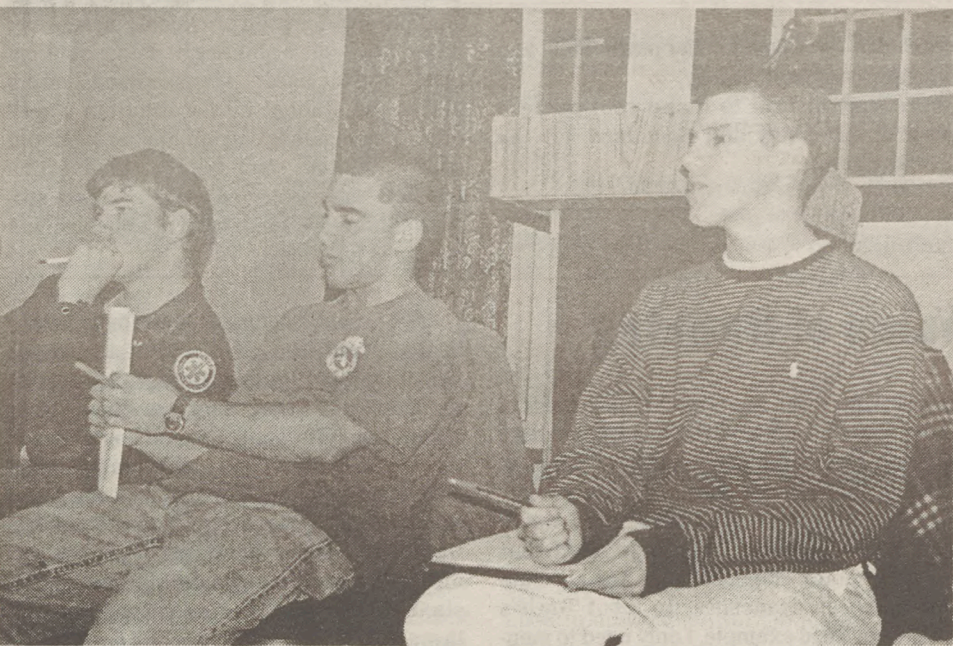
Branham then outlined the role of the Ad Hoc Committee. The committee will report its results by January 31 of 2001.

RA President Jay Surdukowski stated dismay at the fact that the chairs of the Ad Hoc Committee are two Deans of Students. Surdukowski stated that he was "offended" at the idea that a student co-chair would be less effective as a chair. Surdukowski mentioned the fact that it took the administration three years to allocate the Student Wellness Center "a garage," while it took the Representative Assembly three days to "reshuffle priorities" and allocate part of 45 Campus Avenue. Branham stated that she would "not be opposed" to a student chair on the committee. After the meeting Surdukowski stated that he felt that her response was adequate.

Andy Stanton had questions about the enforceability of the new measure. Branham stated that she felt the ban would be effective for two reasons. "First, [security] has been successful in removing kegs. . . [sec-



EMS crew-chief Rob McHugh speaks his mind at the RA meeting *Erin Mullin/Bates Student*



Assembly members ponder the new alcohol policy *Erin Mullin/Bates Student*

ond], even by virtue of having a ban, there will be a reduction of hard alcohol on campus." Stanton responded by saying that he felt that an analogy between a keg and a bottle of hard alcohol was invalid.

Jason Hirschhorn questioned the speed with which the ad hoc committee will work. Hirschhorn stated, "Coming up with a really good policy is more important than coming up with an expedient policy."

For information regarding seating the Ad Hoc Committee should contact an RA Executive.

After Branham left, the RA dealt with several pieces of legislation. The assembly voted Dan Barsky as the new RA secretary, and approved \$700 in cosponsorship funds to the Women's Resource Center for the acquisition of materials, mainly literature.

The RA then began to debate legislation written by Dan Barsky and Evan Jerashow on reforms to the parking lottery system. The legislation is currently facing a hostile amendment from Tate Curti on the issue of number of spaces open to first-year students. The debate will continue next week.

Junior Creates Art Show And Controversy

By DAN NEUMANN
News Editor

Jay Surdukowski, a member of the class of 2002 and the President of the Representative Assembly, has created a thought provoking art exhibit in the Chase Hall Gallery. The work, entitled, "Ach Du," is based on Holocaust research done by the artist over the summer, as well as literature on the Holocaust, a summer internship and discussions with members of the faculty. Surdukowski was given a fellowship by the X Foundation to travel first to Washington D.C. to attend an orientation and meeting on Holocaust studies and then travelled to Holland and the Netherlands to research each country's policy on Jews during the Holocaust.

This work is sharply different than the work done by Surdukowski during Short Term 2000. The exhibit during Short Term was largely autobiographical, with works entitled "My Family Tree" and was also heavily influenced by other artists.

"Ach Du," which translates from German to "Oh, You" examines how humanity can create atrocities like the Holocaust. The motivation for the new work, according to the artist, "comes out of a number of veins. One was a fellowship to study the Holocaust. One was working with an American lawyer to aid the judicial system in Rwanda." Surdukowski also cited three books as being highly influential: "Hitler's Willing Executioners" by David Jonah Goldhagen, "Ordinary Men" by Christopher Browning, and "We Wish to Inform You that Tomorrow we will be killed With Our Families" by Philip Gourevitch. The first two works look at the Holocaust, while the third looks at atrocities in Rwanda.

In the exhibit, Surdukowski does not examine these atrocities in a "vaccum jar" and instead looks to the society that created the atrocities. The current show highlights injustices during both the Holocaust as well as injustices in Rwanda.

"[F]ear no art."
-Jay Surdukowski

Surdukowski explains how during his fellowship from the Humanity in Action Foundation this summer, he heard a lecturer use the term "Auschwitz 9 to 5," to describe the workers at Auschwitz. For many of the German workers there, the atrocities at Auschwitz were merely a job. Surdukowski explained that this viewpoint "pulls the perpetrator out of a 'killing machine' [and places him into a society]." It was this train of thought that produced this work.

Surdukowski explained that children's books with subjects like "My Daddy's a Fireman" was the theme that he wished to explore. To Surdukowski, the fact that "children whose parents worked at Auschwitz are still alive today, and may possess some pride for their parent's accomplishments, [is disturbing]."

Reaction from the student body to Surdukowski's work has been quick. Surdukowski has scheduled a forum for 7 p.m. in Chase Hall Lounge. In an email to the campus community, Surdukowski implored, "It has come to my attention that a number of people have noted a resemblance in some of the pieces to certain students at the College. This is not part of the project. In no way were certain pieces intended to look like people at Bates. This modest confusion is eclipsing the overall messages. I am deeply sorry that this unexpected consequence has issued forth from my brush and pencil." Surdukowski finished the email with the line, "fear no art."

Event At Chapel Draws Crowd

By ANDREW SIMON
Staff Writer

Last Saturday night Lois Pines, Jan Schlichtmann, and Elayne Boozler came to the chapel to discuss the looming presidential election. The speakers addressed hundreds of Bates students and Maine residents on issues such as the environment, big business, gun control, abortion and organized religion.

Despite some technical problems with the microphone, Billy Karz started the night explaining why Southern Maine was the most important district in the election. He also stated that the national spotlight would be focused on this part of Maine. Then, he introduced the speakers.

The first speaker of the night was Lois Pines. Pines, a longtime member of Massachusetts politics and environmental activist, emphasized the importance of this election, in particular, Maine as a swing state.

Pines discussed her workings to further women's rights and the environment. Pines was afraid that if George W. Bush were elected, all the progress from the past 30 years would be reversed. She stated, "We will turn back the clock if we elect George W. Bush." She also dispelled any beliefs that Al Gore and George W. Bush have the same political beliefs. Pines said, "If one believes that George W. Bush and Al Gore are the same candidate, they need to stop listening to rhetoric and start looking at the facts, because the facts are clear."

Later, Pines tried to persuade the audience to volunteer for the Gore/Lieberman campaign. Pines encouraged the audience to "sign up to protect your environment, sign up to protect a woman's right to choose, sign up to help the Gore/Lieberman campaign and make the right choice."

Next to speak was Jan Schlichtmann, the attorney portrayed in the book and movie, *A Civil Action*. Schlichtmann started by discussing how it felt to have John Travolta play himself. Jokingly, Schlichtmann stated, "[John Travolta] made 20 million playing me; I never made 20 million playing me!"

Schlichtmann talked about his background fighting for a healthy environment

in which to live. During his career as an attorney, he noticed, "there is a difference between Reagan/Bush and Clinton/Gore and Gore/Bush." Schlichtmann believed that the difference was a government that was either working with the people, like Clinton and Gore, and those working against the people, like Reagan and Bush. He encouraged the audience to volunteer, because "you can make a difference."

Last, he wanted 100 members of the audience to sign up to volunteer on Election Day. He closed by stating it only takes "100 people to think and act upon the thought to make the earth and the environment a better place. Because this state will decide if we move forward together, or backwards apart."

The last speaker of the night was the famous comedian and liberal activist Elayne Boozler. Boozler has performed on *Politically Incorrect*, *The Today Show* on NBC, and *The Late Show with David Letterman*, CNN's *Crossfire*, *The Daily Show*, and *Larry King Live*. She has also performed for other major events, including the White House Press Correspondents dinner, the Ford Theater Gala, and the United Negro College Fund.

Boozler came into the chapel to loud applause and got right to business. She stated that the candidates right now, as it is so close to Election Day, would say anything to get your vote. She compared it to men on a date, "They're talking nice, but they just want to get laid." Boozler continually reiterated not to listen to her, or listen to the candidates, but to "look at the records" of both candidates. Only then, Boozler argued, will one find the real truth about the candidates.

Boozler then switched her focus to handguns. She argued, "If Al Gore gets elected, I hope we never see another handgun in this country again." On automatic weapons, Boozler stated, "If you need 100 rounds to kill a deer, maybe hunting isn't your sport."

Next, Boozler discussed why Gore is the best candidate when compared to Bush and Nader. She stated, "Nader can't do everything he says he can do [if he wins the presidency]." Also, she believed that a vote for Nader is a vote for Bush. She argued, "a vote for Nader will end Al Gore."

Then, Boozler discussed Bush's record in Texas. First, she addressed Bush's health care record. She said that there is no signature on a patient's bill of rights in Texas, because Bush refused. The reason, that patients should be able to sue their HMO's. Boozler asserted that "[Bush] lives for big business." Boozler stated that on this Patient's Bill of Rights, "Bush was a uniter, the Democrats and Republicans came together against him."

Bush's record on education was analyzed next. Boozler asserted that under Bush, education in Texas is "teaching the test." If students perform poorly on standardized test in Texas, teachers suffer. So, teachers have abandoned their curriculum and have made their classes based around performance on these tests. The result being students in Texas are learning less than ever.

This discussion led into an attack on organized religion. She started by stating "Jews are born with guilt, Catholics have to learn it in school." Boozler argued, "organized religion is the cause for all current wars." She continued by rejecting the religious right's claim that sexual education creates more teen sex and pregnancy. Later, she argued, "the war in the Middle East is going on due to organized religion, not because one side is doing it doggy style."

During her tirade on organized religion, she began to discuss conservative policy on surrogate mothers. She stated, "It's a good thing [Bush] didn't implement that policy before Jesus was born." The statement was met with laughter, but one man in the audience was offended by the comment. He shouted, "that sucked," loudly twice. It was followed by a defense of the comment and then an apology by Boozler. Someone else in the audience screamed, "Don't apologize, it was the best thing you've said all night!" Boozler didn't lose a step due to this outburst, continuing strongly with the rest of the performance.

After diverging off the political path and onto topics including computers, relationships, and sex, Boozler returned to the theme of the night. She proclaimed, "Get out, vote, volunteer, get involved!" Boozler left the stage to a standing ovation.

Faculty

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However, the majority of the meeting was spent discussing residential life at Bates, a topic brought up by President Donald Harward.

Harward feels it is time that Bates examined the question of "What it means to be a residential college? Harward quickly referenced the issue to two specific instances. The first was the "trashing" of Chase House last spring, and the second was the incidents that occurred on the night of October 28th, in which 12 Bates students were sent to the hospital as a result of alcohol related incidents.

A discussion ensued amongst the faculty on the topic of residential life at Bates, the majority of it focusing on the role alcohol plays and what should be done. Many ideas were put forth. The theme running through most of them dealt with the idea of student/faculty involvement. Who should be involved, and in what capacity? Many thought the students played a vital role in the process.

Other faculty members touched on the issue. Professor of History, Steve Hochstadt suggested a task force, while the Chair of the English Department, Christina Malcolmson thought the problem dealt with the overall culture on campus. Faculty members also brought up the fact that faculty members aren't present on campus at night or during the weekend to see what is going on.

College Security, EMS, SAVA Promote Safety On Campus

By DAVE WELIVER
Senior Staff Writer

Security and Campus Safety sponsored SecurityFest 2000 last Thursday in Chase Hall to promote safety on campus. The event was part of crime prevention week and featured representatives from Security, Bates EMS, the sexual assault victim aide, and the student safety program. The Lewiston Fire Department also supplied literature on fire safety.

Security officers were on hand to answer student questions regarding safety related issues and to remind students to take responsibility for preventing crime at Bates by locking their rooms and bikes and not propping the doors to residence halls. Security is quick to remind students that the majority of burglaries occur due to both propped doors and unlocked rooms. Security officers are much happier to unlock a student's room or transfer a student's call from a security phone to get a front door unlocked than take a burglary report.

Bates EMS distributed literature about their service and displayed tools of their trade to passing students. Often the first medical care available to injured on campus, Bates EMS is available through security by calling 6111 and provides service to

the college 24 hours a day, 7 days a week while classes are in session.

Kathy Hance, a sexual assault victim aide, is a professional counselor from the sexual assault crisis center in Auburn available on-campus to students. Hance is available for drop-ins at 161 Wood St., room 22 on Mondays 2:00-5:00 p.m. and Thursdays 3:00-6:00 p.m. Hance provides support and information on campus and police reporting options, support groups and therapists and other community resources. Hance can be reached at 753-6996 and checks her voice mail daily.

The student safety program was on-hand to make students aware of their services and to recruit student workers. Student safety provides safe-rides around campus from 6:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. nightly and safewalks after 9:00 p.m. Saferide vans travel in a loop around campus, making stops at specified locations. Safewalkers patrol the campus in pairs to report suspicious activities and unsafe conditions to Security and provide walking escorts upon student request. Due to the shortage of student workers on campus, student safety coverage is incomplete and their services are not consistently available. Positions as dispatchers, van drivers and safewalkers are available during a variety of shifts. Interested students should contact Dennis Paquin at Security.

Kristen Gore Targets Young Voter's Apathy

By JAMES PEYSTER
Staff Writer

Recently, Kristen Gore, the second daughter of presidential candidate Al Gore, took part in a conference call to discuss the upcoming election with six college journalists from around the country. An active participant in her father's campaign, the interview gave Kristen a chance to discuss her stance on many election issues from the perspective of a younger voter. She focused mainly on issues that affect young voters such as the Supreme Court appointments, but she also answered questions on a range of other topics as well.

Kristen Gore is twenty-two years old and a recent graduate of Harvard University. She has pursued a career as a comedy writer and recently was a staff writer for the Fox Television show Futurama. In recent months, Kristen has actively toured the country helping to get her father's message out to young voters all over the nation. When *The Student* caught up with her, she was on a car phone traveling through rural Iowa en route to an appearance in Cedar Rapids. In an opening statement, Kristen stressed her father's unique commitment to young voters, "I'm proud of Dad for reaching out to us. Many politicians think of [young voters] as apathetic and self-absorbed. My Dad doesn't feel that way because he remembers what it was like returning from Vietnam. He remembers what it was like to be ignored by those

in Washington. We're the ones with the most at stake in this election."

Kristen answered questions for the next thirty minutes. The first question asked about Vice President Gore's choice not to actively take advantage of Clinton's potential influence on voters. Kristen supported her father's decision, stating, "I'm really proud of the way my father has run this campaign as his own man. It's taken a lot to get to the point where people don't think of him as the guy standing behind Clinton clapping. It's important that people see that he has a different style and is a different person than President Clinton."

When asked about the possibility that George W. Bush could win the popular election but still lose to Al Gore in the Electoral College, Gore was skeptical of whether or not such a situation was likely. She said, "I don't believe that is going to happen. The poll numbers that have come out this week are really positive, especially in the really big swing states. I really don't think it's going to be an issue. It would definitely merit some sort of a response if that were to happen; but I think what we'll see in these last days is that people will recognize that the stakes are so high and get out and vote. And when people tune in that way, I think people see that their priorities match my dad's and Joe[Lieberman]'s."

An interesting point in the interview came when Kristen was asked about Ralph Nader and the new phenomenon of vote swapping. In many swing states where Gore and Bush

appear to be running neck and neck, Nader supporters who have presumably taken away from Gore's support base have been swapping votes with Gore supporters from other states. That way, the voters in a state like New York where Gore is sure to win would vote for Nader, and in return the voters in battleground states like Michigan who would have voted for Nader could help Gore win.

Kristen seemed philosophically against the trend but also seemed slightly skeptical of Nader supporters' commitment to their candidate. "My feeling about that and my dad's as well is that he wants people to vote for him based on who he is and what he stands for. We respect the Nader supporters' incredible strength and passion and commitment to campaign finance reform, environmental issues etc. I think when they look at my dad, they will see that his interests match theirs' much better than Mr. Bush's. The swap we would like is to swap their support to my dad because he matches the stances they believe in."

Next, *The Student* asked about Al Gore's positions on Questions 1 and 6 in Maine. On Question 1, a referendum on physician assisted suicide, Kristen stated, "we are not for physician assisted suicide." However, she seemed slightly unsure about how best to handle the problems facing doctors. "My father is also not for hamstringing doctors who need to do what they can to relieve patients who are suffering," she went on to say. "Where you draw the line is up to the states."

She did not specifically comment on whether or not she or her father supported the question.

On Question 6, a law that would protect homosexuals from job discrimination, Kristen echoed her father's support. "We've really reached a point where everyone needs to have the respect and equal protection under that laws and nobody can be discriminated against for whom they fall in love with. It's time we got past that and we're for any law that supports that."

Concluding, Kristen responded to a question about the existence of widespread young voter apathy. Returning to the theme of her appearance, she stated, "It's true that a lot of people our age get really turned off by politics and feel like their vote doesn't matter and that people don't really listen to them. It's a mutual neglect. We don't vote and in return, they don't listen to us. But we are not apathetic as a generation. We volunteer more than any generation ever. I would like people to focus on the fact that, by voting, you can ensure that these problems we face today won't last until the next generation. My dad wants to encourage greater participation. And one way we think we can do that is by passing campaign finance reform so that it doesn't seem like big business controls everything. We have power. We start trends and turn obscure independent films into blockbusters. We have power and if we harness it, we can really make a difference!"

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former President George Bush, George W. Bush beat Arizona Senator John McCain for the Republican nomination for president last March. He now stands at roughly 40 to 45% to most national popularity polls.

Al Gore, a former Senator from Tennessee, has served as President Bill Clinton's Vice President since 1992. After defeating former New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley in the Democratic primary, he moved on to the general election campaign. Most national popularity polls put him at about 40 to 45%.

Ralph Nader, a long time consumer advocate and 1996 Green Party presidential candidate, has stepped up as a significant third party candidate. Not because he commands a high percentage in the polls, but because his 4 to 7% draws enough support from Gore to impact the outcome of the vote.

With numbers like these, the 2000 Presidential campaign has shaped up to be one of the closest presidential contests since 1960. In that year, then Massachusetts Senator John F. Kennedy beat Vice President Richard Nixon by less than one vote per precinct

on average.

But there is much more happening in this election season than just the presidential race. Ballot questions in most states touch on a range of issues from tax rollbacks to gay rights, from school buildings to health care, from gun control to dog racing.

While the United States Senate is expected to remain in Republican hands, the House of Representatives may be closer. Some experts predict that the Republicans will retain control, but may lose seats. Losing seats when they currently only hold a six seat majority could be extremely costly. On top of this, there are state legislature elections as well, and, in some cities, municipal elections.

It is indeed a heavy election year. But, only three quarters of the voting age population is registered to vote. And of those who are registered, only about half will turn out to vote today.

For more information about the election, visit:

www.vote-smart.org

www.politics1.com

www.newvoter.com

Voter Turnout Key In 2K

By BILLY KARZ
Staff Writer

After speaking with the General Chairman of the Democratic Party, Ed Rendell, it has become very clear that the Democrats are gearing up for a very tight election. In fact, the presidential election could very well come down to one electoral vote.

The state of Maine, as opposed to almost every other state in the country, splits its electoral votes. Instead of all electoral votes going to one candidate, two are given to the candidate who takes the state at-large, and one vote is given to the candidate who takes a specific district (District 1 and District 2 (the one in which we reside)).

Gore will probably take the first district, but according to recent polls (after a Bush appearance in Bangor), Gore is down in the second. For this reason, the Democratic

Party has begun to concentrate its attention in the lower liberal region of the district, the Lewiston/Auburn community. Lewiston is the biggest city in this specific area and therefore has the potential to change the outcome of the entire presidential race.

On the Bates campus, Democrats have begun ad campaigns to detour crucial Green party voters. Though not all Nader advocates are registered to vote in this highly contentious state, those who are will play a decisive factor. For this reason, flyers have been pinned up around campus to make Maine college voters aware of the consequences involved in this election, and have pointed out certain websites that discuss the concept of trading votes throughout the nation; www.nadertrader.com.

No matter what, voter turnout will decide this election in this community and in this nation. If people do not express their views by virtue of balloting, they will not be heard.

Campaign Tracking Poll

By MATTEO PANGALLO
Election Correspondent

This past week, 466 random Bates students participated in the final Bates College Tracking Poll for the *Bates Student*. In an attempt to get a better look at the Bates electorate, this week's poll included the variables of class, gender, and party identification, as well as the regular question on candidate preference.

Out of the 466 students polled an exceptional 92.9% indicated that they would be voting in this year's election. The pool of participants this week comprised of 51% men and 49% women. Broken down by party identification, the pool included 8.6% Republican, 31.3% Democrat, 7.9% Green, .6% Reform, .4% Other Party, and 51% Independent. By class, 28% of the respondents were from the class of 2001, 23.8% were the class of 2002, 30.7% were the class of 2003, and 17.4% were from the class of 2004.

The total results, by candidate, put Gore in a solid lead amongst Bates students, with 65%. In a distant second was Nader, with 13%. Behind Nader was Bush, with 8.6%, and behind Bush was Buchanan, with .86%. In addition to these, the choice of "other" candidate received 1.1% and "Undecided" received 4%.

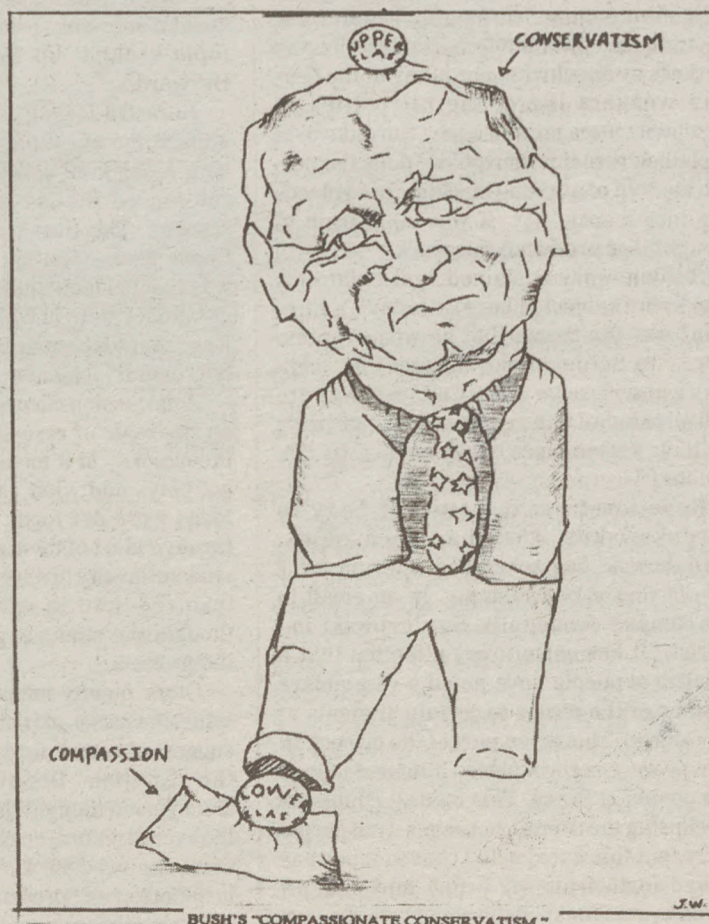
Comparing gender differences, 53% of Gore's supporters were women (making up 60% of the total women's vote) whereas only 28% of Bush's supporters were women. Nader received 48% of his support from women, but

Buchanan received 0% from women.

By class, Bush received the most support from the class of 2002 (30% of his vote, or 11% of the respondents from that class). Gore's largest block of support came from the class of 2001 (31% of his vote, or 72% of the respondents from that class). The class of 2003 was Nader's strongest class (33% of his vote, or 14% of the respondents from that class). Most of Buchanan's supporters (50% to be exact) were from the class of 2004.

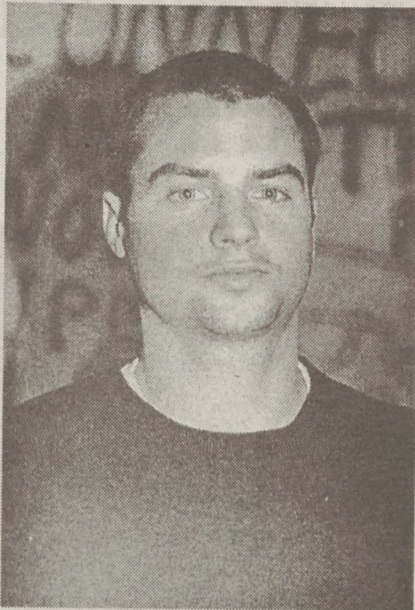
The most loyal party on campus (that is, the party which had the largest number of its members voting for its candidate) was the Democrats. The most confident voters (that is, those voters who did not select "Undecided" or "Not Voting") belonged to the Green Party.

The most electorally apathetic class (the class which selected "Not Voting" most) was the class of 2004. The most active class (the class with the least "Not Voting") was the class of 2001.



Question on the Quad

Beer Pong, Village II: Bush vs. Gore . Who wins?



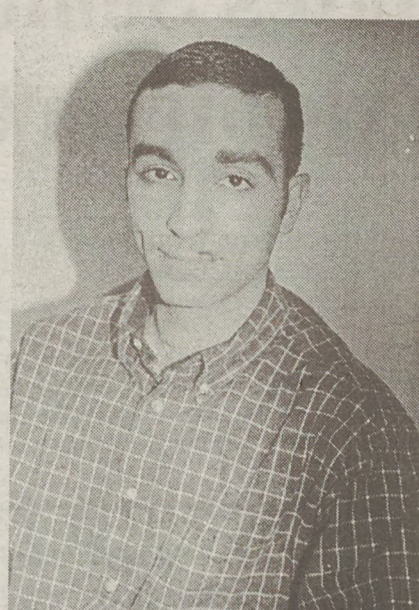
"BUSH! The guy's an animal. Just look at his track record."

Aaron Sells '01



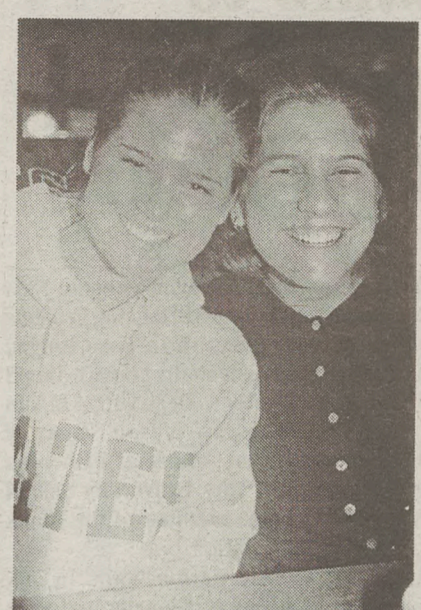
"Gore would win, but Bush would drive home."

Brooke Carey '01
Mandi Swan '01



"Bush - I don't think Gore has ever played."

James Foti '01



"Bush wouldn't understand the rules of the game, but Gore can come over to Village I and play with us anytime."

Katy Dutille '01
Carla Flaherty '03

Question by Christopher Buckley - Reported by Asad Butt - Photographed by Asad Butt

"Mysterious" Electoral College Explained

By DOMINICK PANGALLO
Election Correspondent

By midnight tonight, it will be decided. Well, not technically.

Technically, the American people are voting for electors today, who will meet separately in each state on December 18th to vote for the President and Vice President. That's the Electoral College for you.

To many Americans, the Electoral College is a mystery. And this year, it may play a more controversial role than usual, as some pundits are predicting that Al Gore may win the Electoral vote, but lose the popular vote. Should that be the case, then Gore would still win the Presidency. That hasn't happened since 1888 when Benjamin Harrison won the Electoral College vote, but Grover Cleveland won the popular vote. But, the way the system works does allow for it to happen.

Each state has a number of Electors equal to its number of Representatives plus its number of Senators. For example, Maine has two Representatives and two Senators, so we have four Electoral College votes. The state party committees meet early in the election season to decide on a slate of Electors for their party. They then submit that slate to the Secretary of State.

When voters cast their ballots today, they are actually voting for those slates of Electors. When a candidate wins a majority of the vote in the state, they win all the Electoral votes in the state. But wait — there's more.

Maine and Nebraska are the only two

Issue	GORE (D)	BUSH (R)	NADER (G)
Education	"To me, education is all about raising standards and expanding choices."	"States should be free from federal regulation...parents should be empowered with information and choices."	"The federal government is set to benefit from substantial budget surpluses. What possible excuse is there for not investing sufficient resources in education?"
Social Security	"We have to protect Social Security by putting it in a lock-box, so it can't be raided or drained away to pay for other programs."	"I will give individuals the option of voluntarily investing a portion of their Social Security payroll taxes in personal retirement accounts."	"Social Security does not need to be 'saved,' it needs to be improved, which can be done by calmly making gradual changes."
Health Care	"I believe we need a strong Patients' Bill of Rights, to take the medical decisions away from those HMO and insurance company bean-counters."	"I will remove federal regulations that restrict state flexibility in designing and implementing programs for the uninsured."	"Health care should be provided by a national health insurance program providing comprehensive benefits to all Americans throughout their lives, and funded directly by the federal government."
Taxes	"My middle-class tax cut is designed to fit within a balanced budget that pays down and then pays off the national debt."	"Roughly one quarter of the projected surplus should be returned to the people who earned it through broad tax cuts."	"The richer people are, the more the percentage you pay...And, we should tax things we don't like."
Environment	"Protecting the environment is one of the great obligations of our generation. And I believe that pollution must never be the price of our prosperity."	"I will maintain a strong federal environmental role but will return significant authority to states and local communities."	"The American people deserve transforming leadership in both the short and long-run to stem or prevent ecological violence to the Earth."
Abortion	"I will always, always defend a woman's right to choose."	"I am pro-life with exceptions for rape, incest, and when the life of the mother is at risk."	"For American women, the right to a safe, affordable and legal abortion is a legal right."
Campaign Finance Reform	"My plan would ban soft money contributions from both labor and corporations."	"I propose banning corporations and unions from giving so-called 'soft' money to political parties."	"Campaign finance reform is a key to reclaiming our democracy and our economy from powerful corporate interests."
Defense	"I will make certain that our military continues to be the best-trained, best-equipped, best-led fighting force in the world."	"The military of the present must be better supported and respected. It must also be challenged and transformed to be the military of the future."	"We can reduce our military spending...while still remaining by far the strongest country in the world."
All quotes are taken from the respective candidate's website			
	www.algore.com	www.georgewbush.com	www.votenader.org

states in the nation that divide their Electoral votes proportionally - kind of. Have a headache yet? Well, give it a second - you will. You see, in Maine and Nebraska - both of which have four Electoral College votes -

whichever candidate wins the state-wide popular vote receives two of the four Electoral votes. The other two are divided up based on which candidate won the majority in the two Congressional districts. Thus, in

faults. Regardless of which side you believe, though, one thing is clear. This election year, the Electoral College system may very well change the course of history.

Maine and Nebraska, it is possible to win zero, one, two, three, or four Electoral votes.

There are 538 electors in the Electoral College: 435 Representatives in the House, 100 Senators, and three Electoral College votes for the District of Columbia. A candidate must receive 270 Electoral College votes to win. Should no candidate receive 270 votes, then the election is decided by the House of Representatives. But that probably won't happen this year.

So what might happen? Well, it is quite possible that Gore will carry fewer states than Bush, maybe as many as a dozen fewer. However, the states Gore does carry will probably have a higher number of Electoral votes. California for example has 54 Electoral votes. But, since Bush will win more states outright, he may win the popular vote. Which, constitutionally, won't give him much more than a warm, fuzzy feeling.

Every four years, the Electoral College system finds itself in the center of debate and controversy. Its supporters and its critics both take this time when it has such a high-profile to point out its advantages or its

Lamb to speak on Hip Hop Culture

David Lamb was born in Queens, New York. He grew up in Astoria Housing Projects in Astoria, Queens (where he argues, tongue in cheek, Hip Hop music really began). David graduated from Hunter College with a B.A. in Economics, the Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs at Princeton University, and New York University School of Law, where he was member of the Black Law Students Association.

He began writing fiction while in law school when he became disenchanted with many of the articles he read in connection with Hip Hop and African-American culture. David's first book "Do Platanos Go With Collard Greens?" has been widely hailed as a breakthrough novel. First, for achieving critical and commercial success as a self-published work, second for exploring the oft-ignored subject of relations between African-Americans and Latinos, and third for helping to create the genre David describes as Hip Hop Fiction.

Timely and unique Do Platanos became the linchpin in a study-guide designed by David and used by New York City Alternative High School system as a way to promote better relations between African-Americans and Latinos.

In his second novel, David again addresses issues previously not tackled in literary form. The "Trumpet is Blown" is the first novel to look at Islam in the African-American community. In addition, by focusing on a young trumpet prodigy who seeks to fuse the best of Hip Hop and Jazz, it brings emotional insight and humor to bear in addressing inter-generational relations among African-Americans.

Both "Do Platanos Go With Collard Greens?" and "The Trumpet Is Blown" have been hailed for speaking to and speaking the language of the Hip Hop generation. David has been enthusiastically embraced by members of this generation and has been invited to speak to and has enchanted crowds at dozens of colleges and universities across the country.

Because of student demand, David designed and began teaching a course on Hip Hop & Society at John Jay College of the City University of New York. In this class, he further explores the wide range of themes he tackled in his novels, from the sociological implications of "Thug Life," to Afro-Latino connections, to the relationship between faith and Hip Hop to gender conflict and the image of women in Hip Hop culture.

David is currently working on his next book, a collection of essays entitled "Iceberg Slim, Malcolm X & Hip Hop: Hustlers, Heroes & Hollywood."

Lamb will speak on Saturday November 11, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. in Carnegie 204.

Bates Senior Curates Olin Museum Exhibit on Grandfather's Work

By JENNIFER GIBLIN
Features Editor

This Friday, the opening reception for "Andrew Wyeth: Her Room" will be held in the upper gallery of Olin Arts Center. Victoria Wyeth, the artist's only grandchild and a se-

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- Victoria Wyeth

nior at Bates, is the curator of the exhibit. As part of a museum internship course, Wyeth organized the exhibit, designed to explore the process of egg tempera paintings.

"After talking with my grandfather, we choose 'Her Room,'" said Wyeth. "The stud-

ies available for that painting are numerous and illustrate the process of bringing a painting through all of its developmental phases."

An American Cultural Studies major, Wyeth plans on a career in education. She designed this exhibit with children in mind. Proceeds from the sale of a catalogue and poster, available at the museum, will be used to support the Museum of Art's community education programs. Wyeth herself has been visiting local schools giving slide-show presentations.

Once the exhibit opens, Wyeth will be giving guided tours on weekends. Having worked as a tour guide at the Farnsworth Art Museum in Rockland, Me for the past eight summers, she has already developed a loyal audience of Andrew Wyeth fans. "The



A photograph of Andrew Wyeth, taken by his granddaughter, Victoria. Victoria Wyeth's photographs of her grandfather will accompany the exhibition "Andrew Wyeth: Her Room," opening this Friday in the Olin Art Museum.

public's interest in my talks stems from the fact that I have personal knowledge that isn't available in a book or magazine," she explained. "I offer stories that haven't been heard or read."

The Andrew Wyeth exhibit will run from Nov. 10, 2000 through March 30, 2001.

Charlie's Newest Angels Get Their Kicks at the Box Office

By JOHN PAYNE AND
JENNIFER GIBLIN
Movie Critics

With its sexy stars, slick stunts, and swell soundtrack, Charlie's Angels doesn't need much of a plot to attract audiences. It's a good thing because the plot is not only lame but predictable. For those of you that may not be familiar with this sexy trio from the seventies, Natalie, Dylan and Alex (Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore, and Lucy Liu) are three women who work for the mysterious Charlie Townsend and his detective agency. However, they report to their never-before-seen boss through Bosley (Bill Murray), the bumbling comic relief of the movie. In this film, their initial task is to find the kidnapped computer geek Eric Knox who invents a voice-identification device that, if put in the wrong hands, could be dangerous to the security of the world. It seems simple enough until they discover that Knox wasn't the tar-

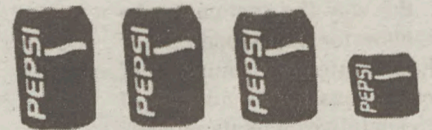
get at all. After attempts on all of their lives, an explosion destroying their headquarters and the disappearance of Bosley, they find out that their enemies are actually after Charlie. But that, friends, is about as complex as the plot gets.

Jenn: As we've already mentioned, the plot is not what makes this film fun. And it is fun. Watching the angels execute their bad-ass kickboxing moves is enough motivation for females to break out the Billy Blanks again. It also satisfied men: judging from the moaning of preadolescent boys and middle-aged men alike everytime one of the angels bared a little skin, the male contingent appreciated the "show." All together, the exploitation of the angels' "heavenly" bodies was a little hard to take. How many times do we have to witness Barrymore's cleavage or Diaz's swinging behind before it becomes cheap and obvious? (Not too many but, admittedly, Diaz's clueless attempts at dancing made for some of the movie's best scenes.) I give the

movie two cans of Pepsi for effort plus one extra for showing the bad guy drinking Coke.



John: Well, you've seen one action film, you've seen 'em all. Granted, these superheroes were, in my opinion, more attractive than Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jean Claude Van Damme. I certainly didn't expect more than a few good action scenes but, as the movie industry has been known to do, they showed all of the good ones in the previews. (They were still pretty sweet, though). So this movie was good but not great and I give it three and a half Pepsi cans.




Looking for something to get you in the holiday spirit? The Bangor Symphony Orchestra and The Robinson Ballet Company present the 16th annual production of the Nutcracker Ballet at the Maine Center for the Arts. Saturday, December 2nd at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 3rd at 3 p.m. For tickets and information, call The Bangor Symphony Orchestra at 1-800-639-3221.

Calendar of Events

Week of November 7 - November 14

<p>7</p> <p>Run-off Election for Senior Class President and Secretary. Vote today at lunch and dinner.</p> <p>BATES CONNECTION: Tuesday — Thursday 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Call prospective students...Free Pizza...Admissions</p>	<p>8</p> <p>2:40 p.m. Lecture: "Tools for Conservation Strategies," Dave Publicover, Appalachian Mountain Club <i>Muskie Archives</i></p> <p>7:30 p.m. Lecture: "Avoiding a Planet of Weeds: Environmentalism and Development in the 21st Century," William Andrew Shutkin, president of New Ecology Inc, Cambridge, Mass <i>Muskie Archives</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Noonday Concert: John Corrie, Bates Choir director, baritone and Nissa Gainty '02, oboe <i>Olin Concert Hall</i></p> <p>7:00 p.m. Lecture: "Tales from an Insider," Dr. Victor DeNoble, former research scientist at Philip Morris and one of the first industry "whistle-blowers" <i>Muskie Archives</i></p> <p>Film: "Smoke Signals" <i>Room 104, Olin Arts Center</i></p> <p>7:30 p.m. Lecture: "Quantum Computing and Other Applications of Spooky Quantum Physics," David Wineland <i>Room 204 Carnegie Science Hall</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>4:15 p.m. TGIF: "Community Organizing in the Heart of Lewiston" <i>Muskie Archives</i></p> <p>7 p.m. Opening Reception for <i>Andrew Wyeth: Her Room</i>, an exhibit curated by Victoria Wyeth '01 <i>Upper Gallery, Museum of Art</i></p> <p>8 p.m. Play: "Manny's War" <i>Schaeffer Theater</i></p> <p>Concert: Kathleen Foster, cellist; Ray Cormis, harpsichord; Lee Humphreys, flute; and Nancy Roderick, violin <i>Olin Concert Hall</i></p>
<p>11</p> <p>8 p.m. Play: "Manny's War" <i>Schaeffer Theater</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>2 p.m. Play: "Manny's War" <i>Schaeffer Theater</i></p> <p>3 p.m. Concert: Bates College Orchestra <i>Olin Concert Hall</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p>7 p.m. Lecture: "International Social Change," Dan Swartz '90, campaign coordinator, Friends of the Earth <i>Muskie Archives</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Noonday Concert: Christina Astrachan, soprano and Frank Glazer, piano present songs by Robert Schumann <i>Olin Concert Hall</i></p> <p>4:30 p.m. Lecture: "The Path is made by Walking: A Catholic Feminist's Journey as a Change Agent," Jacqueline Landry, Catholic Chaplain, Harvard University <i>Skelton Lounge, Chase Hall</i></p>



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50 or so students standing in the end zone. Truth be told, this is the way it was supposed to be all season. While no one expected consistent 31-point victories, no one expected an 0-6 record going into week seven. A team that had both ups and downs was expected, but a team that won and also placed itself in the middle of the NESCAC standings was also anticipated.

That's the Bobcat team that showed up on Saturday. The victory was so lopsided because it was the lowly Polar Bears, now 0-7 on the other side of the field, but a performance more like the one last week during the first three quarters of the season would have spelled more victories.

"That's exactly the way we felt," commented sophomore Sean Atkins. "We felt we should have played that way all year, and we finally brought it together (against Bowdoin)."

Sophomore quarterback Kane Jankoski, threw for three first-half touchdowns to ignite the Bobcats to a 27-6 halftime lead.

"Kane did a great job of running the offense," said Head Coach Mark Harriman. "He was patient and took what the defense gave him."

A four-yard completion to Mike Moynihan

gave the Bobcats a 6-0 lead at the end of the opening quarter, but the Polar Bears quickly struck back to even the score on a 56-yard touchdown run by senior Tim Lawson.

That's when the 'Cats took control. The special teams provided the spark.

"The special teams were the deciding factor," commented Harriman. "Statistically the game was fairly even, but the blocked punts gave us great field position as well as momentum."

But first, Bates embarked on one of their best drives of the season, as the Bobcats moved 75 yards on 11 plays over a span of 4:42 to take a 13-6 lead. The drive was capped by a 20-yard run from Atkins, who totalled 175 yards on the afternoon.

Bates would take a 27-6 lead into locker rooms, after misques on two Matt Hession punts. Both were recovered deep in Polar Bear territory, one after a bad snap, the second after Atkins blocked the kick. Jankoski promptly fired touchdown strikes of ten and two yards to senior tight end Brian Mulready and Moynihan, respectively.

Bowdoin trimmed the lead to 27-13 midway through the third quarter after a nine-yard run by Mike Taylor. Then it was time for the Bobcat defense to step up, though.

Interceptions by Kevin Jackson and Pat Conners led to a touchdown run by Marc VanKeuren, and a field goal by Rejean Guerriero, which upped the lead to 37-13 in the fourth quarter. The field goal was the 18th of Guerriero's career, tying the all-time Bates mark. With 7:31 left, VanKeuren scored from three-yards out to make it 44-13.

Sound routine? Sound easy? For the most part, it was. Now, the Bobcats know how it's done. They know how to beat a team, knowledge they didn't have going into the fourth quarter against Trinity, Tufts, Wesleyan, Williams, or Colby.

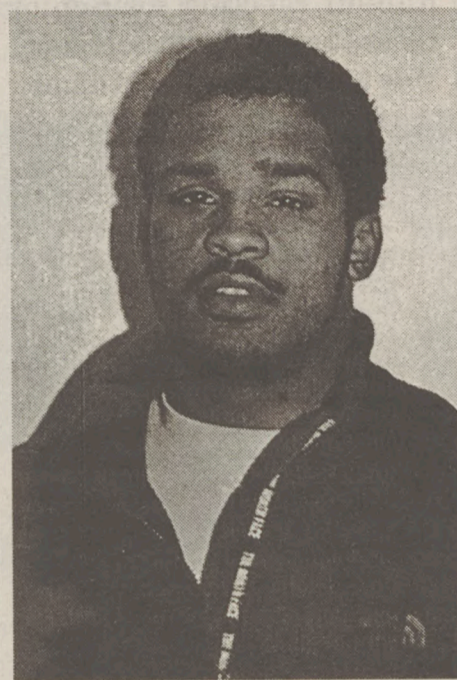
"I was pleased for the seniors," added Harriman. "They have hung tough all year and deserved a game like last week. I was proud of the way we played as a team. The ability to put a team away when you have them on the ropes is something we have talked about all year"

"It was the best feeling of the year," added Atkins.

This Saturday, 1-6 Hamilton comes to Lewiston. It will be the final game for the seniors, who would love nothing more than to know that they helped teach the young players how to win in hopes that they can build a champion in the future, even, if it took all season.

The upperclassman passed that knowledge along to the first-years and sophomores against Bowdoin. Against the Continentals, they will look to set it in stone with a repeat performance.

Bobcat Of The Week



Sean Atkins

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Sean Atkins of the Bates Football team is the Bobcat of the Week in this issue.

Atkins has had an excellent season, and it was no different Saturday as the Bobcats picked up their first win against Bowdoin. The sophomore racked up 175 total yards, a touchdown, and blocked a punt which led to another score. That score, and Atkins' 20-yard touchdown run were first-half TD's, which was when the Bobcats took control, building a 27-6 lead.

This week Atkins looks to replicate the effort and help the Bobcats end the season with a two-game winning streak by beating Hamilton at Garcelon Field.

Women's Rugby Loses Final Game To Maine-Orono

By PAUL ZINN
Sports Editor

A couple of questionable calls and a second half try allowed the University of Maine-Orono to get by the Bates Bobcats this past Saturday in Lewiston, 8-5.

"Our team played the hardest we ever played, ever," commented Stacey Berkowitz. "It was the best game I've played in my four years of rugby. It was amazing. I was so impressed with the way every single person played. Everyone gave 100 percent. It was really great to see everyone give 100 percent in our last game."

Orono took a 3-0 lead at the half, due to an offside penalty, and they built on the advantage early in the second half with a try.

However, the Bobcats would take control and spend a lot of time in Orono's half of the field. Two tries were even called back. The first was a scrum try, and the second was scored by Ashley Cave.

Finally, at the very end the Bobcats broke through, when Tina Browne scored on a line try. That cut the lead to 8-5, but Bates wasn't able to score again, and lost their final game of the 2000 season. Bates finishes the campaign at 1-6, but played significantly better than their record suggests.

"Our record definitely didn't show the talent of our team. I think we have some wonderful players and great athletes," added Berkowitz.

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Just How Important Is A Second?

By **BILLY HART**
Staff Writer

Stardom in sports is frequently determined by a bang-bang play or a close call. Milliseconds separate the champs from the chumps. The world of sports journalism is no different as reputations often hang in the balance of split second judgements, and there is no instant replay and challenge opportunity to overturn a decision. Case in point, last week I came painstakingly close to releasing my 2000-2001 Boston Celtics preview, titled "Run For #1, Draft Pick That Is".

Talk about escaping a foot in the mouth moment. Boston's beloved Celtics have burst out of the starting gate like a group of well-conditioned thoroughbreds. To think I was going to chastise Ricky "Robin Hood" Pitino, who consistently robs from the rich Celtic tradition, to pay very poor players. I nearly tore into his schematic full court-trapping defense that presses only the statisticians tracking

the opposition's points. I even made up jokes about the man: Question: "How many Celtics does it take to change a light bulb in Pitino's house?" Answer: "None, Pitino lives in the dark."

It gets worse. In this preview I questioned Antoine Walker's dedication. Can you imagine if I actually published an article suggesting that Walker should shimmy-shake his 80-million dollar butt into a gym during the summer? The man only goes out and scores 78 points and grabs 28 rebounds in three games. Who needs dedication when your putting up numbers like that? Just ask Allen Iverson.

I described the Paul Pierce stabbing incident as another example of the Celtics curse that began with the tragic death of Len Bias. It seems now that Pierce's near death experience was a blessing in disguise. Maybe the Made Men album should become the Celtics anthem.

Talk about gaul; I even dedicated a whole paragraph to hash over, "another pitiful sum-

mer of Celtic inactivity and stupidity." Can you believe I questioned the acquisition of Bryan Stith and Randy Brown? These guys can almost make you forget about free agents like Tim Duncan and Grant Hill.

There I was, just a mouse click away from sending these doubt-laden lines of absurdity for the world to read. Fortunately status as a full-time student and a pressing political science assignment superseded releasing my embarrassing, if only for the moment, Celtics preview.

Sometimes the close calls go your way. Sometimes they don't. That's the nature in sports journalism too. As the Celtics opened their season with a surge that positions them on the verge of hoisting a seventeenth championship banner to the not so hallowed rafters of the Fleet Center I felt blessed that my green writing career was not tarnished by such a premature assessment. I got lucky. Maybe there was a Celtic Leprechaun looking over my shoulder.

Waterpolo finishes 13-2, 5th At Nationals

By **STEVE HALLAS**
Staff Writer

The Bates Water Polo team went 2-2 this weekend at the Division III Club National Championship in Oberlin, Ohio, ending their season with a record to 13-2. The Bobcats beat their first oponent St. Mary's University 17-5 and won their third match 12-7 over Trinity.

Kalamazoo College was able to best the polo players by a score of 9-4, while the University of Rochester edged them out in their final game, 10-9.

Finishing ahead of Bates was the Rochester Institute of Technology, Wesleyan, and Kalamazoo. U or R took fourth after beating the Bobcats, who placed 5th. Next week's Student will feature a full length article and photos from nationals action. Congratulations to Bates Water Polo!



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Field Hockey Falls To Tufts In ECAC Tourney

By NICK BOURNAKEL
Staff Writer

Revenge was enjoyed last Wednesday in the first round of the ECAC Tournament, but unfortunately for the Bobcats it would be Tufts' avenging their early-season loss to Bates. The Jumbos won 1-0 on penalty strokes after 100 scoreless minutes of play.

**Tufts 1 (PS)
Bates 0**

For Bates it was the bitter end to a season of frustration at the hands of the very team that knocked them out of the ECAC tournament only one year ago. With the loss, Bates concludes the 2000 field hockey campaign at 7-8, a far cry from their impressive 11-4 mark in 1999.

On Wednesday, it was a gritty battle between the Jumbos and the 'Cats. Both sides played to a scoreless tie through 100 minutes of regulation and overtime play, but Tufts' senior Collete Gau det finally broke the deadlock, putting a shot past Peggy Ficks on the Jumbos' fourth penalty stroke. Ficks had 20 saves in the losing effort. Tufts sealed their triumph when Jumbo keeper Dena Sloan turned aside the 'Cats' fifth shot.

For the seniors, Nicole St. Jean and Ficks, it was an extremely difficult way to end two wonderfully successful careers. However, solace for both can be taken in the fact that Tufts was a team that narrowly missed making the NCAA tournament, and the 'Cats tested them as much as they could, fighting the entire way. Another consolation is the recognition accorded to senior captain, Peggy Ficks, who was named a second team All-NESCAC selection last week.

Also named to the second team All-

NESCAC team was sophomore Julia Price. And for the rest of the Bobcat Field Hockey team, the road that lies ahead is well-illuminated with the promise that awaits this team next year. In examining the 2000 statistics, there are tangible indicators of talent. The top five point-scorers for the 'Cats are comprised of three sophomores and two first-years. In goal, although the loss of Peggy Ficks is enormous, sophomore Lindsay Gary will provide a capable replacement in the net, having practiced and learned from one of the best field hockey keepers ever to don the Bates' garnet.

First-year Hedda Burnett talked about the overall disappointment of the 2000 season, but, like all who know this young team, she was unable to speak without optimism looking ahead to next season: "A lot of our games were close this year, and we simply weren't able to score. Everyone's looking forward to a clean slate next year."

And indeed, although the memory of this season will have been put to rest by next fall, the challenge to meet high expectations will need to be dealt with once more. How the youthful 'Cats handle this pressure will undoubtedly dictate how they fare next year.

With such a plenitude of talent, and the determination of Coach Wynn Hohlt, there is no reason that 2001 should not be a banner year for the Bates Field Hockey team.

And for seniors Nicole St. Jean and Peggy Ficks, we wish them the best of luck in the future. Over the past four years, they have been the veteran guides for a team comprised of mostly sophomores and first-years, and they will be missed by all on the team.

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outside hitter Kristina Godek had 12 digs and 3 service aces, and fellow senior, middle hitter Mandy Webb had 10 kills and 8 digs. Also helping out on defense for Bates were sophomore outside hitter Katie Burke, and junior middle hitter Sarah Linehan who combined for 33 digs.

Next, Bates faced top seeded Middlebury who had defeated 8th seeded Colby in the second round. In an extremely tight match, Bates emerged as the winner in 5 games, 14-16, 16-14, 15-13, 15-17, 15-13. Hagstrom led the Bobcats with 57 assists, 13 kills and 9 digs and Fennessey had 17 kills, 25 digs and 3 service aces. Webb had 11 kills and 2 solo blocks for the Bobcats, and Wanless added 17 kills. Linehan and junior middle hitter Lisa Dulude combined for 17 digs on defense and Burke aided the offense with 5 service aces.

"The match against Middlebury was one of the most exciting matches I've ever been associated with," said first-year Head Coach Jen Bowman, "Every game was decided by two points and the match lasted a little more than two and half hours. It was so much fun. In the fourth game we came back from a 6-14 deficit to tie the game at 15 all. We eventually lost the game 15-17, but what an incredible effort. The team played with so much heart and really fought though all sorts of adversity to win that match. It was great

to be a part of something that special."

Williams, the second seed in the tournament, was upset in the second round by Trinity, the 7th seed. Trinity was then defeated in the semi-finals by #3 Amherst to set up a Bates-Amherst meeting in the finals. In a four game match, Bates was defeated by Amherst 4-15, 7-15, 15-13 and 5-15.

Despite the loss, Bobcat players posted strong numbers for the match. Hagstrom had 47 assists, 8 kills and 7 digs and Wanless added 22 kills and 7 digs. Webb had 12 kills and 3 digs and Dulude chipped in with 7 kills and 8 digs for the Bobcats. First year outside hitter Emily Tomchin assisted on defense with 14 digs.

"We have a lot to be proud of this past weekend," said Fennessey, who had 8 kills and 13 digs in the match. "When the games got tough everyone on the team dug deep and contributed for each side out. We should hold our heads high after this weekend, and get prepared for ECACs. We are not finished yet!"

"I am certainly not making excuses, but it was tough to come back and play a really tough team, like Amherst, after playing so long and so hard earlier in the day," said Bowman, "We made some mistakes in the final that definitely cost us, but you have to give Amherst the credit they deserve- they played great. I think they will represent the NESCAC well in the NCAA tournament."

Volleyball At Wellesley 7:30, This Thursday

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Amherst had beaten top seeded Wellesley on penalty kicks, while Bates saw off Williams 1-0. thanks to Amanda Waterhouse. She had found a rich vein of form that had started Wednesday when her two goals proved the difference in the Bobcats first round match against Plymouth State.

It continued in Saturday's semi-final, when she provided the final touch on a wonderful exhibition of attacking soccer. Christy Deysler started the move by holding the ball up, before turning and playing a defense splitting pass into the path of second team All-NESCAC selection Krissie

ceived Kate Dockery's headed pass, but the linesman's flag stayed down and Waterhouse tallied her fourth goal in three games.

Amherst was left fuming at the decision, and the tackles began to fly as the half drew to a close.

Frustration from the Amherst players boiled over less than a minute into the second half with Hallison Putnam receiving a yellow card for dissent following her foul on Dayle Grande.

Putnam would cool off and eventually score the equalizer in the 62nd minute. She pounced on a loose ball at the top of the box. One touch took her clear of several Bates defenders, and



Lindsay Harvey takes on a Williams defender.

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Whiting. Whiting centered for Waterhouse, who had the simple task of turning the ball in from five yards out.

In Sunday's championship match, Waterhouse again made her attacking intentions known; as early as the 4th minute she was put through on goal only to be flagged for offsides.

Amherst duly took note of the early warning and responded with one of their own which turned out to carry a bit more weight.

Katelyn McCabe scampered uncontested down the right flank and sent in a perfectly weighted cross, which found Sarah O'Keefe unmarked in the box. She powered her header past Martell to give Amherst the lead after just eight minutes of play.

Bates tried to hit back immediately and came close in the 14th minute when Waterhouse dispossessed Brianne Watkins and served up an inviting cross for Kristy Crawford. But Crawford failed to cleanly connect, and the ball rolled harmlessly wide. The game was joined.

Bates was let off the hook in the 22 minute when Alexa Faigen charged down Alicia Dermody's attempted clearance and then, with only the 'keeper to beat, fired her shot off the crossbar.

Martell was called into action again a few minutes later, punching clear a cross with Hallison Putnam lurking dangerously in the box.

Bates was back on level terms in the 31st minute following a foul at the top of the Amherst box. Catherine Crosby let fly a rocket and the ball ricocheted up off the crossbar. Becky Castle was quickest to react and rose above the Amherst 'keeper Brooke Diamond to nod home and draw Bates level.

Buoyed by the goal, the Bobcats continued to press forward and five minutes later they took the lead, albeit somewhat controversially. Waterhouse appeared to be offside when she re-

her second placed the ball past Martell, putting Amherst back on level terms.

Amherst had an opportunity to shoot into the lead several minutes later, but sloppy finishing and a goal line clearance from Dermody kept the scores equal.

At the other end, Bates twice came within the width of a post to snatch victory in the closing stages of regular time, but both Whiting and Dockery saw their efforts deflect harmlessly off the woodwork.

Full-time came and went with the teams still deadlocked. The first extra time period saw Bates weather a storm, surviving near constant pressure from Amherst. Only stingy defense and the goalkeeping heroics of Martell staved off an Amherst goal.

The second extra time was much the same with Amherst having the better of the possession and creating several chances, including one which McCabe should have done better with, instead of blazing a shot over the bar.

Bates finally began to assert themselves in the third extra time. First Becky Castle and then Dockery had a go at settling matters, but neither could convert.

At the other end, Putnam tried her luck with a shot through traffic, but Martell was equal to the task, getting down low to stop it.

Unfortunately, Martell could do nothing in the 133rd minute when she was deceived, by Rossman's redirect of Putnam's header.

"In any game that goes all the way to overtime, it is very hard to lose," Martell said. "This game was especially hard for us because we had beaten Amherst earlier in the season, and because we had a 2-1 lead for a while."

The loss is, without a doubt, a sour note on which to end the season, but it in no way can diminish the accomplishments this season of this very talented squad.

Easter Takes Second In ECAC's; Men's CC 14th

By **JESSE TISCH**
Staff Writer

At last week's NESCAC meet, an overzealous opening mile and overtight spikes caused Justin Easter to peter out in the race's latter stages. He revised his strategy for this Saturday's ECAC meet, toeing the line with a single goal: "run smart at the beginning and finish strong."

Bates 14th Place

It wasn't easy. For the first 5K, Easter fought his natural instinct to quicken the pace. With a marathoner's patience he waited and waited before making his move. Then, with a mile to go, Easter took off like he was bounding on a trampoline and dropped the four person chase pack he'd been running with.

Easter's conservative early pace paid off. On an atypically hot November day, Easter traversed the tough Grafton course in 26:19, finishing an impressive second overall and setting a new Bates Record.

Easter wielded his faux anger like a sword in the final two miles, using it to fuel a kick which nearly won him the race.

"I did my work in mile five," said Easter. "If there had been another kilometer, I would have had him (the winner)."

Coach Al Fereshetian felt similarly. "Easter was really closing on him. Another half mile he would have had him."

At next Saturday's Regional meet, one place could mean the difference between a ticket to nationals and a weekend vigil over the internet to find the meet results. Luckily for Easter, this was only ECAC's.

The ECAC meet is like the VH1 music awards of Division III races, an event that draws only marginal talent and which many runners skip in lieu of bigger races where more is at stake. Instead of fielding a complete team, coaches often use ECAC's as a litmus test for deciding which runners will occupy the sixth and seventh varsity spots in coming races.

On Saturday, coach Fereshetian rested his 2nd through 6th runners- in effect making the race a run-off for the seventh spot at next Saturday's regional meet.

The winner of the final spot was first-year Tim Miller, who finished the race in 60th place (29:10).

"I just had a positive attitude coming in (to Saturday's race)", said Miller. "I knew that it was decisions I'd make during the race, and not before, that would matter."

Miller raced confidently from the start, running second for the team behind Easter. It was a position he wouldn't concede the entire 8k.

"I wanted to be in a position at three miles that I could finish in," said Miller. "The last two miles were just hang on and kick."

While Miller and Easter were racing in Grafton, the other five varsity runners were toiling through a strenuous indoor workout in Alumni Gym. It started with four 40's, each run between 72 and 69 seconds. A blistering mile followed for which times ranged from 4:44 to 4:36. The lung-searing workout concluded with a series of 800's.

The results of the workout hint that the Bobcat's fitness is sufficient heading into the twilight of a season. The question is, "sufficient for what?" A top ten finish at the regional meet this weekend would earn Fereshetian's Bobcats the respect of their foes, but only a top five finish would earn them a ticket to Spokane for the NCAA Championships.

Fereshetian has not ruled out a trip to nationals, yet one is so brash as to predict one.

"If we ran the race of our lives we can sneak in to the top five," said Coach Fereshetian.

This Saturday, one of two things will likely happen: 1) the Bobcats will run beyond their potential and send an entire team to Nationals or 2) they will fall well short, and have to rely upon Easter to represent the team with an individual bid. The latter seems more plausible.

Johnson Leads Women's CC To 13th Place In ECAC's

By **STEVE HALLAS**
Staff Writer

As the 2000 cross country season draws to a close, the ECAC championships were highlighted this weekend by a number of outstanding individual Bates performances.

Bates 13th Place

placed 13th of 35 teams.

Head Coach Carolyn Court was extremely proud of her runners this weekend. "We ran exceptionally well. Without some of our front runners, the rest of the team had to step it up, and they did."

For this meet and for the rest of the season the coach selects seven runners to compete in each race. The top five finishers for each squad determine the team score. The runners this week have not been the traditional top finishers this season.

Sophomore Leigh Johnson was over the line first for the Bobcats, running the challenging Tufts course in 20:44 and placing 45th. It was her best time of the season. Classmate Kelley Puglisi finished with a time of 21:01, in 63rd place recording a lifetime best 5K run.

Continuing the scoring for Bates was Rebecca Hakala, who ran a collegiate best time of 21:15 in 78th place. The final two scorers for Bates were Meghan Johnston and senior Meghan Reidy. Johnston completed the course in 21:27 in 84th place, while Reidy finished her Bates career with a lifetime best of 22:00, which gave her 104th place.

"I was really glad to finish my last race on such a positive note," said Reidy. "I was

pleased with how I ran, and it was exciting to set a PR at Grafton, a challenging course."

Meg Helms and Bailey Freeman were the 6th and 7th finishers for the Bobcats this weekend. Helms finished with a time of 22:02 in 106th place, and Freeman finished in 121st place with a time of 22:32, which was a collegiate best for her.

With all but two of the seven runners recording season best runs or better on the difficult 5k course in Somerville, the team really showed their ability to run a great race late in the season.

In summing up the race, Court made the comment that "It's a real challenging course and for them to do a lifetime best is really impressive."

The gap between the first and last scorer was just over a minute, demonstrating how well the team ran well together. Impressively, Johnson, Helms, and Reidy all managed to shave about two minutes off their times from when they ran the course earlier in the season.

Next weekend the team's front-runners will be heading to UMASS Dartmouth for the Division III New England NCAA qualifiers. The race will feature 30 teams, 4 of which will advance to the championships as well as nine individuals not on those teams.

The people expected to be representing bates next weekend are Julie Dutton, Jesse Gagne-Hall, Allison Locke, Beth Pagnotta, Katie Parker, Lauren Shoff and Elizabeth Wallace.

Court is optimistic for the coming weekends race, saying "If this group can follow through as to how we did last week, they will have a tremendous race next weekend."

UMASS Dartmouth is a much easier course and the runners will be able to shine in what could be their final race.



Ultimate Frisbee went 1-3 this weekend.

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W. Soccer: Close, But No Cigar Showdown



Amanda Waterhouse looks to score against Plymouth St.

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A plucky Amherst team struggled against the adverse weather conditions and a resilient Bates squad, but in the end still emerged as 3-2 victors after 133 minutes of play.

**Amherst 3
Bates 2**

It was a heart-breaking end to the season for Bates, who will feel hard-done after erasing a one goal deficit, and then taking a one

goal lead during a five minute span in the first half.

Amherst, though, grew in stature as the match progressed and in extra time laid siege to the Bates goal. Bates' keeper Kim Martell pulled off a string of stunning saves to deny Amherst, including stretching full length to deny Hallison Putnam a certain goal in the waning moments of the first extra time.

Yet, she was helpless when a redirected header from Jenny Rossman left her wrongfooted, and she could only watch as the ball rolled agonizingly over the line to give

Amherst the victory with three minutes left in the third extra time.

"The ball changed directions and I just couldn't get any footing to change directions with it," Martell said afterwards.

This was a championship match that lived up to pregame expectations. It was an encounter of remarkable drama, with several lead changes, hard tackling, and goals aplenty. All of this despite the fact that both teams had played tight, tense semi-final matches the day before.

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Football Hammers Bowdoin For First Win

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Finally, the buzzer sounded. It had happened. After more than two months of sweat-drenched practices, countless hours of watching film, and six games, the Bates Football team finally picked up their first victory of the season, over Bowdoin, 44-13

**Bates 44
Bowdoin 13**

Saturday at Whitier Field.

To say it was long awaited, isn't enough. Despite their 0-6 record, the Bobcats had led in the fourth quarter in four of those games. There had been heartbreaking losses, and even a bitter defeat at the hands of arch-rival Colby, marking the first time the seniors had ever lost to the hated White Mules.

Still, the Bobcats didn't show a great deal of emotion as they walked to midfield to shake hands with the Polar Bears, especially considering the circumstances. Nor did the



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Marc VanKeuren finds paydirt Saturday.

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Some sporting events can captivate a nation. Below is an account of a sporting (sort of) event that I imagined captivating a crowd of partying Batsies. In this time of elections when we all confront issues of liberties and rights, I wanted to stop and reflect on what might have been. I would like to thank Aaron and Chris for inspiring this column—a story of the greatest game of Beirut ever played.

The Texas governor waltzed over to the sofa in the basement of a house on the campus of Bates College. I could see him reading the Bates Republican newspaper through the smoke-filled room. "I love this courier new font—it makes this thang look longer and more seriouser than it is," he said.

From across the room I heard Charlton Heston yell, "Hey Dubya! Gore and Streisand both missed! It's your turn."

"Well then, I 'spose I'd better put down this steveweiser and mosey on over to hit that last cup."

"Shut your mouth, you ingrate. Heston's been carrying your big-eared, idiotic butt all night", said Streisand.

"Yeah! Chuck, how's your back? You're carrying that little Bush guy", said Gore.

"Little Bush guy?! No wonder you're losin'. Is that the best you can come up with, Al Bore?"

Bush and Heston exchanged drunken high-fives. In the corner, Cheney and Lieberman were doing push-ups with first-years on their backs. I think Cheney might have had another heart attack, but I couldn't be sure—the scene was packed to view the main event.

Bush-Heston had two cups on the table; Gore-Streisand just one. Dubya rimmed out a shot. Heston missed the table by four feet, took out a rifle, and shot a three-foot hole in the ceiling.

A student observer asked, "Mr. Bush! What would you do about the prohibition of hard alcohol and drinking games?"

Bush responded, "I certainly think we should look at the important issues that are involved at this fine restitution of bigger learning around drinking. I wouldn't endorse anything that I wouldn't endorse, but I do affirm that we need to come together on this. Fuzzy math will get us nowhere."

Gore pushed Bush out of the way, and recited a mathematical formula that he had developed in a 3,000-page report on the subject. No one was listening, not even Streisand. She was singing "Memories" and looking at a wallet-sized photograph of Andre Agassi.

After Gore and Streisand both missed, the two ping-pong balls rested in the hands of the individuals on the radical right side of the table. Dubya sank his shot cleanly, and Heston fell down, giggling. The greatest game of 'root had ended. Curious George Bush, looking confused, said, "What should we do? Are we out of beer?"

Two first-years passed a dejected Al Gore and started to set up cups. Ralph Nader walked out of the bathroom and yelled, "Hey! I was next." Two lacrosse players laughed and said, "Too little, too late."