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Students participate in Maine caucus

by **NIRAJ CHOKSHI**
NEWS EDITOR

On Saturday, Feb. 8, Democratic voters across Maine turned out to vote in the Maine caucus. The local caucus, held in Lewiston High School, was visited by presidential hopefuls Dennis Kucinich and Howard Dean who both delivered short speeches.

Bates students have been preparing for the caucus since the start of the semester. Preparation has included visits from presidential hopeful Dennis Kucinich and Bush's National Campaign Chairman, Marc Racicot as well as a candidates forum and a visit by Senator Ted Kennedy on behalf of fellow Massachusetts Senator and presidential hopeful John Kerry (which was cancelled due to poor conditions).

The Bates College Democrats, led by ardent John Kerry supporter Paul Brunetti, set up transportation for interested students to the caucus. Gregory Rosenthal, who helped oversee the transportation, estimated that 40-50 students used the van rides to get to the caucus. Brunetti said "there were probably at least 200 [Bates students] there to see Howard Dean speak."

Students represented a variety of views in support of nearly every candidate. John Atchley, a junior and Kerry supporter, explained that he voted for Kerry because "he's the candidate who's been the most true to his opinions... I feel that Kerry has considerably more experience than any other candidate." Andrew Faller, a junior, explained his reasons for voting for Kucinich: "to tell you the truth a lot of people think he's kind of a nut... [but]

even down to the food he eats he's very socially responsible." Faller continued, "I think it'd be good to elect a candidate who's very, very different." Julia Rice, a freshman Dean supporter said of him, "He's the kind of candidate who has the leadership to change the Democratic Party."

Bates was also represented by a number of faculty members who participated in the caucus. Professors Larudee, Nero, Hildebrand,



Bates students (above) joined Lewiston residents to support presidential candidate John Kerry.

and Baltasar participated as well.

Kucinich, in his speech to the crowd in the Lewiston High School cafeteria, emphasized his stance on the Patriot Act, being the only candidate who voted against it. He also talked about war, peace, the WTO and NAFTA. He was followed by Maine Congressman Michael Michaud who spoke on behalf of John Kerry. Michaud was optimistic because of the turnout, saying, "it's clear to me

that we're going to take back the White House." Howard Dean followed Michaud and enjoyed the loudest response. Dean started, "I'm an independent thinker and so are the people from Maine." His speech was interrupted a number of times by applause. He also reminded voters that "a quarter of all the people who support us are under 30 years old."

After Dean concluded, caucus-goers were
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Bates students (above) joined Lewiston residents to support presidential candidate Howard Dean.

Bates students (above) watch as Howard Dean addresses the crowd at Lewiston High School.

directed into a number of rooms, organized by district. The majority of Bates students (approximately 70) were placed in one district where a handful of students made speeches which were shortly followed by a vote.

Brunetti said "students were united around the Democratic contenders and are eager to get George W. Bush out of office." As Brunetti remarked, "everything went really well."

PROFESSOR ELLEN SEELING PASSES AWAY

Theater professor, Seeling, passes away at 50 after battle with cancer

by **EMILY RAND**
STAFF WRITER

Professor Ellen Seeling, 50, passed away on Dec. 29 after a long battle with cancer. A tenured professor and designer of numerous Bates theatrical productions, Ellen's passing marks the loss of a huge talent. Originally of Michigan City, Indiana, Seeling attended Elston High School and Indiana University. She earned her master's degree in theater arts from Brandeis University. She is survived by her parents Kenneth and Bette of Michigan City, her brothers Bradford and Martin of Florida, and partner Regina Pistilli of South Portland.

Throughout her seven years at Bates, Ellen enriched the College community with her fantastic set designs and costumes. Her intricate and dynamic productions were all extremely well-received, not only within the College community but also within the theater community. The *Portland Press Herald* heralded Ellen's designs as "Terrific. Fun, stylish and interesting." Always a risk-taker, Ellen's ability to bring seemingly impossibly complicated set designs into fruition distinguished her work. For

one of her most memorable productions, 1999's *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*, Ellen designed a swimming pool on the stage of the Schaeffer Theater in which the actors were actually able to swim. For *Brave New World* in 2001, Ellen accomplished yet another feat of costume design by envisioning and creating literally everything the actors wore in the production, from their shoes to their hats.

"Ellen is the only designer I have ever worked for, and in the seven years we worked together she taught me so much," said costume shop supervisor Kathleen Peters. "She was always patient and encouraging. When she came into the shop with costume designs that seemed impossible, she would look me in the eye and say 'you can do it.' And we always did."

Ellen's last play, a Bates College production of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, was truly a testament to her passion for theater and costume design. Though she was bedridden throughout the entire design process on account of her illness, Ellen managed to design all of the production's costumes and sets via e-mail correspondence.

Senior Nate Holt, who starred in *Hamlet* and worked closely with Ellen noted that "her vivid imagination breathed life into the productions in a way that I had not experienced before. Ellen showed her students that costume and set design are a fantastic opportunity for expression; they define and give life to characters."

Indeed, besides being a brilliant costume and set designer, Ellen was also a well-respected assistant professor of theater. "Students really respected her," said college Chaplain Kerry Maloney, "even toward the end when she was very sick." Her course offerings

ranged from "Ancient Theater: Myths, Masks, and Puppets," a course that examined myths and masks in classical and medieval theater to a "Puppet Theater Workshop," for which Ellen drew upon her passion for Bunraku puppetry, a form of Japanese puppetry dating back nearly 1,000 years. Those students fortunate enough to have studied under Ellen knew her as a highly challenging professor, but also someone passionate about her craft and dedicated to teaching it to others.

"She basically taught me everything I know of the theater," said John Ambrosino '01, a former Seeling student and current director of the Boston theater group the Anius Ensemble. "I consider her my greatest mentor in modern theater." Ellen's love of theater and costume design also inspired the professors with whom she worked.

"Working with this talented, imaginative designer and director totally transformed my capacity for interpreting ancient tragedies," remarked friend and fellow professor Lisa Maurizio after she collaborated with Seeling on a 2001 production of *Prometheus Bound*.

Though she will be greatly missed, Ellen lives on in the sets and costumes she designed and the many lives she touched as a professor and designer. On February 12th, a memorial exhibition "Remembering Ellen: A Tribute to Her Vision and Talent," will take place at 7 pm in the Ladd Library. Ellen's costumes and designs will be displayed on live models and mannequins, and the tribute will be emceed by former student Nathaniel Holt.

"We want to honor Ellen not because she is gone, but because she was here," Peters said of the exhibition. "She always said, 'It's just a play,' but to be honest, I don't think she ever really saw it that way. These costumes, puppets, and sets were her life's work; they were everything to her."

Memorials may be made to the Ellen Seeling Design Fellowship. C/O Office of College Advancement, Bates College, 2 Andrews Road, Lewiston, ME 04240



Courtesy Photo

Professor Ellen Seeling (right) takes a picture with her costume for the character 'Ma' from 2002 production of *The Sea Wall*.

Breaking News: Dean Branham to resign

by **DREW MCKENNA**
WEB EDITOR



Courtesy photo

In an email sent out Monday afternoon, Administrative Assistant to the President, Kay Stevens, alerted the faculty of the resignation of Dean F. Celeste Branham effective July 1, 2004. Branham, who has had a distinguished 24-year career here at Bates, resigned and plans to "pursue new endeavors," according to the email.

Rumors of Dean Branham's resignation surfaced late last week, leading members of *The Bates Student* to pursue the story. Late Monday night, the fact that the email was sent was confirmed by several members of the faculty. The email contained praise from President Hansen for Branham's illustrious two dozen years of service. In a phone conversation Monday evening with Associate Dean of Students, Stephen Sawyer he said he believed Branham resigned because "the President wanted a fresh perspective on residential life issues." *The Student* attempted to contact Dean Branham but she was unavailable for comment because she will be out of town until Thursday. Asked about her possible future endeavors Sawyer added that "she is adjusting to her new status and inquiring into lots of different things." Dean of the Faculty, Jill Reich, said, "I do respect and admire her and honor her resignation...Celeste has given the College many years of dedicated service."

Branham's job as Dean of Students entails overseeing all aspects of student services including: "health, security...residential life...student activities...and ongoing initiatives relating to alcohol, sexual assault, and retention issues." Branham also is the principal contact for students looking to meet academic rules and regulations.

The College will begin a nationwide search for a worthy successor for Dean Branham immediately.

Information in this article was contributed by Chrissy Dove, Chet Clem, Niraj Chokshi, Tim Ayers, Amy Webb, and Matt Gagne.

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BRANHAM'S DEPARTURE SIGNALS NEW DIRECTION

The sudden resignation of Dean of Students F. Celeste Branham came as a complete surprise to us all. After serving the College admirably for twenty-four years, Dean Branham will leave her Bates career behind her on July 1 and "pursue new endeavors." Details surrounding her decision to leave Bates are unclear, and for the time being, unimportant. What is worth noting, however, is that Dean Branham's resignation signals a new direction for Bates.

Since President Hansen became Bates 7th President in the Fall of 2002, two high-ranking Deans have left. First, Dean of the College James Carrigan's retirement at the end of the 2002-2003 academic year, and now Dean Branham's resignation. With the departure of these senior Deans, President Hansen has been awarded the unique opportunity to profoundly affect the future direction of Bates.

The importance of Deans in shaping College policy should not be overlooked. President Hansen and the newly-created committee chaired by Dean of Admissions Wylie Mitchell charged with selecting a new Dean of Students have a vital task; selecting a new Dean that will help reshape Bates. In doing so, President Hansen's vision of reintroducing Bates as a modern intellectual College that promotes a "student-centered campus" can be immediately accelerated.

Dean Sawyer hinted at this, noting that Dean Branham resigned because "the President wanted a fresh perspective on residential life issues." New blood will infuse a new perspective to the oftentimes stagnant, or regressive policies enacted by Bates administration. Perhaps a shake up in the administration will establish the precedent that Deans are to be held accountable for their action, or apparent inaction.

The new Dean of Students must be able to grasp the intricacies of the daily lives of Bates students, and be able to effectively translate this into workable, productive policies that work *with*, not *against* the student body.

Under Dean Branham's guidance, the College steered through twenty-four years, emerging as one of the premier liberal arts colleges in the nation. We can only expect that the new Dean of Students will continue to accelerate Bates' development and direct the College into a new era of excellence.

CAUCUS PROVES BATES' ACTIVISM

If the Maine Democratic Caucus settled anything, it proved that Bates is most certainly politically alive and well. Students posted signs for their candidate of choice, hosted informational meetings, wore buttons, pins and slapped bumper stickers on their cars. Those pesky Republicans even held a rally. In the days leading up to the Caucus, one could overhear discussion at Bates focusing on the specifics of candidates platforms, their positives and negatives, and how each candidate would fare against President Bush come November. Bates was caught in a political fever.

For all those nay-sayers who contended that Bates was whiningly apathetic and hardly active, this past week proved that students are involved and do have a vested interest in the future of this nation. We are willing to take a stand, to speak and politick for our candidate. The days of passive acknowledgment of the political process seem over.

Bates' turnout at the caucus was just as impressive. Our ward far outnumbered other local voting districts. Politicians are taking notice of the importance of Bates. In the days and weeks leading up to the caucus, Bates hosted speeches by Democratic Presidential hopeful Dennis Kucinich and Bush-Cheney National Campaign Chairman Marc Racicot. Representatives from the campaigns of many of the Democratic candidates held a forum last Thursday, and Ted Kennedy was scheduled to speak on behalf of John Kerry on Friday.

It is unclear if this wave of political efficacy will remain strong throughout the remainder of this academic year. What is clear, however, is that Bates students fulfilled their democratic duties, and there is little else so integral to the continued successes of our nation.

LETTERS

WHITE SUPREMACY IN *THE STUDENT*

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Andrew Simon for his heart-warming portrayal of the African continent. His reminders of its poor, AIDS-infected inhabitants were precisely the sort of affirming portrayals that are needed in this, our nation's 28th celebration of Black History Month. His insensitive, imbalanced and unjust portrayal of African politics serves as an important reminder of that dangerous looming ghost of white supremacy that haunts our cultural lens.

Simon's article, "Africa: Leadership Wanted; Apply Within" (Feb. 3) posits multiple socio-political explanations for desperate conditions in Africa, citing autocratic governments and leadership vacuums as the principle determining factors of African turmoil. Yet these explanations shed no more light on the nature of Africa's 'problems' than they do on our own difficulties in the United States.

That power seeks only to retain its own authority is a political truism which is problematic for all political structures—capitalist or socialist, African or North American. And that individual leadership helps to clear a path through complicated social problems is an observation so obvious that it is hardly worth noting.

Yet in reading Simon's article one is lead to think that autocracy and leadership vacuums are indigenous only to the African Continent. If these universal political dynamics were truly the primary causes of African turmoil, then we could scarcely assume that the United States would be economically any more prosperous than any other nation in the world.

See MAYBARDUK LETTER, p.4

SIMON'S ARTICLE RIGHT ON THE MONEY

To the Editor:

I was sent Andrew Simon's article, "Africa: Leadership Wanted, Apply Within" (Feb. 3) by a friend of mine who attends Bates. I am a young black South African who graduated with a B com (Economics and Finance) degree in 2002. I started working immediately after graduation. And most of my friends who also graduated are working; it was easy for us, but it is not as easy as it looks. The only reason we get the jobs, in spite of our qualifications, is because of the most interesting policies of Affirmative Action, Employment Equity and Black Economic Empowerment.

Mr. Simon's article was very interesting. But my honest opinion is that as much as we don't have good governance in most of the African states, the problem does not lie solely with the leaders. Yes, there should be someone held accountable for the poor and corrupt governments we have, but until most African people are economically aware of what is happening around them, I don't think anything will change.

For instance, look at Zimbabwe: people are starving, there are no jobs, no food, nothing. All that can be minimized by putting good economic policies in place. But no, the people of Zimbabwe don't see that, they just want their leader (Mugabe) to be in power and they want their land given back to them. But that is no good if it is not used for economic purposes. The people of Zimbabwe are promoting the so-called land grabs supported by the government. But, for as long as most of Africa's leaders are not economically educated or

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HARRINGTON RESPONDS TO, WELCOMES CRITICISM

To the Editor:

After writing numerous Forum columns from Central America last semester about the devastating effects of neo-liberal "free trade" economic policies and getting no response from the Bates readership, it was a welcome change to open up last week's *Student* and find thoughtful and challenging responses by Kyle Curtis and Professor Bonnie Shulman to my January 27 letter criticizing attitudes expressed by Smadar Bakovic '03 in recent editions of *The Student*. I thank them and urge more members of the community to write to (and for) *The Student*. We columnists need to be held accountable.

I heartily endorse Professor Shulman's call for respectful dialogue on the highly emotional Middle East issue, but would contend that my letter was an example of such dialogue, not a dismissal of Bakovic's views as Shulman suggests.

As for Kyle Curtis' comments, I'd like to point See **HARRINGTON LETTER**, p. 4

SCC APPEALS PANEL EXPLAINS RULINGS, REASONINGS

To the Editor:

We write to correct *The Student's* report on the outcome of an appeal in a recent Student Conduct Committee (SCC) charge of sexual assault, in which it was mistakenly reported that the outcome of the original SCC guilty finding was "altered." It has also come to our attention that this statement is being interpreted to mean that the Appeals Panel found the accused student innocent of the charge, which was not in fact our decision. Since this charge involves serious and complicated issues that need to be thoughtfully addressed by our community, we want to correct the record and explain in somewhat more detail than usual what the Appeals Panel actually decided.

First, it should be noted that the Appeals Panel does not make findings of guilt or innocence in cases of student misconduct. Under the Code of Student Conduct, the function of deciding guilt or innocence resides solely with SCC. The Appeal Panel exercises a limited appellate function and, when grounds for appeal are established, may, in whole or part, affirm, reverse, vacate, remand for further proceedings, or otherwise modify any prior decision of the SCC provided that no punishment is

See **SCC LETTER**, p.5

THE CASE FOR LOVING ALL BEINGS

by **GREGORY ROSENTHAL**
OPINION WRITER

Consider this: our body is not just one whole self, but it also a working community of diverse beings. Our body is home to countless microorganisms that protect us from the inside. We know that when we get sick, other microorganisms invade and harm the microorganisms that we have always befriended. Our body cannot survive without the help of these friends inside us. Thus, our mind has an important responsibility.

Our one mind governs our body-community of organisms, and we must govern responsibly. Now we can consider why it really may be important to eat with good nutrition and get enough sleep. It is not a selfish pursuit. By eating well, and slowly, and not too much, and not too little, we feed our friends inside us. Proper sleep allows our friends inside to rest; to not provide this opportunity runs them down and they are invaded and conquered. It is easy to think that when we have a belly ache that the next day we will be all better and there is no loss, but consider the difficulty you are putting your friends inside you through. Perhaps we can govern our bodies with love for all beings.

When we love all the beings that make up what we consider to be our self, we are already respecting and protecting other beings in the world around us. By governing

Bush rally rude, crude, lewd, unfortunate

To the Editor:

The political orientation of Bates classes has recently come under an increasing amount of fire. I certainly agree that all ideas should be given their due consideration, that all students should feel comfortable in voicing their political beliefs. However, I do have my limits; they were tested at the Bush rally on Friday.

Call me an elitist, but when people spout juvenile, violent, and downright idiotic language at a political rally, when those people are treated as anything but outsiders in their group, when the atmosphere of a rally is one of anger and machismo, I find myself more than a little intolerant. When I overhear someone saying "Look: Kerry supporters. Let's fight them and see who wins," I immediately think that person is violent. But perhaps I'm narrow-minded. When I overhear someone taunt "We're here. Where's Kennedy?" I am quick to label him stupid. But perhaps I am ignorant; perhaps he landed his plane in the middle of a snow storm. When another comments "Kennedy's weak," in response to this comment, my immediate judgment portrays them in terms often satirized as feminist. I mean, come on. I didn't think they let people like this into college.

The worst of it is that while spouting such brilliance, these people have the audacity to demand their equal intellectual treatment. I would have them adopt this axiom: if you want your opponent to respect you, don't play into his or her hands. When your party is labeled by leftist radicals as a patriarchal gentleman's club of jingoistic idiots, try this tactic: don't beg for an opportunity to prove your political beliefs through a physical show of strength, don't exhibit a latent vein of violence at your every turn, and don't make comments which could be kindly described as imbecilic.

Given the contempt in which this group holds Al Franken and other liberal comedians, it astounds me the degree to which those quoted above imitate their own caricatures. Maybe they're trying to put Franken out of business by outdoing his parodies. Certainly ideas should be given equal weight in and outside of the classroom; certainly teachers should respect all opinions;

See **MULLIGAN LETTER**, p.5

Game time: courtside

Bringing a football mindset to the Mock Trial gridiron

by **MIKE LOPEZ**
HUMOR COLUMNIST

Bates 2004 football captain Kevin Madden brought the squad in. It was his team's first battle of the season, and pre-game jitters were inevitable. His opponents looked fierce. Madden, conveniently, looked awkwardly at me. Something needed to be said.

"Do you have anything to say Kevin," I begged, sweat dripping down my palms.

"No, not really," he replied. "I just gotta go pee."

While it was quite the motivational speech, holding our bladders was ideally not the day's main focus.

After all, Madden and myself were two-way witnesses on the Bates Mock Trial team. The one and only Bates Mock Trial Team. The team that had driven four hours down to Manchester, Connecticut, for a weekend tournament with over a dozen other schools. And, alas, the Bates Mock Trial team that finished 9th of 26 teams, quite an accomplishment considering it's the first squad in school history.

It started back in September, when I got suckered into being Madden's sidekick and joining the group. "Mock trial is so money," he used to say. I joined, but it took me a while to find any currency.

The team practiced two nights a week during the fall, and every night this past winter. Meetings weren't what you would call "fun." And the people, moreover, weren't what you call "my type." Fortunately, Madden was. So I stayed. And, slowly, the people that weren't "my type" became "fun."

So, in a trip eerily similar to Bates football ventures to Wesleyan or Trinity, I ended up in the middle of Connecticut with a pack of Bates kids. I figured I would spend the whole trip keeping a low profile with Madden. After all, what would two football players be doing with a bunch of debaters? Shouldn't we be mocking these kids, not mocking with them?

Nonetheless, the similarities between football and Mock Trial were too easy to ignore. The Mock Trial weekend was four rounds of blood, sweat, nose picking, and out of shape men bitching at one another. Bates football games are four quarters of the same, and with Jeff Bolduc on the

squad, a little more of the latter. Bates football coaches occasionally have cases of potty mouth, and Mock Trial coach Andrea Hopkins always had a case of potty mouth. Both make me feel like I need to go potty.

Differences, naturally, existed as well. Bates had two Mock Trial teams, Team Sex and Team Bad Ass Tigers. Team Sex, it turned out, was abstinent the whole weekend, although I think Kevin winked at me a few times. Additionally, Team Bad Ass Tigers was not always so aggressive. Lead attorney Fabio Periera, for example, was scolded for too much use of the word "like." I, like, don't like see like football Coach Harriman doing like the same.

Sparks, of course, were flying. In football that happens when Madden makes a big hit, say against Wesleyan. In Mock Trial, it was Madden taking the hits, this time on the upper body from Wellesley. Take after the first trial, when Madden thought he was simply getting lunch. A blond vixen from Team Wellesley had better ideas, slapping his shoulder, stating "you were such a good witness." She smiled. Madden blushed. I jumped up and down.

But when it came down to it, the same theories that apply to football applied to Mock Trial. The other team was gonna make some plays, we were gonna make some plays. It's not like we were playing professionals. Get it done. Do your job. Don't worry what the other team was gonna do.

And while I didn't end up with bruises up and down my body, my ego was a bit tarnished. I got ripped to shreds by an attorney from Boston College, and the same would've happened if I had taken on an Eagle football player.

In addition, the rest of the team could not believe that the two football players in the group went a whole two days without partying or breaking something. I, meanwhile, could not believe I enjoyed my time hanging out with freshmen debaters.

We all, I figured, learned something. And, after all the work, we had a blast at the same time.

I just hope that in next year's tournament, Madden will remember to bring his shoulder pads.

BATES RATES

Bates Website Down



The server was shut down due to the massive amounts of replies to the Documentary/Rock Climbing/Hip-Hop house.

Fights



Can't we all just get along? Unless you got a problem with that, chief, we can just step outside...

Maine Democratic Caucus



Not since Tannenbaum brought the Gin Blossoms has a Dean dropped in popularity so fast.

[Announce] Do YOU love vaginas?



re: [Announce] Do YOU love vaginas? YES.

BCSG Presidential Election Special

Candidates for President of the newly-created Bates College Student Government explain their platforms

Nabulsi: Change Needed

by **MUSTAFA RYAN NABULSI**
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

People have blamed the RA for not caring about the student body, and others have faulted the student body for not voicing their opinion to the RA. Scapegoating, however, accomplishes nothing towards solving the real problem of the RA. But now, the old RA is gone. The Bates College Student Government is now in power with promises of a reinvigorated representation of the student body's will. This representation will only occur if a new leadership takes control that can facilitate the transformation of the student government.

Ryan Nabulsi is that leader. I want to lead the Student Government so that the voice of the students is heard. Communication is essential to knowing the desires of the student body. Increasing dialogue would be the plank of my administration.

If I am elected President, I will hold a weekly table in front of Commons so that the students can voice their opinions directly to me, so that your voice is actually heard. I want to have a fully "open door" administration, so I invite you now, before the elections take place, to send me word.

Moreover, if elected, I would work with *The Student* to provide a page describing the current actions of Student Government. Included in this page would be a section calling for criticism of the Student Government: what we are doing right, what we are doing

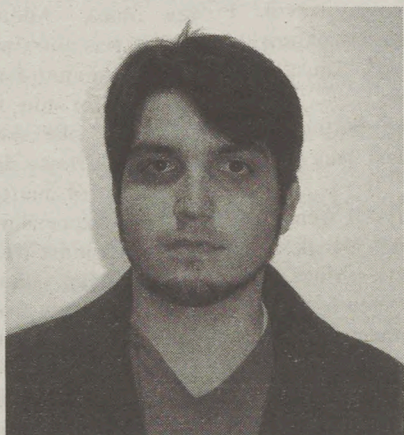
wrong, issues we are not addressing, etc. In addition to a page in *The Student*, my administration would send a weekly email briefly explaining the activities of the Bates College Student Government. I have already received responses from my email earlier this week.

These actions will help increase the dialogue between the students and the student government. However, a good dialogue is only the first step towards creating an effective Student Government. The second step would be communicating the student body's will to the administration and faculty and actually seeing results.

As President, I would make sure the administration listened to the will of the student body. Charged with the responsibility of representing the student body, I could not only communicate with the administration and faculty, but also make sure the administration would act upon our desires.

One issue that's frequently mentioned is the need to improve the Davis Fitness Center and the cardio-room in Merrill. More parking has been a concern expressed as well. As President, I would work with the administration to understand these problems and pursue a course of action to solve them. However, if the administration fails to satisfy the student body's concerns you can trust that I will push hard for these issues to be solved.

I am looking forward to serving as President and communicating with the entire student body so that an effective student government can exist at Bates.



Ryan Nabulsi

Zraikat: Students First

by **JAMIL ZRAIKAT**
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

In the current uncertainty about the representation of the student body, there is a need for someone to bring the student body and the Student Government together. Bates students, whether members of the Student Government or not, need to know what is going on and have things clearly explained to them. I know I can be a person who will present things to you as they really are, make the tough choices should the need to arise, and deliver bad news with the same clarity, honesty, and responsibility that I would the good news.

My experiences on the Committee on Committees and the Student Conduct Committee have empowered me to think more critically and make crucial decisions that affect people's hopes, dreams, and lives. I take the role of representing and leading the student body seriously, even though some don't. Being out there and in touch with the reality of Bates students, their lives, and what affects them is the key to making the BCSG successful. That is the duty of every representative.

The job of the President is not the only thing I would be doing if I am elected, as I will continue to Co-Chair the SCC, be a JA to 13 wonderful first-year students, and try to win every week in Intramural Soccer, because that is what it means to be a student. The President of the BCSG is, before anything else, a student. I take the BCSG seriously because I think that is why

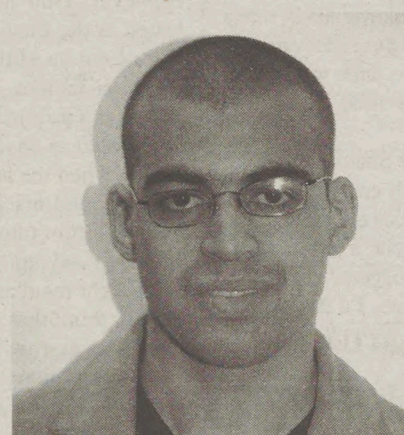
it exists; to make it easier, more exciting, and more fulfilling to be a student.

Some of my most memorable experiences at Bates and conversations I have had with students, faculty, and staff have been facilitated by many RA-related involvements. We need to show that, because a student government is made up of students, by students, for students.

I want to see this become a place of real change again, not by spending time worrying about the small aspects of government, but by coming every week to the meeting having been students for the whole previous week, interacted with students, and talked to students. We need to talk and be in touch, more so in person than by email or any other form of communication. Bills and contributions pertaining to the important

aspects of campus and student life have to be encouraged.

A small contribution can be a great contribution, and students at Bates will see things they want to change. Teaching them how to do that is important, so that all members know the ins and outs of bringing anything they feel should be shared to the attention of the representatives of the students. We need to keep it simple. But one small bill on top of another, one small conversation on top of another do make up a bigger picture. Take back your right to be truly represented and involved. By voting you are not only committing your representatives to serving your interests, but also committing yourselves to helping them do that.



Jamil Zraikat

Simon's article racist

MAYBARDUK LETTER
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There is no more or less leadership and political greed in the people of North America than there is in the people of the African continent. Therefore if these characteristics were the primary structuring principles of national prosperity then the United States would be no better off than the war-torn, highly impoverished west-African nation of Sierra Leone.

To reduce the problems of the pan-African Diaspora to a 'lack of leadership' is to uphold notions of cultural (if not overtly racial) inferiority. Simon would be well advised to stop blaming Africans and to get back to addressing the particular nuances of pan-African issues. But if Simon is still truly interested in building a leadership core that could empower the African continent, perhaps he might begin with himself; by exploring the possibility of removing his foot from the back of Pan-African peoples and aiding in the return of the 777 trillion dollars which were stolen through chattel slavery and colonial exploitation. The privileged elites of the world order might be too blinded by the all-too-evident comfort of their lifestyles to accept responsibility for the bloody exploitation of billions of people upon which their wealth was built, but hey "here's to hoping."

Alec Maybarduk '05

FROM A SOUTH AFRICAN TO SIMON: SPOT ON

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even aware of what the situation is, nothing will change.

I am South African but I don't support our president's policy of quiet diplomacy towards Zimbabwe. Though I think we should not interfere too much, I believe we

can help them if they want to be helped and at the moment they look like they don't want our help. As much as I think we should be helping them, I also think we as South Africans still need to do more for ourselves before we can start helping others.

What South African leaders did right was putting in place the kind of policies that they did. They did not take jobs from

out a few facts. The Iraqi government did indeed violate a number of UN Security Council resolutions prior to the Anglo-American invasion, but Israel continues to be in violation of over 65 resolutions, far more in fact than any other member state. It is the only state in the world that has for 35 years militarily occupied territories (the West Bank and Gaza Strip) which no country or international body in the world recognizes as legitimately belonging to Israel.

As for the U.S., it routinely exempts itself from and flouts the authority of organizations and treaties like International Court of Justice, International Labor Organization, and Kyoto Protocol, while demanding of specific states total obedience to specific laws and resolutions promulgated by those same bodies. At the Security Council, the U.S. has again and again shown itself to be utterly out of touch with international consensus, vetoing more resolutions (over 35 regarding the Middle East alone since 1955) than the other four permanent Security Council members combined.

Finally, the U.S. has repeatedly and flagrantly violated the fundamental principal of post-World War II international law: the prohibition on the use of force against a foreign state unless in strict self defense against an actual (not potential) violent attack by that state upon your own sovereign territory (not that of a third party). The UN needs to

develop better responses to governments like Iraq, but it also needs to find ways of constraining those reckless, unilateral governments which happen to be much more powerful than the so-called "rogue states", governments like the United States and Israel.

Kyle Curtis defends Israeli military aggression on the ground that it is aimed only at military targets. Presumably he is prepared to explain how the Quaker School in Ramallah, which has been damaged by Israeli missiles on several occasions, qualifies as a military target. Perhaps he can tell us how the demolition of thousands of houses in the West Bank falls under any reasonable definition of "self-defense."

The "shock and awe" bombing campaign, which Curtis praises as "the single most efficient and surgical bombing campaign in the history of the world" was so named by the Pentagon because it was specifically and explicitly designed to intimidate and, yes, "terrorize" the Iraqi population into abandoning defense of their country and submitting to a foreign invasion and occupation which we can now see they clearly do not want. America's obsession with military technology and the language of "surgical strikes" conceals the fact that with ever increasing reliance on aerial strikes since World War I, the casualties of war have fallen ever more heavily on civilians, with the Iraq war and Israeli's counter-insurgency being no exceptions.

Nathan Harrington '05

whites and give them to unqualified blacks because of their race. But instead they made access to higher education available to most people, thus allowing them to be educated and be able to get jobs which they will use as their tool for survival.

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Johannesburg, South Africa

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Malls in Orange County, California, that recently installed electronic voting kiosks for the upcoming March primary.

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Men in New York City who marched in an effort to end the social taboo of male skirt-wearing. The march was titled, "Bravehearts: Men in Skirts."

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Dollars, according to Largo, Florida, police, offered by a 41-year old woman to three teenagers to beat up her son. The woman warned the teens to be careful with her furniture.

87

Age, in years, of Daniel Putzel of Guilford, CT, recently arrested for running a house of prostitution.

(MEATLESS) FOOD FOR THOUGHT

by MIKE LOPEZ
HUMOR COLUMNIST

Bates senior Jeff 'T-Bone' Davis described it as a "travesty." Junior Andrew Shriro called it "simply ridiculous." I, naturally, called it my next article.

What am I talking about? Food, of course, and Commons food at that.

Through my first three plus semesters in Lewiston, I learned to accept that everyone at Bates is a bit odd. Some, I have heard, dance on bars. Some dance at hip-hop class. Most just can't dance. I do all three.

But the one thing we all do is eat. I eat all the time. T-Bone eats when he sleeps. Senior Justin Levesque eats six meals a day and *loses* weight.

Nonetheless, there are some of us who don't eat meat. I'm fine with that. If someone doesn't want to eat food that's good, it means there is more good food for me. In that way, I consider myself quite an accepting person.

As a result, I accept the need for a so-called vegan bar. And I can accept how plenty of coeds eat fake chicken nuggets from the vegan bar, and pretend to like them, in large part because they are surprised food from the vegan bar has taste.

But this past Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, Commons took the vegan bar to another level. Or, in fact, the vegan bar officially took over Commons.

It started Tuesday night. One T-bone said he felt like he was being "betrayed." The cause of his problem was the selection in the main line of Commons: breaded pork chop.

Now, what I ate Tuesday night was not even pork, much less chopped pork. It didn't even look like meat. It must have been, I figured, a Vegan creation. But, I remembered, I could use a light meal. After all, Wednesday morning meant Ham & Cheese omelettes with sausage patties, and Wednesday lunch meant chicken crispitos, the only reason Bates remains in US News & World Report's Top 100. Hump Day was really going to be Meat Day. The vegans, I thought, would have to hibernate.

So I showed up 7:30 Wednesday morning with a smile as wide as my stomach, which, unfortunately, was quite small because Tuesday's meal sucked so much. And quicker than Justin Timberlake's right hand, that smile turned to a frown.

The first sign of despair was the word broccoli on the black menu board. I hate that word. Broccoli. I mean, come on, whoever created the disgusting, tasteless, and vegan-friendly green plant known as "broccoli" deserves to be T-bone's opponent in a KY jelly wrestling contest. With both competitors wearing a thong. Full of broccoli.

Was the broccoli a joke?

Well, on Meat Day there is no joking allowed, simply the noise of ketchup dripping on my jeans. T-Bone wouldn't play a joke, nor would Commons. The broccoli was for real.

Thankfully, I saw the words 'sausage patty' written below broccoli. God had spoken. The

vegans had broccoli, I had patties. The final score would be Lopez 1, Vegans 1. Or so I thought.

Scanning the menu, I noticed perhaps the one word in the English dictionary with more of an anti-Mike Lopez tone than broccoli: meatless. Worse, I saw, "meatless" prefaced the words "sausage patty." I had lost. The combination of broccoli and meatless sausage patties gave the Vegans a commanding 2-0 lead. I was shutout at eating, the one thing I am good at.

I felt like Jake Delhomme after the Super Bowl. I stared at the meatless patties, as if staring them down would turn them into something edible. I was reminded of the time I walked by the frisbee team and heard them yell "f*ck Mike Lopez." Realizing that I was probably that Mike Lopez, I frowned again, eating in silence with a perturbed T-Bone.

After breakfast, I saw Shriro doing yoga outside Pettengill, and I told him what had happened. He knew what lunch was, and that comforted both of us. "Crispitos," he repeated while doing a handstand. "Just wait for crispitos."

So I waited. And waited. My 9:30 am class was the longest hour and twenty-minute session in the history of Bates College. I almost became the first documented person to walk out of class early to go to lunch.

And after a painful walk through ice on an empty stomach, I walked into Commons, and for the third time in as many meals, I lost. There were no chicken crispitos. Vegans 3, Lopez 0. The dreaded hat trick.

I get annoyed sometimes with Bates. I get annoyed when people waste their money on bottled water when there is tap water next door. I get annoyed when people eat apples during class while opening and closing their Nalgene bottles at the same time. I particularly hate when I stand for three minutes waiting behind them in Commons while they fill up that same Nalgene. In some ways, those things just happen to me at Bates.

Yet men like T-Bone, Shriro, and myself need *some* meat to put up with the craziness. Sausage patties and/or bacon should be at *every* breakfast, not just once per week. No one ever eats the ham, canadian bacon, ham-steak, or corn beef hash. Those aren't types of meat, they're just disgusting. Sausage and bacon are clearly the gold medal winners, and ham isn't even in the right event.

More importantly, let's take advantage of our most popular meals. Why not have chicken patties twice a week? Why not have hamburgers three times a week? Why not have chicken crispitos every day? Resorting to breaded pork chopped makes everyone miserable.

If nothing else, people at Bates learn to protest. I'd protest the frisbee, but I'd get one thrown at my face. Today, I sit here and ask each one of you not to sign a useless petition, but to write a what will be useless napkin asking for more of your favorite breakfast meats.

If you have a problem with that, I am sure T-Bone would love a new wrestling partner.

Never forget: Black History Month

by JO ANNE DP VILLAROSA
OPINION WRITER

The Student's Forum section has been interesting as of late, especially with the witty and humorous articles, so I figured I'd say what I have to say too. I'd try to be funny as hell as well but I don't think I'm capable of that. So let me get straight to the point.

I watched two screenings the past few days (it's Saturday while I'm writing this so that would be a screening on Thursday night and Friday night). If you don't know which films I'm talking about then I guess you're one of those people who find deleting announce e-mails a muscle reflex. Oh well, you might as well stop reading this and proceed to the rest of the paper. But if you actually read the announce e-mails, then get a dose of this.

Thursday night, there were around 8 to 10 (I may be exaggerating) people who watched this amazing film called *Roots*. I have this cynical gut feeling that half of those people went for the extra-credit tickets. I am in one of Professor Nero's classes and he informed us before the film screening that he would accept these tickets. I wanted to see the movie even before such incentives, but I must admit that extra-credit sounded good. After the movie though, I walked past the extra-credit ticket pile without looking back (dramatic music here). Truth is, I'd see the movie twice if I had more time and less work. And the harder truth is, I couldn't comprehend the fact that only 8 people showed up, some who probably did because of the kickback (of course I may be wrong), in the screening of a marvelous film.

Friday night, I think there were 10 or 11 (again, I may be giving us Batesies too much credit) who came and saw *Amandla!*, a documentary. Now, I know it was a Friday night but I think 7 pm is too early for partying (although to some people, it's too late) so I figured a lot of people just don't care (95% of the student body, without doing calculations). Again, you could blame it on the announce-delete-syndrome/instinct, or well, you could just say that people thought they had better

things to do.

So my point exactly?

You see, I haven't been in this country for too long (only 2 years to be exact). I've only visited every summer when I was younger. But in the two years that I've been here, I've been studying a little bit of this country's history (admittedly leaning towards the story of African-Americans in this country) and experiencing some (two words: nine eleven). Now, I'm not an expert at all in analyzing culture and I am absolutely unqualified in making claims about people I do not really know, but I'll go out on a limb here and say we're all just basically human and on that ground, there is some validity to my point (which I'm making NOW – yeah, I can be quite long-winded). Well it seems to me that there is still a racial divide (oops... that word again... feel free to sigh and mumble whatever but do finish the article... you're only a hundred words short).

See I have this little red notebook and I remember writing "Why can't the White man fight for the Black man's battle?" I'm a poet of some sort (the sort that doesn't get published anywhere) so I only have these little snippets, which confuse me most of the time. I believe it is Black history month. If you didn't know, then here's your ad. If you do know, why didn't you come to the movies? Is it because it's the same story again and again? I've heard and I've read (and I've logically assumed) that Americans are taught their own history since primary school. Perhaps you know everything already?

I'm not accusing anyone, although if you feel accused, feel free to write a letter to the editor. I'm not an American but whenever September 11 comes around, I get goosebumps and I cry a little. The same thing happens whenever I watch movies like *Roots* and *Amandla!*. Both are technically "foreign" history to me yet they're part of world history nonetheless (and the last time I checked I am still an official member of the human race).

I like the catchphrase "Never forget." Do you?

Appeals process clarified

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increased upon appeal.

In this case, the SCC decision found that a student was guilty of unacceptable social behavior by virtue of committing a sexual assault on another student. The accused student subsequently appealed on the grounds that the case was not conducted in accordance with SCC procedures (one of three grounds for appeal listed in the Student Conduct Code, Part 2, D.2). Following thorough deliberation, the Appeals Panel concluded that there were some procedural errors and that the original SCC finding must therefore be vacated, meaning that the finding was voided or annulled, not reversed.

Since the Appeals Panel is given wide latitude in its charge under the Code, we also determined that we had an obligation to consider what further action, if any, would be in the best interests of the students involved, the fairness of our procedures, and the College as a whole. Because we became convinced that a rehearing would be inappropriate, the Panel also decided that the case should not be remanded for rehearing.

We remain deeply concerned that our decision might seem to lower our community standards for student behavior or undermine the seriousness of sexual assault charges, and that

it could discourage women from coming forward in other cases. To address these concerns, the Appeals Panel also determined that we would take several steps after rendering our decision: (1) We would meet separately with all the involved parties—SCC co-chairs and Deans, the students and their advisors, the witnesses—to explain the decision, answer questions, and discuss the serious issues that this case entails. Several of these meetings have already taken place. Under our rules, these meetings have been and must remain confidential. (2) We would work cooperatively with representatives from other relevant groups on campus—SCC, EARL, the Dean of Students Office, the Health Center, the Women's Resource Center, the Bates After Dark Steering Committee—to find a way to facilitate public discussion of these serious issues later this semester. In this way, we hope the whole Bates community can join us in taking on the challenge that remains: How can we enhance the social and educational atmosphere of the campus? What do we need to do to better realize the ideal that "Bates College students are held responsible for their conduct at all times"? How do we make Bates a safe place where all students can work, play, study, live, and learn together?

The Ad Hoc Appeals Panel

BUSH RALLY HURTFUL TO CAUSE

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but this should only be done insofar as these opinions can be defended. I by no means deny the existence of leftists wanting brilliance; they probably exist in equal proportions to their conservative counterparts. But to those wonderful people I saw demonstrating (so much) outside the chapel on Friday,

here's an experiment: try challenging your opponent to a fistfight in your next political science class, and see how well your professor responds. If he or she doesn't warm to the idea, be on your guard; your professor might be stifling your nascent career as a professional wrestler.

John Mulligan '06

Top 10 Rejected Ideas at the Bates Master Planning Meeting

(See News story on p. 6)

10. Linda Williams "Scholarship." Size of grant awarded at street value of \$10,000.
9. *Coup D'Etat*, replaces President Hansen with Triumvirate of Caspi, the "Hi" Guy, and the ghost of Captain John Bertram.
8. Dean of Students office replaced by larger napkin board.
7. Install literal "Bates Bubble" made out of recycled Stonyfield Yogurt cups in order to prevent snow on campus.
6. To trick applicants, change name to "Billiams;" move campus to "Billiamstown, Maine."
5. Cut Athletic department funding to afford more expensive "New England Broiled Dinner" in Commons.
5. Security department's new catchy slogan: "D.A.R.E.; Don't Allow Real Enjoyment."
3. Raise Tuition. (Wait, that wasn't rejected)
2. Purchase supportive wrist brace for Bobcat mascot.
1. Close Bates.

REPUBLICANS HOLD RALLY DESPITE KENNEDY'S ABSENCE

LEWISTON, Maine – Thirty Maine College Republicans from Bates College and Bowdoin College rallied outside of a planned Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA) speech on behalf of Senator John Kerry's (D-MA) presidential campaign. Vanessa Kerry, Senator Kerry's daughter, was also scheduled to appear. The speech was ultimately cancelled due to inclement weather.

Amidst the falling snow, students were greeted by cheerful Bush supporters with car honks and praise. "It was refreshing to see so many dedicated Maine College Republicans brave the elements to rally for our President," said Andrew Simon (Bates '04), Chairman of the Bates College Republicans. "The cheers from onlookers only made it better."

Students held Bush-Cheney '04 and College Republicans signs as frustrated Democrats learned of Senator Kennedy's absence. The accumulating snowfall only emboldened the Bush supporters, as their cries of "Bush! Bush!" echoed across the storied Bates campus. Kerry supporters were noticeably absent

from the event.

In the coming months, the Maine College Republicans plan on registering 4,110 Republicans through the 11 chapters and over 600 College Republican members across the state. Today's event indicates the growing interest of college students in supporting the President's reelection campaign. To follow the progress of the Maine College Republicans, please visit the website at <http://me.collegerepublicans.org>.

This event comes a week after the Maine College Republicans were recently recognized for their efforts with the Bush-Cheney '04 campaign. The coverage highlights their specific involvement in the last two weeks including hosting National Campaign Chairman Marc Racicot for dinner at Bates College, attending the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington, DC, and turning out students on a Sunday morning to campaign for President Bush in the New Hampshire primary.

Press release courtesy of the Bates College Republicans.



Ian Fontaine/The Bates Student

Although Senator Kennedy couldn't make it last Friday, Feb. 6, Republicans from Bowdoin and Bates showed up as planned for their pro-Bush rally.



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President holds "Master Planning" meeting

by TIM AYERS
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, President Elaine Hansen and Treasurer Terry Beckmann presented the findings from Phase 1 of the Master Planning project to a large crowd in Chase Hall. The presentation was the same one given to the Trustees of the College and was a summary of the information collected by the Sasaki Corporation over the last couple of months. Following Phase 1, Bates will work with Sasaki to formulate a way to best apply the findings of the study to the future of the College.

For most of this academic year, Sasaki has spoken to students, faculty, and staff about all aspects of Bates College. They inspected each building, dorm, and house owned by the College in order to direct the College's planning for the future.

Beckmann began the power point presentation explaining some of Sasaki's findings while talking to people at Bates. Some prevalent opinions expressed by the students included a desire for functional, as opposed to "flashy" space, a continued variety in the housing choices, and a commitment to "green" architecture. Beckmann also said "fitness comes out a lot," as well as a desire for "one centralized dining facility." Some other findings included "the physical separation between Dana and Carnegie makes interdisciplinary science interaction more difficult," and that the "Gray Cage is not well suited for social dances and other special events."

Another part of Phase 1 was a Site Audit, in which Sasaki analyzed many different aspects of the campus. One aspect Beckmann highlighted was the parking situation, which Sasaki found to be comparable to most other colleges located in semi-urban areas. However, it was observed that aesthetically most of the parking is not well located, with parking lots like the one behind Lane Hall interfering with the views of the Puddle.

The other parts of the Site Audit included looking at athletic fields and the fact that Bates suffers from a lack of field space, most of which is overused throughout the year. Also, Sasaki observed that the "campus image" should be extended to the edges of campus, and Bates has room to grow within the land it owns, and Beckmann added, "capacity is sufficient with current landholdings." President Hansen agreed with the assessment, saying "we have sufficient land holdings to grow" and that the facilities are not the most important part of Bates because "students come for ideas, not just buildings and property."

The next part of the plan was an audit of the facilities on campus, which looked at the build-

ings owned by the College and what future work they may need. Sasaki broke the buildings down into three types: "new," which included the Village dorms and Pettengill Hall, and were not included in study; the "core campus facilities," which is every other academic and administrative building; and the "small wood frame houses" which included all the houses around the edges of campus and on Frye Street.

While most of the buildings on campus are in good shape, it was clear from the presentation that a majority of the houses need major renovations. Beckmann explained that almost every house needs a "gut renovation" which is essentially a rebuilding from scratch. The main problem with the houses is their lack of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, which calls for handicapped accessible housing. Another indication of problems with buildings on campus is seen in the Sasaki statement that "maintenance backlog exceeds customary expectations."

To comply with ADA standards, the houses need ramps, elevators, and handicapped accessible bathrooms and laundry rooms on the first floor. Sasaki determined these renovations would cause the College to lose 61 beds, reducing the number of combined beds in every house from 473 to 412. The reduction in beds could be problematic for Bates because President Hansen explained that there are "constraints on growing and shrinking" and with the current economic situation, the College cannot afford to shrink in size.

The presentation concluded with a summary by Sasaki of some of the findings during Phase 1. They found that Bates has an "attractive and appropriately scaled campus," and once again expressed the campus-wide interest in having "adequate, but not elaborate space accommodations." They also determined that space allocation is "inappropriately configured in some instances," and "generally inadequate space allocation for student life programs" exists on campus. However, Beckmann observed that the data on classroom usage is not entirely accurate because it includes rooms used academically, but not for classes and rooms that do not contain up-to-date technology.

Both President Hansen and Treasurer Beckmann emphasized that what was presented was essentially raw data which must be further analyzed before any decisions can be made on the College's future. Over the upcoming months, work will begin on Phase 2 of the plan, which will produce more specific plans for the future. However, as President Hansen said during her closing remarks, "we have a wonderful base to work from."

SNOW FORCES KENNEDY TO CANCEL APPEARANCE

by ALI MORRIS
STAFF WRITER

Even though Ted Kennedy and Sen. John Kerry's daughter were scheduled to come speak to Bates students on Friday, Feb. 7, 2004, the unpredictable weather pattern of New England made them change their plans. Speaking in honor of Kerry's campaign, Kennedy and Kerry's daughter were trying to encourage students to vote for Kerry in the Maine caucus that took place this past Sunday. Despite the speech's cancellation, Kerry seemed to do just fine without their help. He took the state with 45% of the votes, followed by Howard Dean and Dennis Kucinich.

Perhaps it was Kennedy's interview on Bates radio that helped Kerry gain support in the state. Saturday morning at 9:45 am on 91.5 WRBC, student Jenny-Kate asked him a series of questions concerning Kerry's policies and views on specific issues. One of these questions concerned Kerry's "100 days to change

America" pitch, in which Kennedy responded that if Kerry were elected, his first hundred days in office would be spent working on rearranging major aspects of our current system. The main areas he would focus on would be "reducing the cost of pharmaceuticals, economic policy reform, and education."

Yet, Kerry supporters weren't the only ones who showed up for the canceled speech; the Bates Republicans made sure to make their presence known as well. Carrying signs and support slogans, students from Bates and some all the way from Bowdoin came to remind Kerry supporters that they have another election to win even if the Democratic nomination goes to him. With each state that Kerry wins, it is evident that even Democrats who may have previously supported a different candidate are now throwing their support for Kerry because they think he could actually have a chance of beating Bush. In this way, the Democrats have embarked on a unified fight against the current administration.

NEW STUDENT GOVERNMENT CANDIDATE FORUM

by EMILY RAND
STAFF WRITER

President. Mustafa Ryan Nabulsi: If elected President, improving the parking situation and upgrading the Davis Fitness center will be among his top priorities. He plans to use email, the Daily Jolt and a page in *The Bates Student* to facilitate student involvement. "I like meeting and talking with new people and want to represent what the students have to say," Nabulsi said.

Jamil Zraikat: Items on Zraikat's agenda are educating younger students about the government, keeping the website updated, and "using the new tools for greater good." He plans to draw on his past student government experiences to unite the student population. "Different people have different goals," Zraikat commented on the student body, "I want to bring them all together."

Vice President of Student Committees. Shoshoni Caine: Caine has been deeply involved in a variety of committees throughout her three years at Bates. She plans to "direct focus of the student government to the will of the student body."

Vice President of Student Clubs. Chistopher Van Der Lugt: As a highly-involved student, Van Der Lugt knows from experience that clubs are "the fabric that fashions Bates." He plans to be a liaison between the student body and the student government.

Class Co-Presidents, 2005. Rodrigo Dias: Dias

hesitated to commit to a concrete platform but promised to "try his best" to represent the class he loves if elected.

Christopher Laconi: Laconi remarked that students are less involved because of study abroad their junior years. Laconi proposed transferring the \$3000 for short term activities to the President's Council and using the money to fund events that will bolster class unity. "We have a new government," Laconi concluded, "Let's use it, and let's get to work."

Sarah Lewis: Lewis's experiences with Bates alumni signified to her the need for increased "class cohesiveness." She plans to use events like class dinners and ice cream socials class as venues for discussion within her class.

Class Co-Presidents, 2006. Lily Scott: As Co-President with John Phelan, Scott will take advantage of "strong connections" she has forged to instill a "strong sense of unity" within the class. Scott plans to organize successful class-wide events and believes she has the energy and capacity to make this position successful.

John Phelan: Phelan is involved in a number of clubs and will draw on his involvement to improve class cohesion. He feels he is "approachable and honest and has the ability to influence change at Bates." Of his running partner Lily Scott Phelan commented, "We work well together."

Marie Hemmelmarn: Running with Jeremy Fisher, she will use the position of Co-President to

implement activities to promote class unity. Hemmelmarn has "no problem speaking up for her class." She will be at Bates throughout her entire junior year and will work for the class of 2006 with "consistency and commitment."

Jeremy Fisher: Fisher stated he is "dependable and reliable" and will use his experience, connections within the debate team and other organizations to facilitate communication. "The sophomore class," Fisher said, is "small, smart, friendly and tough to get into; it's the Bates of Bates."

Class Co-Presidents, 2007. Vaibhav Bajpai: Bajpai plans to remedy the apathy toward government he has sensed during his year at Bates. As Co-President, Bajpai will work hard to "get things done" and "do something about legislation."

Winton Black: No speech

Sorina Crisan: Crisan said her friends asked her why she wanted to do it. "I'm running because I love it, I love being involved with these issues and the government," was her reply. She continued to say that she views the role of Co-President as "very challenging" but a challenge she looks forward to.

Darren Elwell: Elwell explained he is someone who cares passionately about student government. He feels he is "accessible" and that "every hour is his office hour." If elected, Elwell will effectively lead his class through the challenging times ahead.

Rakhshan Zahid: Running with Vaibhav Bajpai, Zahid would work to make the student government "reach out to students."

SCC Report

Date: January 23, 2004

Charge: A student was charged with academic dishonesty by virtue of plagiarizing a paper.

Outcome: A Disposition by Agreement was accepted by the co-chairs of the Student Conduct Committee. The elements of the agreement stipulate that the student was placed on disciplinary probation for the remainder of their academic career with one semester suspension held in abeyance to go into effect if found guilty by the Student Conduct Committee of academic dishonesty during the probationary period; and, the student will be barred from the honors program.

Date: January 29, 2004

Charge: A student was charged with academic dishonesty by virtue of plagiarizing a final paper.

Outcome: The student was found guilty of the charge. The penalty of the Committee was disciplinary probation for the remainder of their academic career with expulsion held in abeyance to go into effect if found guilty of academic dishonesty by the Student Conduct Committee again.

Report courtesy of the Dean of Students Office.

Local representatives speak on campaign platforms

by TIM AYERS
STAFF WRITER

On Thursday, representatives of each of the major Democratic Presidential candidates spoke in Chase Hall. The debate, sponsored by the Bates Democrats, was a final attempt to gain support before Maine's caucuses on Sunday.

Paul Brunetti, President of the Bates Democrats, made the opening remarks, and said that each candidate would be allotted 14 minutes to speak and then take questions. Brunetti also encouraged everyone to attend the Lewiston caucus, which was held at Lewiston High School.

The first to speak was Bowdoin Senior Joel Moser who represented Wesley Clark. Moser emphasized that Clark is a four-star General in the Army, and this battlefield experience will be helpful in running a nation currently at war. He explained that Clark "has the courage to get our economy back on track," and he is dedicated to "promoting a new American patriotism." Some of Clark's goals include creating a system of low-cost

premium healthcare and helping to expand the Democratic Party.

Moser also read from a speech Clark recently gave in New Hampshire, where he called for an increase in values like patriotism and faith, and said it is "time we meet obligations to veterans and fellow citizens."

Following Clark was Sean Mahoney, the Chair of John Edwards' campaign in Maine. Mahoney recognized that Edwards is "definitely the underdog campaign," but said Edwards' perceived inexperience was a non issue: "It was Tom Brady who won two Superbowls...Brady was given a chance." Edwards, who was endorsed by the *Portland Press Herald*, came from a poor background in the south, and said "[Edwards] is the one who can connect with people of modest roots and realize the American Dream."

Next came John Kerry, represented by State Senator Neria Douglas and two local campaign staff members, Laurie Atwood and Laurie DePalo. Douglas spoke first, describing Kerry's personal attention to Maine and how he campaigned to elect

several people over the last couple of years. She justified Kerry voting for the war on Iraq, saying "He trusted Bush, but learned that Bush isn't trustworthy."

Atwood explained some of Kerry's stances, including recovering jobs lost under the Bush administration and investing in renewable resources. When asked by senior Julia Judson-Rea "how will the Kerry campaign work to regain faith in America's values," Atwood replied, "He fought for combat pay and veterans" and "he fought for people who are disenfranchised." Douglas also answered, saying, "He can bring us back to the values...we are not a nation of special interests."

Representing Dennis Kucinich were two volunteer coordinators and Bates Professor Bill Corlett. They described Kucinich's beliefs, including creating a universal single-payer healthcare system, repealing the Patriot Act, and dealing with the trade deficit.

Corlett gave a short presentation to the audience, using props to show how Kucinich compares

to the other candidates. He called Kucinich a bottle of water, essentially pure with no additives, he called Bush a pack of cigarettes, and he had a different type of soda for each of the other Democrats, including a Dr. Pepper to represent Howard Dean. Corlett concluded by saying about Kucinich, "the least likely to be nominated is the most likely to win."

The last to go was Howard Dean's younger brother Jim Dean, who arrived about halfway through the debate. Jim Dean called his brother "a get it done guy" who increased jobs in Vermont by 20 percent. He feels Dean is in position to deal with the question of civil unions because "like every campaign, Howard believes in equal rights." Dean's goals as President include getting decent jobs for working families, helping the environment, and conducting a "constructive engagement" foreign policy.

The debate concluded with the representatives of each candidate briefly reiterating their points and explaining why the audience should vote for their candidate.

Author speaks on possibility of extraterrestrial life

by KYLE EASTON
STAFF WRITER

"The topic of extraterrestrial life is something I have been interested in as long as I have had an interest in anything" said planetary scientist David Grinspon, addressing a Bates audience on Friday evening. Grinspon, author of two books including his most recent effort *Lonely Planets*, is a nationally known expert on the subject, having appeared on several nationally broadcasted television and radio programs. His talk centered on the possible existence of extraterrestrials, and what is being done to look for them.

Currently, with two rovers on Mars, Grinspon explained, "we are getting a rare glimpse into the scientific process." As scientists scramble to interpret the data they are getting, "no one knows what it means so we are hearing people's hunches," said Grinspon. He also finds exciting the recent discoveries of many planets outside of our solar system. Grinspon predicts that within the next 10-20 years, scientists will have a good idea of how many planets there are in the universe. He believes all this to be part of a "revolution of knowledge" occurring during our lifetimes.

Grinspon is to be part of a group of scientists on a NASA-funded project that will explore what life there is to be found in hot springs. In recent years, life has been found in various locations that no one ever thought possible. He spoke of a life form that lives a mile below the ground and "essentially eats rocks." Various other life forms have been found that somehow have managed to survive and even

thrive in environments with very hot temperatures and high acidity. Grinspon asserted that such discoveries have taken "our notions of where life can live and burst them wide open."

For this reason, Grinspon believes that life may exist in places previously dismissed as absolutely lifeless, such as the extremely hot Venus or is volcanic satellite Io. Grinspon is in fact pushing for a mission to be sent to Venus or the satellite Io to search for life. Though he concedes that it "basically rains battery acid" on Venus, he pointed out that life can exist in concentrated acid, as we know from findings on Earth. He believes Io to have a good chance of harboring life due to its rapidly changing geography. Planets or satellites that have rapidly changing geography are most likely, he believes, to harbor life. While Io has not previously been thought of as a likely or even possible place for life to develop due to the satellite's highly volcanic state, Grinspon thinks that because of its rapidly changing geography, it might actually be likely that there is some form of life to be found. So rapid, in fact, is its changing geography that, "a place the size of Texas can come and go in a few months... whether or not that is a good thing is up to you."

For those interested in finding out more about Grinspon or his work, his website can be found at www.lonelyplanets.net. Under the "links" section, he has gathered a collection of several other related sites, including a NASA site showing the raw photos coming in from the rovers on Mars.

BLOOD LUST: MAINE BLOOD SHORT-AGE LEADS TO HIGH DEMAND

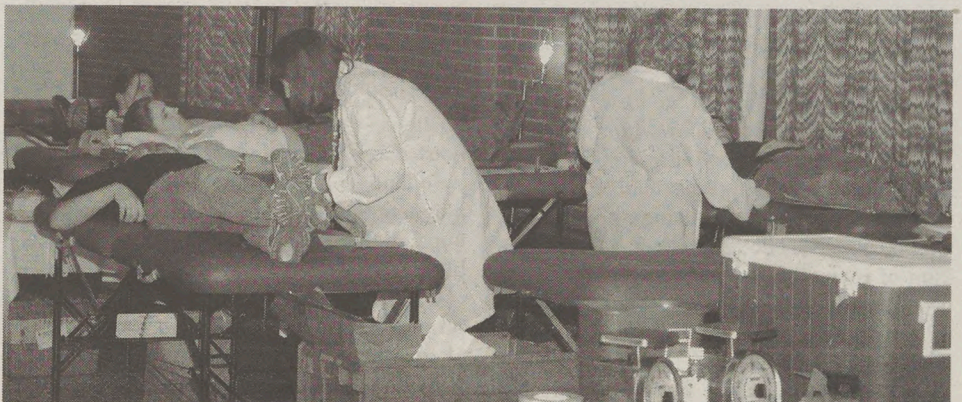
by ALI MORRIS
STAFF WRITER

Last Tuesday, Feb. 3, Bates EMS sponsored this year's third blood drive. Due to an incredible shortage of blood this year in the state of Maine, all donations from the College drive went to those in need around the area. According to Lauren Rosenberg, a Bates EMS representative, the blood drive was a success. "95 blood donors were present at the drive, resulting in 64 life-saving units. 8 of these were first-time donors." However, 22 volunteers were turned away due to previous international travels or medical concerns.

In order to attract volunteers, the Red Cross gave away free gifts to donors. Magnets, stress

reliever toys, pens, and an FM radio were handed out to those who showed up to donate. Volunteers were also offered pizza and cookies from the Den. There will be another drive during Short Term, meaning there will still be another chance for those who weren't able to donate last Tuesday.

Ever since Sept. 11, blood donations in the United States have increased dramatically. With everyone making a conscious effort to help out those in need, people all over the country have benefited from these donations. Giving blood is a good, cheap way to give back to the community. Rosenberg, of Bates EMS, would like to say "thanks to all of those who donated and those who volunteered their time to help the drive run smoothly."



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During the third blood drive of the year, on Tuesday, Feb. 3, students donated blood to help alleviate an "increasing shortage" of blood in Maine.

Crosstones beat box their way to a great semester

by MEGAN RICHARDSON
ARTS EDITOR

In their first concert of the semester last Sunday night, the Crosstones once again showed their musical talents as well as their fun-loving spirit. The College's only co-ed a cappella group, the Crosstones beat boxed their way on stage before giving a beautiful and high-spirited performance.

The night started with a gorgeous version of No Doubt's "Spiderwebs," sung by Christine Beckwith. Beckwith has an incredibly powerful voice, and she danced and belted out the lyrics in a way that showed she was out to have fun. Her performance was followed by a version of Guster's "Either Way," done by Drew Jarboe. The song was done in a soft, innocent way, with Jarboe singing in a rather high-pitched voice, and it was a great foil to the energetic number that it followed.

Ben Morley, who was abroad last semester, made his comeback singing Toto's "Africa." His return to the Crosstones was greeted with applause, and despite a few slip-ups during the song, everyone seemed to enjoy his performance.

Erin Culbreth followed with a jazzed-up

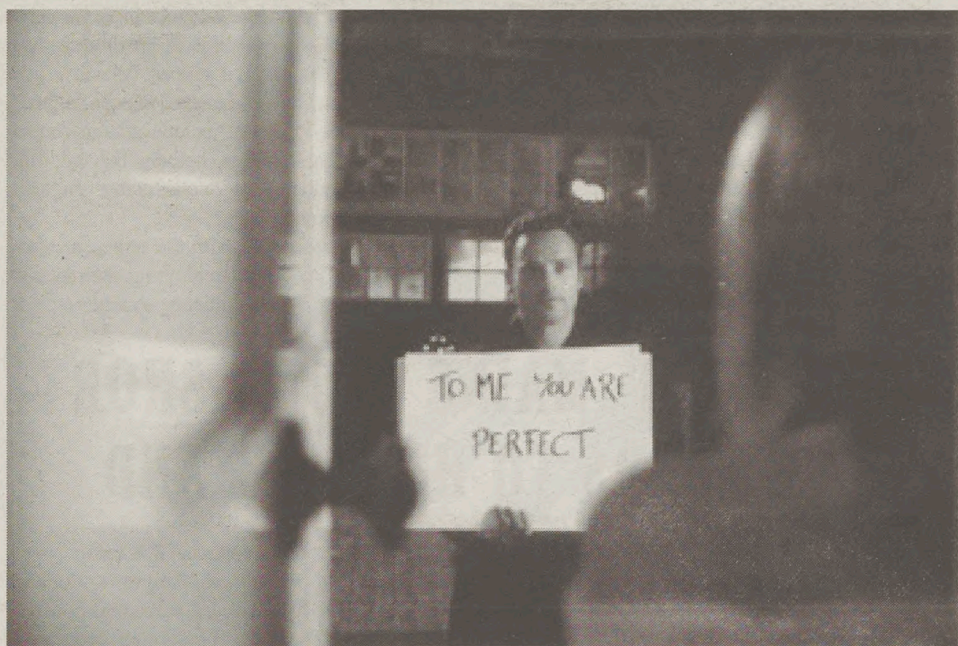
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Erin Culbreth, Christine Beckwith, Drew Jarboe, and Liz Santy at the Crosstones concert last Sunday.

LOVE ACTUALLY: AWESOME ROMANTIC COMEDY COMES TO OLIN



by LOUIS DENNIG
STAFF WRITER

The little boy at the end of the fantastic film *Love Actually* is so much the man, that no one ever in the past nor in the future will ever be as much the man as he is. Just thought I'd get that settled before I begin this rave review of the best romantic comedy in at least the past two years.

Love Actually follows nine different storylines, which are all independent of each other, yet connected in some way. Each story shows a different version or relationship of love, yet all are equally hilarious and heart-felt.

Hugh Grant's story as the newly elected British Prime Minister shows him falling in love with one of his in-house staff workers, facing off against the President of the U.S. (Billy Bob Thornton), and singing Christmas Carols down a "dodgy" street. Grant, the king of romantic comedies, gives one of his best comedic performances, mainly because of his hilarious dance through his flat, which is surely not to be missed.

The ever so beautiful Keira Knightly has the only pretty pointless story, but that's really okay, cause it's Keira Knightly.

The other stories all feature incredibly compact tales, and each accomplish the thing that every romantic comedy should: present a conflict, a lot of romantic and funny moments, and a resolution. The best part is, all nine stories are each individually better than most full-length movies.

The actors in each storyline are perfectly cast and are seasoned experts at playing romantic parts. It features Emma Thompson and Alan Rickman as a married couple dealing with a possible affair; Laura Linney as a desk worker who's madly in love with a fellow designer but has to deal with a mentally disabled brother; Colin Firth who just caught his wife cheating on him with his brother, and is beginning to fall in love with his Portuguese-speaking maid at his summer house; and Liam Neeson, who just lost his wife and is trying to understand what is plaguing his son (the man). The acting is unparalleled and the stories are each incredibly intriguing.

On the funnier side there's Colin, a self-proclaimed "god of sex," who wants to travel to America to woo women with his cute British accent. Unfortunately (or so it would seem) he buys a ticket to Wisconsin. Bill

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The NFL: music's newest enforcer

by BERNIE HERLYN
MUSIC COLUMNIST

The backlash from Janet Jackson's "mishap" during the Super Bowl's halftime show on February 1 is far from over. To give a brief recap of events since *that one*, here's a summary: Jackson has admitted to adding Justin Timberlake's removal of her costume as a last minute change that neither the NFL nor MTV knew about. Both of the performers have apologized to the NFL, MTV, CBS and the American public for their actions, and have said the incident was "unintentional" and "regrettable." After their humble apologies, the NFL decided to take it a step further and ban JC Chasez, Timberlake's band member in 'NSYNC, from performing at the NFL Pro Bowl. The NFL believed Chasez's music was too sexually explicit, and while he was under-

standing at first, Chasez later called the NFL's action a "shallow effort to portray my music as sexually indecent." And, to add to all this, Jackson has decided to not appear at this week-end's Grammy Awards. Her boyfriend, rapper/producer Jermaine Dupri, will also not attend and recently announced he is resigning as president of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences' Atlanta chapter.

Amid all this chaos, where does this leave us, the American public? The NFL, in more ways than one, has overreacted to the incident and mistrusted the public that it cannot make its own assessment of the situation. Where is the backlash from the American public? There are no reports of mass protests, not even by those ubiquitous soccer moms. It is all but nonexistent, and most people recognize that what happened was a fluke. Heck, in almost any other

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At Bates and in the Area

Wednesday, Feb. 11

- 6:00P.M. - 8:00P.M., Frye St. Union: Make Valentines with the Discordians.

- 6:00P.M., Rowe Room: The Bates Shooting Association will have an informational meeting about shooting sports.

- 7:30P.M., Chase Lounge: Find a Valentine at "Singled Out."

- 8:00P.M., Olin Concert Hall: *The Vagina Monologues* will be performed. \$2 donation suggested.

- 9:00P.M., Chapel: Katie Trautz, Jessie Gagne-Hall, and Ian Jones will be performing as part of the "Busy Life, Peaceful Center" series.

Thursday, Feb. 12

- 9:00P.M., Silo: Laurel Brauns will be performing as part of the Village Club Concert series. There will also be a special student opening

performance.

Friday, Feb. 13

- 5:00P.M., Silo: There will be a dinner, screening, and discussion of *Rabbit Proof Fence*.

- 7:30P.M., Merrill Auditorium, Portland: *The Son of the Sheik* will be performed. Call 883-9525 for more information.

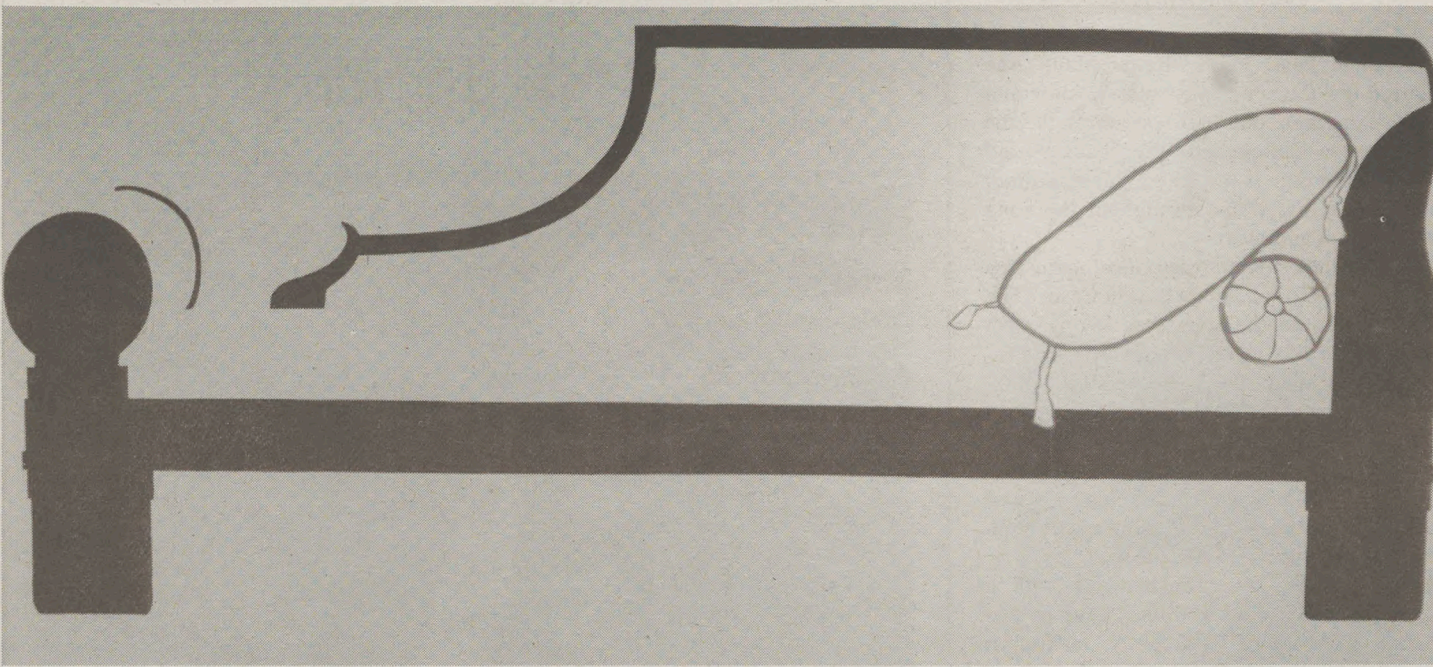
Wednesday, Feb. 25

- 9:00P.M., Chapel: Thomas Norris and Benjamin Strange will perform as part of the "Busy Life, Peaceful Center" series.

Saturday, Feb. 28

- Portland Museum of Art: Photographer Wally Mason will talk about the history of color photography.

NEW STUDENT ART EXHIBIT BRIGHTENS CHASE HALL GALLERY



Ryan Toussaint/The Bates Student

Graham Macbeth: I just feel that having the visual arts better represented at Bates is important, so people can better understand what visual artists do, because I feel it is widely misunderstood. I am glad to have had the opportunity to display work in Chase hall which usually stays in Olin.

Bates Student: What is your favorite piece?

Graham Macbeth: I don't know.

Bates Student: Are you working on anything new now?

Graham Macbeth: I have continued working in this same vein, trying to use the exhibition as a way to see my own weaknesses and strengths.

Bates Student: Are you happy with the way the project turned out?

Graham Macbeth: I think the show turned out very well.

Samples (above and below right) from Macbeth's art exhibit, currently in the Chase Hall Gallery

by **MEGAN RICHARDSON**
ARTS EDITOR

The *Bates Student* was recently conducted an interview with student Graham Macbeth, whose bold new exhibit is currently on display in the Chase Hall Gallery through the end of the week. Here are his thoughts about the project.

Bates Student: Can you give me a little background information on the project? How long have you been working on it, what was your inspiration, etc.?

Graham Macbeth: The work that went into this exhibition is taken from a body of work that I have been working on for about one year. Although I have entertained the idea of having a show for a few years now, the work wasn't specifically made to be hung in this show. So I consider the exhibition as a way to document a span of time that reflects my interests over the past year.

The exhibition of work also allows me to see my own work with fresh eyes. Visual artists spend a great amount of time creating work, and by removing it from the context of the studio and placing it in a public space, it allows an artist to fully understand what he or she is doing. Artists become very close to the work,

intellectually, so the distance that an exhibition affords can be very helpful.

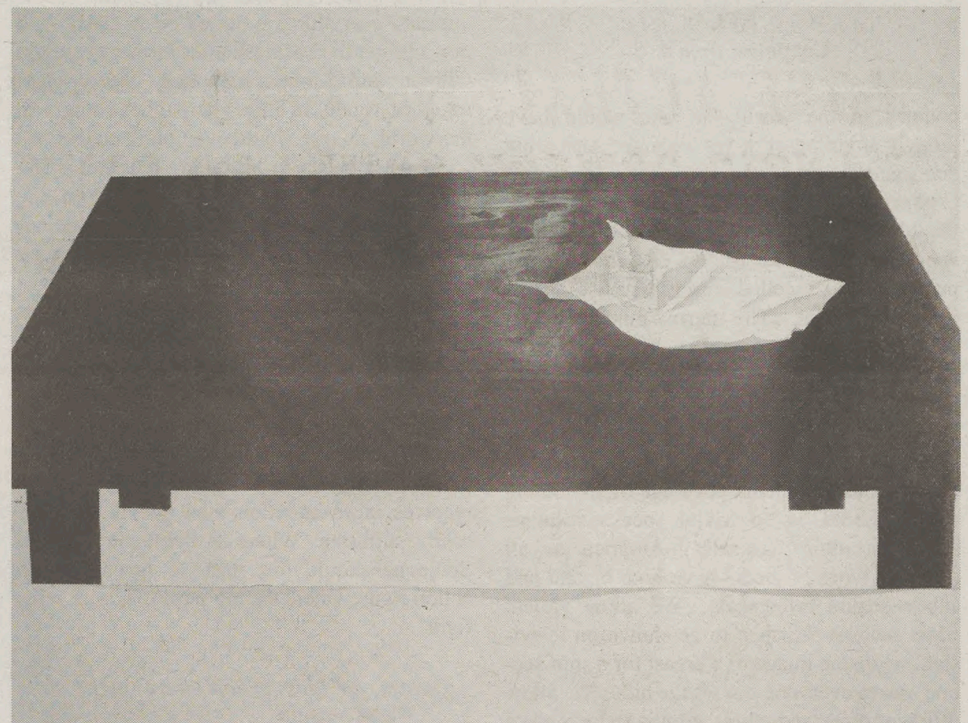
The body of work that I am working with now began during the year I spent abroad in Rome. What I feel influenced my work was the architectural weight of Roman buildings, as well as a series of drawings that I had done from the Vatican. After living in Rome for several months I think the architecture, and its frontal, looming facades led me to the work I am currently making. The drawing of the piano (one of a set of three on the first wall), began the investigation in which I am currently involved. Though my influences were the result of architectural interest, creating works of furniture in architectural space was more interesting to me than the architecture itself.

Bates Student: I like the black and white theme you have going. Is the contrast supposed to represent something?

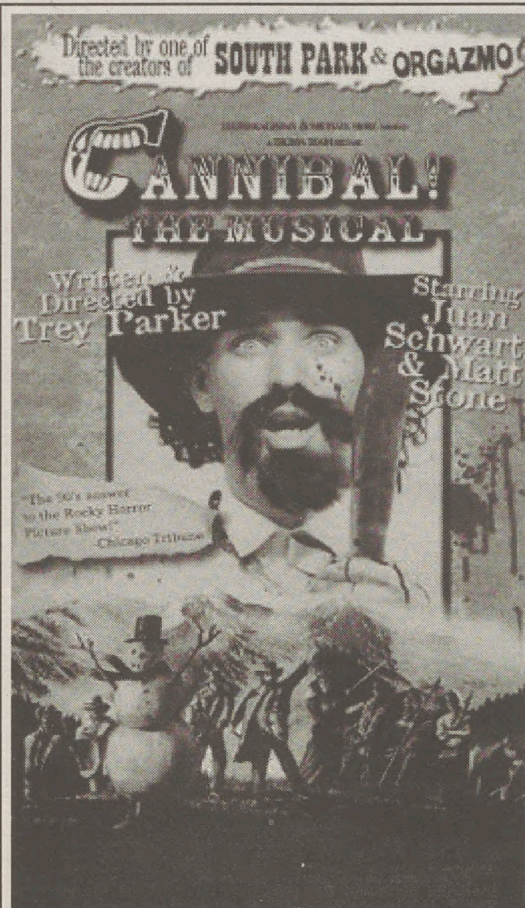
Graham Macbeth: The colors I chose don't have much to do with a literal idea. I use black and white in the paintings because I am not interested in surface details of the objects themselves. I am more interested in the relationship between the black and the white, and the positive and negative shapes, as well as the weight of the color black. The reduced palette also achieves very frontal

and graphic space within the canvas.

Bates Student: What do you want to people to get out of your exhibit, if anything in particular?



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Editor's Movie Pick of the Week: *Cannibal! The Musical* (1996)

A Trey Parker Film
Starring Trey Parker, Matt Stone, Jason McHugh, and Ian Hardin

The Plot:

A group of miners head off to "Colorado Territory" in hopes of striking it rich. Along the way they meet a band of evil trappers, a cyclops, and a pack of "Indians." All but one of them mysteriously end up dead, and the lone survivor has to go to trial, where he is being accused of cannibalism.

The Lowdown:

This movie, which is based on the true story of Alfred Packer, the only man ever to be convicted of cannibalism in America, was written, directed, and starred in by Trey Parker (aka one of the creators of "South Park"). Parker, who majored in music and film in college, made this movie as a film student with some of his classmates, including fellow "South Park" creator Matt Stone. The cheesy songs and bad graphics make this film more hilarious than grotesque, while actually telling a (mostly) true story. This movie is a must-see for anyone who likes musicals or "South Park."

Quotations:

Cyclops: "Are you lookin' at my eye?!!!"
Miners: "Ahhhhhhhh!!!"

Packer: "Probably the most important thing is that when things get really bad and the world looks its darkest, you just have to throw up your hands and say 'Well, all right!' cause it's probably gonna get a whole hell of a lot worse."

Love Actually Coming Soon

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Nighy plays an incredibly funny aged rock and roll star who, in between constantly making fun of his manager's weight, tries to make a comeback with a remake of "Love is All Around Us," entitled "Christmas is All Around Us." The funniest story, however, is of two porn stars that meet while the crew is checking the lighting for their scenes. This sequence is hilarious mainly because of how shy both of them are around each other, as in while the woman is faking rounding third, Jack tries to ask her out but keeps stuttering and looking away because of how nervous he is.

Another unique aspect of *Love Actually* is that the stories don't always end well. They're not necessarily awful and tragic, but they're not all as happy and "live happily ever after" as most romantic comedies are. Also, despite the fact that these nine stories are truly independent of one another the film flows as one complete, nearly perfect film.

The best part of the film is the ending, where all the stories converge at a school Christmas talent show and an airport, and the little boy gets to eternally become the man. Throughout the culmination of the film there's only complete elation as the stories make you laugh harder than ever and nearly cry by how sweet they are.

Crosstones give fun first concert

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version of Pearl Jam's "Better Man." She started out the song in its classic slow and steady rhythm, but half-way through, the Crosstones quickened the background music, giving it a whole new sound. Culbreth's low voice throughout the song was perfect and clear.

Jarboe took center stage once again in a rendition of Greenday's "Basket Case." The introduction to the song was lovely, with members of the group pretending to play string instruments and the others harmonizing in a version of Pachelbel's canon. Then she broke into "Basket Case," and Jarboe started singing, jumping around and obviously enjoying himself. This song showed his range of talents, contrasting nicely with is earlier, gentler performance.

The evening was finished off with a Crosstones favorite: "Galileo," sung by Liz Santy. Santy sang confidently, making it perhaps the best version of the song done yet. It was the perfect end to a fun night of music.

The group as a whole did a great job. Everyone knew exactly what he or she was supposed to be doing. The friendly and laid-back atmosphere of the concert made it a great start to the sure-to-be-stressful school week ahead.

What Janet Jackson showed us about America

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country in the world, no one would have thought anything of it, yet we make such a big deal out of it and even go so far as to cancel Chaz's performance. Where is the logic in that? Love them or loathe them, there is no reason for any member of 'NSYNC to have his performance cancelled simply because of one isolated incident. The narrow-mindedness of the NFL is appalling, and such decisions will only make them even less popular. The U.S. Federal Communications Commission is even launching an investigation into the incident, as if this writer could not roll his eyes enough.

The extensive media coverage of something which should be so trivial speaks volumes about our culture. Sex sells in America, and all different types of media have both blatant and subtle sexual references. We allow violent films such as *Scarface* to be shown on television, while the image of a breast for a split second makes everyone run for the hills. We allow different races and ethnic groups to be made a mockery of, yet (OH NO!) when a breast

appears, everything is turned on its head. And don't forget the backlash after former President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky were found together. Again, in almost any other country in the world, no one would even blink an eye.

So what needs to be done? It is not being suggested that America has to adopt the European mentality and allow nudity on television. But when something like the halftime show happens *as an accident*, entities such as the NFL need to lighten up and realize it was just that, an accident (Jackson herself admits the stunt went farther than it should have). No hysterics or cancellations should be necessary. America has always been conservative in incidents like these, but she is missing the point when a harmless, trite and non-violent stunt receives more attention than people who are *really* suffering. Where is the logic in that? Someone should just make a Janet Jackson action figure where the top pops off...sex sells, right?

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Perfect Score (PG13)	12:20	2:30	4:30	7:20 9:20

VILLAGE CLUB SERIES

Mike Errico



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Mike Errico during his concert in the Silo last Thursday

by MEGAN RICHARDSON
ARTS EDITOR

Last Thursday the Silo was visited by New York City-based singer/songwriter Mike Errico as part of the weekly Village Club Concert series. While his performance was met with mixed responses, Errico had undeniable vocal talent and a confident stage presence that made the show worthwhile.

Errico, who has developed quite a following since his 1999 debut album *Pictures of the Big Vacation*, is becoming widely recognized for his talents and unique style, and has opened for a variety of bands including Our Lady Peace, Semisonic, Guster, and Dido. Fans from several parts of Maine came to hear his music, which has been described as a blend of folk and punk.

Vocally, Errico has a clear, unwavering voice that was impressive from the moment he opened his mouth. It threatened to turn a little too nasal at points throughout the night, but his voice was always free of raspy, croaky sounds, and each word was easy to understand. More than anything, it is probably Errico's voice that has gained him such success.

His songs covered several topics, and while some were great, others were rather disappointing. For example, he sang a couple of songs about sex that were simply too straight-forward. Everyone loves an innuendo. Nobody wants to hear the dirty details about a stranger's sexual adventures. Some of his other songs were vague in topic and didn't seem to have much a point, but there were some beautiful lyrics thrown in. One song, which he told us he had

written as a way to say "I love you" to a girl he was dating at the time, was simple but sweet, and he sang it in a truly moving way. In any case, his guitar playing was fantastic. He was able to make a variety of sounds using his guitar, and he played seemingly without having to pay attention to it, giving a great performance.

Errico truly is a great performer. He is much better live than on recording. Having heard his latest CD, *Skimming*,

Very laid-back, Errico joked about his failed relationships and sad musical beginnings. He told us that he wanted to be Ani DiFranco, and that the last club he played at in Maine had closed down soon after. "I hope Bates stays open."

before the show, I have to confess that I was not looking forward to the concert. However, his musical ability and easy style on stage made it more enjoyable than I would have imagined. Very laid-back, Errico joked about his failed relationships and sad musical beginnings. One story, that of his first real gig, which involved a humiliated Errico watching his ex-girlfriend make out with her new boyfriend for hours on end, was hilarious, especially since it was followed by the pay-back song he wrote about her. He told us that he wanted to be Ani DiFranco, and that the last club he played at in Maine had closed down soon-after. "I hope Bates stays open" he quipped as he finished up the concert.

While about half the audience left before the show was over, the other half were clearly Errico fans. When he said he hoped to return to Bates someday, he was answered with screams of approval, and many of his songs were met with similar cheers from his excited audience. Mike Errico may not be for everyone, but he certainly is talented, and must-see for anyone who likes punk-folk, Ani-inspired music.

Question on the Quad

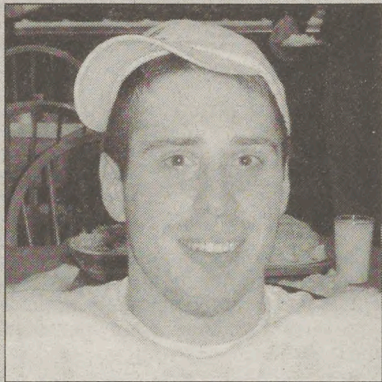
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What is your advice for studying for mid-terms?



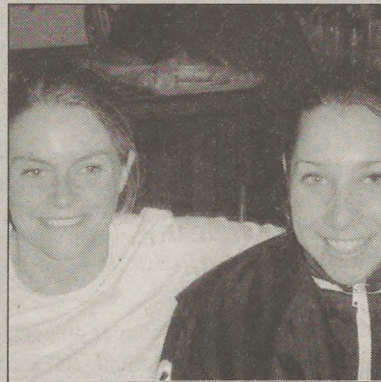
"Buy the books for classes."

Ira Wales-Dinan, '05



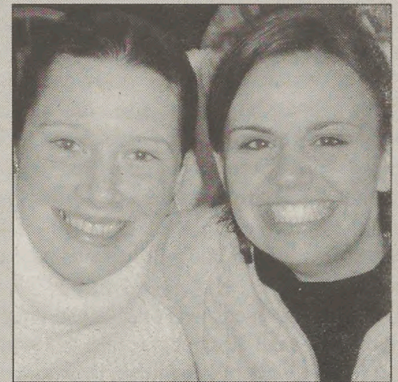
"No."

Dana Fallon, '05



"Grab a book and sit on the crapper."

Hedda Burnett, '04
Lori Jessup, '04



"We have mid-terms?"

Emily Marsters, '04
Hillary Gerson, '04

Reporting and Photographs by Mike Lopez and Chrissy Dove



On January 1st a new law prohibited smoking in bars and pool halls in Maine. Lighting up can mean a fine for the owner of the bar as well as the smoker. Please help support the new law, which makes these public places smoke-free. It's clean air for everyone to enjoy.



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HOOPS READY FOR WILLIAMS

SPLIT

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Bowdoin was the beneficiary of 16 second-chance points and turned the ball over just about half as many times as the Bobcats (eight compared to 15).

"The Bowdoin loss was tough. I felt we were one possession away in the final minutes. Unfortunately, we didn't get it done on the offensive end. The effort was there. We just did not have the discipline to execute when we needed to. It would have been nice to go to the free throw line in the second half. When your opponent goes to the line 19 times and you only have two attempts in the entire game, it is tough to win. As a team we gain a lot from this experience. We have three games left and we want to enter post season play with some momentum. We are a great team with a great attitude and work ethic. We are going to finish very strong," coach Joe Reilly said after the game.

The win improved the Polar Bears' conference record to 5-3. That also means that with a victory over Colby this Saturday, Bowdoin can clinch the fourth seed in the conference tournament and a first-round home game. Bates falls to 15-6 overall and 4-3 in the NESCAC.

Bates will return home to Alumni Gym after

completing a six game road swing. "Our goal was to finish this grueling road trip 6-0 and improve as a team. We are not happy with the 3-3 split but we have improved greatly since Jan. 22. We have discovered the areas of our game that we have to tighten up to become NESCAC champs. The sweep versus Colby was very satisfying and we are now playing our best basketball of the season. The keys to our NESCAC championship run are to defend, win the battle of the boards, and take care of the ball on offense. When we do these three things we are tough to beat," says Reilly.

The Bobcats host St. Joe's Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. Then Bates will finish out the regular season at home this weekend hosting Williams Friday night and Middlebury on Saturday.

SWIMMING DOWNS CONN. COLLEGE

SWIMMING

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the development of their younger players, the return of swimmers from abroad, and the aid of a new transfer student, the Bobcats have bounced back.

The result: a 4-2 record since Jan. 10, renewed confidence, and a legitimate chance



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Senior captain Matt Ondra cleared 14-06.00 in the pole vault this weekend for second place

at improving upon last year's sixth-place finish at the conference championships.

"Our 4-2 record during the second semester depicts much more accurately the ability and intensity that our team possesses," explained Curll.

The Bobcats look to continue this energized ability and intensity three weeks from now at the NESCAC championships in Brunswick.

Red Sox are the jewel of New England

PASTIME

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Sox and Patriots still dominate the minds of sports fans in this part of the country.)

I begin with the case for football. Two years ago, the Patriots were said to be a team of destiny and also seemed to embody the mindset of the people of the country after the tragedies of September 11th.

As the nation was joining together at that time to cope with its losses, the Patriots were showing America what exactly the word teamwork meant. They were a 'team' in every sense of the word. They didn't have any superstars and overall they seemed to be almost mediocre. But against all odds they ended up winning the Super Bowl in one of the most exciting games in the history of the football.

The New England region fell in love with this team after their run to the title. Those who regarded themselves as average football fans were now huge fans of the game. And those who were already devoted Pats fans were finally given something to cheer about. The Patriots, with arguably a better team this season ended up winning 15

games in a row to end the season with another championship.

A season that began with numerous injuries and a devastating 31-0 loss to Buffalo ended almost identically as the one two years ago, Adam Vinatieri kicking a field goal to put the Pats on top for good. The fans in New England rejoiced again and the team known for their teamwork is now at the top of the sports world.

Tom Brady is now a national icon and football is what's on everyone's mind now in New England. Well, almost everyone's.

I turn to baseball now. The Red Sox may have a greater history than the Patriots, but it is also a more depressing one.

The Sox have not won a World Series title since 1918 and, unless you were born outside of New England, you should probably know this too. It is ingrained in our minds and is the one thing that haunts us.

There is even said to be a curse that dooms the Sox every season and leads to more disappointed generations of baseball fans.

The Red Sox had quite a team this past year, and were only several outs away from a trip to the World Series, their first since 1986 (coincidentally the same year the

Patriots went to their first Super Bowl). But as you probably know they lost the game. I won't go into detail.

So you would think that since the Red Sox ended last season in devastating fashion again and the Patriots are riding high on the tail of their second title in three years that the clear choice for the most popular team and sport in the New England region is football.

Well not so fast.

It may be that I'm just one of those disillusioned Sox fans, but I still think that the Red Sox are the jewel of New England. They have made some major deals this off-season with the signing of Curt Schilling and Keith Foulke and once again I am optimistic that "this is the year."

I also feel like this is the consensus in New England after talking to many people this week following the Patriots win. They are looking forward to journeying to Fenway Park this summer and catching a game. They are optimistic that these Red Sox will be the team to break the curse and end New England's suffering.

And that is why baseball is the sport of New England and the Red Sox are its team.

Schippers, men's squash looking to move up national rankings

SQUASH

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number one, two and three matches had a lot of controversy."

The second match of the afternoon against Amherst ended in a hard fought 3-6 loss.

Excluding matches when Bates was victorious, every player dragged his contest out to at least four games.

Schippers, Bates' top player and co-captain, was able to win his match in five games. Fifth and sixth hitters Rob Weller and Peter Goldsborough both looked strong taking their matches in three games.

Co-captain Chad Mountain and sophomore Guillermo Moronta both brought their competitions to five games before losing 10-9 in the final game.

"We played Amherst back to back (with F&M) and had no time to recover," said Schippers. "Hopefully we get to play Amherst at nationals. We will surely have a chance to beat them because everyone will be fresh. It was a good chance to see how Amherst plays. If we were fresh we could have beaten them."

The men's team is now ranked 12th in the nation. If they beat Bowdoin on Wednesday at home it will be the highest they have ever been ranked going into post-season national play.

The Bobcats will also have matches against Tufts and Connecticut College at Bowdoin next weekend. The team is looking at these matches as a chance to stay in a competitive mode before going into nationals, where the men's program hopes to have their in-season work and success pay off.

McElroy finishes in top 20 for women's 5k

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nordic skiing you cannot always have your best race, but when you are off your game, the other guys will be on their game," explained Rogers.

Well, with Rogers finding the groove and with the nordic team firing on all cylinders, the competition should be wary.

In the 10K classic held at the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, the team held their own. Leonards recorded a tenth place finish with Rogers only forty-five seconds behind in twenty-second. Dan Johnson followed with another solid performance coming in thirty-first. John Reuter backed Johnson with a thirty-fourth place finish, and Seth Hubbard rounded off the men's top finishers in forty-third.

In the 3x5 FS relay (Leonards, Hubbard, Johnson), the Bates men placed sixth out of twenty teams. The most notable performance of the relay was Leonards, whose strong start paced the men's team to a successful finish.

Out of the twenty skiers who started the first leg, Leonards finished an unprecedented second.

The women produced their own share of success this weekend as well. The 5K classic featured great performances beginning with first-year Kaitlyn McElroy, who paced the women with a solid fifteenth place finish. Senior Abbie Harris is having an impressive year, evidenced in her notable twenty-second place finish.

Rookies McKenzie Kohlhardt Alissa Praggastis had strong thirtieth and thirty-sixth place performances. Emily Poole and Erin Bougie finished the Bates women's scoring in forty-fifth and forty-seventh.

The women's 3x5 FS relay team of Kohlhardt, Harris, and McElroy battled below zero temperatures to place sixth out of nineteen teams. Finishing with a total time of 55:20.7, the Bates women were off by a mere two minutes from the victorious Middlebury team.

The ski team hits the snow again at the Dartmouth carnival on Feb. 13.

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Women drop close meet in NESCAC pool action

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lar season.

Seaton reflected, "[Friday's] meet was a really nice way for me to end the season, especially the three meter competition. To have a dive you have been working on all year finally come together gives you an amazing sense of accomplishment."

Accomplishments are more like it. Not only did Seaton beat the second place Camel, Ali McDonald, by more than 20 points on one meter and 40 points on three meter, but she is also ranked number one on the three meter board and number three on the one meter in NESCAC standings.

The underclassmen made their presence known as well. On the boards Katie Unger placed third on the three meter and fourth on the one meter. Natchelle Wiegman placed third on one meter and fourth on three meter.

Kate Gatti was a member of the 400 IM relay team and the 400 free relay team, and also placed third in the 50 free. In the same event Lucy Wall came in fifth, allowing the Bobcats to gain a majority of the points. Sophomore Kate Russell came in fourth in the 1000 free,

dropping 30 seconds over the last three meets, an outstanding improvement over a short period of time.

As new blood this year the rookies have brought additional to the team. Missy Shaw came in second, third, and fourth in the 500, 200, and 100 freestyle, setting personal bests in each event. Jennifer Rasmusen earned a second place finish as a member of the 400 IM relay, placed second in the 100 breaststroke, and fourth in the 50 breast.

As the regular season ends for the Bobcats, the focal point is just beginning: the NESCAC Championship. For the seniors there will be no next meets and no second chances.

"NESCACs [are] a really exciting meet. Everyone pulls together as team and I cannot wait to see some fantastic performances," said Seaton.

The NESCAC tournament will be held at Wesleyan College Feb. 20-22.

"I think our freshmen in particular are going to have a great meet. They've all had great seasons so far and I think they could really surprise us and themselves," said Catie Hinckley.

Libby McConnell added, "Our team has a lot of depth with almost every member of the team capable of scoring in an event. Anything can happen at the NESCAC Championship."

GARCIA LOOKING AHEAD TO INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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er who always brings a lot of emotion to games. It really won't be the same next year suiting up in a Bates uniform without him."

Head coach Joe Reilly recruited Garcia and has coached him for all four years at Bates.

"Ramon has been a great player for our program," he said. "Ramon and classmate Pat Conroy will be the first seniors since the class of 1961 to graduate with four winning seasons of Bates men's basketball. Ramon arrived at Bates as a great player, and because of his attitude, work ethic, and coach-ability he is now one of the best players to ever wear a Bates uniform."

There are no signs of the time spent away from basketball in Ramon's game this year. He's the squad's leading scorer, averaging 14.8 points per game, and grabs an average of four rebounds each contest. Coming into this weekend's play he was ranked 43rd in the nation with a three-point shooting percentage of 41.7 percent. When asked if he had any problems making the transition and adjusting to his new teammates he says the closeness of this year's team has made his return to Bates basketball a smooth one.

"We've got seven new freshmen this year. This is a completely different team than my past years. This team is really different, we're together all the time. I feel like we connected in the fall and that made it easier coming back," he said.

The time away has also given Garcia a clearer picture of what he plans to do after Bates. He wants to combine his love for the game of basketball with work in an international setting, hopefully playing in a league overseas.

"[Going abroad] gave me the vision of playing overseas. I want to play basketball when I

graduate. It's what I do. It's what I'm good at. It's something I want to have as a part of my life," Garcia said. "I also want to be involved in international relations. I want to work in a Spanish-speaking country doing something with the community. Going abroad made me want it more. Before I would say I wanted to do it, but I didn't know. Going and seeing Americans over there and what they do was influential."

Reilly thinks Garcia has a great shot of playing ball overseas.

He said, "I have been talking with a few alums with connections in Europe and I think Ramon has the ability to find a spot. Alex Wilson, '02 had a great experience playing in Denmark. Billy Hart had a great coaching experience in Northern Ireland and I hope we can find Ramon a great fit. Usually teams are looking for an American player who can put a lot of points on the board—and Ramon can really score. I think this will excite a lot of teams."

In the meantime, Garcia will continue to lead the Bates men towards a successful run at the NESCAC championship. This past weekend, he was perfect from the floor and the free-throw line in the first half, pacing the Bobcats with a game-high 25 points in a conference victory over Colby.

If the Bates men are going to have the type of success down the stretch that they aspire to, Garcia will be a big part of that.

"This year his strengths have been his leadership, defense and three point shooting," said Reilly. "Ramon is a very positive individual and he is a great teammate. He works hard every day in practice and this year he is really making an effort to set an example for our younger players—both on and off the court. We are really looking for Ramon to help us have a strong finish this year."

place finish for her pole vault of 8-06.00.

Also earning points for the Bobcats were middle distance runners Meghan Hellieson, Megan Hamilton and Isabel Yalouris. Hellieson finished fifth in the 800m while Hamilton and Yalouris were sixth in the 1000m and the 1500m.

The Bobcats will travel to Boston, Mass. for next weekend's Boston University Valentine Classic.

as Ann Lovely's earned second and Katherine Creswell followed up with fourth.

Several rookies made a mark in their inaugural appearance at the State Championships. Jen Caban finished third in the 600-meter race with a DIV3 qualifying time of 1:44.00. Fellow first-year Julia Shelky also received a third

ON DECK THIS WEEK

BATES ACTION

Wed. 2/11	MEN'S SQUASH VS. BOWDOIN	5:30 P.M.
Fri. 2/13	MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. WILLIAMS	7 P.M.
Fri. 2/13	Women's Basketball @ Williams	TBA
Fri. 2/13-2/14	Alpine/Nordic Skiing @ Darmouth Carnival	TBA
Fri. 2/13	Men's Squash v. Hamilton @ Bowdoin	6 P.M.
Fri. 2/13	Women's Squash v. St. Lawrence @ Bowdoin	8:15P.M.
Sat. 2/14	MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. MIDDLEBURY	3 P.M.
Sat. 2/14	Women's Basketball @ Middlebury	3 P.M.
Sat. 2/14	Men's Track and Field @ Bowdoin	TBA
Sat. 2/14	Women's Track @ B.U. Valentine Classic	TBA
Sat. 2/14	Men's Squash v. Tufts @ Bowdoin	2:30 P.M.
Sat. 2/14	Women's Squash v. Tufts @ Bowdoin	2:30 P.M.
Sat. 2/14	Women's Squash v. Hamilton @ Bowdoin	7 P.M.
Sun. 2/15	MENS SQUASH VS CONNECTICUT COLLEGE	1:30 P.M.
Sun. 2/15	WOMENS SQUASH VS CONNECTICUT COLLEGE	1:30 P.M.
Tue. 2/17	Men's Squash @ M.I.T.	5 P.M.
Fri. 2/20-2/21	Alpine/Nordic Skiing @ William Carnival	TBA
Fri. 2/20	Women's Squash @ Howe Cup Team Nationals	TBA
Fri. 2/20	Women's Swimming @ NESCAC's @ Williams	TBA
Fri. 2/20	Men's Track and Field @ Div III NE Meet @ Bowdoin	TBA
Sat. 2/21	Women's Track and Field @ Div. III NE Meet @ M.I.T.	TBA

Hochadel records first career double-double in Colby win

BASKETBALL
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cutting the Bobcat lead to eight points, 56-48. Colby could claw no further, as Bates regained control and pushed the lead into double digits.

"We got too comfortable in the second half. This was a problem for us earlier in the season as well. But we regained our composure and I really believe that is a testament to how we've grown as a team," said Dubois.

While Colby cut the lead to eight points on three occasions, Bates closed the game on a 17-5 run to seal the victory. The Bobcats used the free throw line maintain a cushion in the second half, hitting 12 of 13 from the charity stripe.

Olivia Zurek notched another double-double for Bates with 18 points and 16 boards. She also dished out five assists and nabbed five steals in the win. Dubois knocked in 3 for 8 from long range and rookie Meg Coffin chipped in 13 points to strengthen to offensive attack.

Colby had four players with 10 points or more, led by a 14-point effort on 4 for 6 three-point shooting from Kate Emery.

"We lost our patience and we did not get back on defense or contest enough shots," said Murphy. "But Olivia [Zurek], Betsy [Hochadel], and Meg [Coffin] had some big plays down the stretch and we were able to hold on to the lead."

The Mules fell to 9-13, 2-5. Bates improved to 14-6, 5-1 NESCAC, prepared to put their five-game winning streak on the line in Saturday's match-up with no. 1 nationally-ranked Bowdoin.

"They aren't ranked number one in the country for nothing." These were the sentiments expressed by Bates coach Jim Murphy after Saturday's devastating 56-46 loss to Bowdoin College, currently first in NESCAC and Division III team rankings.

"They [Bowdoin] challenge every shot, they contest every offensive movement. Whether it is zone or man [defense], they don't give you anything—anything," said Murphy.

Bates' Olivia Zurek used the home court energy of Alumni Gymnasium to open the game on a 6-0 run, hitting on a jumper and two put-backs in the first two minutes. But the Polar Bears maintained their composure as Eileen Flaherty went on a six-point run of her own to tie the game at eight apiece. Justine Pouravelis powered up a bucket after a Bowdoin time-out to give Bowdoin ten points and the lead for good.

"We had a nice rhythm at the start of the game, but Bowdoin got a pair of second chance shots and gained momentum, said Murphy. "We wanted to use more shot fakes and find more fast break opportunities."

The Polar Bears' defense, ranked first nation-

ally in scoring defense and third in field goal percentage defense, held Bates to just 7-for-27 shooting in the first half.

Kyla Decato brought a spark off the bench for the Bobcats, connecting on a three and going coast-to-coast on a steal and score just under eight minutes before halftime. Flaherty came up strong off a baseline post-up and Laura Trenkle netted a bucket from behind the arc, contributing to a 7-1 Bowdoin run that sent Bates into intermission down 16-25.

"We really tried to work on maintaining composure in Alumni [Gym], and against such a strong Bates team," said Bowdoin coach Stephanie Pemper. "We didn't box out strong enough or play their tendencies as well as I would have liked. But, Flaherty delivered big plays and Trenkle hit key shots for us."

Key shots is an understatement for the onslaught brought by Trenkle in the opening minutes of the second half.

The pre-season All-American was responsible for all ten of Bowdoin's points in the first six minutes of action, hitting a lay-up and a jumper before finishing off the run with a pair of long-range bombs. Bates had cut the lead to five points before Trenkle's second trey found the bottom of the net. Trenkle was supported by an aggressive and poised group of Polar Bears who out rebounded the Bobcats and forced 22 turnovers.

"Laura Trenkle is just a fantastic competitor and a tremendous basketball player," said Murphy.

"Honestly, Bates plays us so hard—they are the only opponent who is capable of making us rise to another level each and every time," said Pemper. "Zurek diving on the loose ball in the last moments of the game, as if it were a tied game, that really shows the heart and passion of the Bates team."

Zurek led Bates with 17 points, 7 rebounds, and a game-high 7 steals. Coffin came on strong late in the second half, chipping in six points and grabbing eight boards for Bates. Flaherty led Bowdoin and all scorers with 22 points, including six for seven from the charity stripe. Trenkle torched four of seven from three-point land en route to a 20 point effort.

In the end, the key to the game was in second-chance shots, as Bowdoin outscored Bates 15-6.

"We cut it to eight and had free throw opportunities, but couldn't quite get back into striking distance," said Murphy. "But I am really impressed with Olivia [Zurek], Betsy [Hochadel] and especially Meg [Coffin]. She hustled back on a Bowdoin fast break to knock the ball loose when it looked like a sure two points. That was inspirational."

Bates plays its final regular season home game in a double-header with the men's team on Tuesday night, facing St. Joseph's at 5:30.

Senior Spotlight

RAMON GARCIA



Courtesy Photo

Ramon Garcia drives to the basket in a NESCAC matchup against Colby College.

Coast to Coast...and Beyond

by **LYNN WORTHY**
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

He's back. That's right.

After missing the majority of last season, Ramon Garcia is back and leading the Bates College men's basketball team through one of the toughest conferences in Division III, the NESCAC.

Eight games into last season, it became official that Garcia, a Spanish major, would have to enroll in a study abroad program in the Dominican Republic. He needed to complete the credits required for his major in order to graduate on time.

Ramon has been performing at a high level ever since arriving at Bates.

As a rookie, he averaged 23 minutes and 10.2 points per game, and was second on the team in both assists and steals.

In his sophomore year before he left for study abroad, Garcia had been averaging a little over 10 points per game,

was hitting 46 percent of his field goals, and was knocking down just under 40 percent of his three-point attempts. In the second game of the season he played only 15 minutes and still managed to score 23 points hitting eight of nine from the field, including all six of his shots from behind the three-point arc.

"Last year was the first time I've taken time off from basketball. Every year since I started to play ball in the eighth grade, I've just kept playing basketball," Garcia said. "Leaving last semester was the first time I had to let it go. It was tough. I had to go through a big process. There were a lot of meetings with my coach and meetings with my advisor. It was a big change for me."

A big change indeed; leaving in the middle of basketball season, and leaving Bates.

Garcia recalls a big factor in coming to Bates was a friend and fellow basketball player who was already attending school here, Billy Hart, (a 2002 graduate and

1,000-point scorer). Hart and Garcia both came to Bates from Haverhill, Mass., and had played basketball together for years.

Garcia said, "I was thinking of going to school down south, but I didn't want to go to school where I didn't know anybody. I wanted somebody that I knew, and then there was coach. Coach Reilly showed the most interest out of all the coaches that I talked to."

Although the Bobcats enjoyed a lot of success in the early part of last season, Garcia was clearly missed down the stretch.

"Having him leave last year really hurt us," said junior tri-captain Brian Gerrity. "He is a great scorer and plays very good defense on opposing point guards. When he left, our rotation also was hurt because we lost a lot of depth. Ramon is one of my favorite players to be on the court with. He is truly a team-first play-

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MEN'S BASKETBALL SPLITS WEEKEND ACTION

by **LYNN WORTHY**
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The Bobcats found out that it's not easy to beat a team multiple times in one season, especially your most heated

Bates	80
Colby	73

Bates	55
Bowdoin	62

rivals. The men's basketball team split games with Colby and Bowdoin this weekend. Friday night they went into Waterville, and escaped with a 80-73. The Bobcats couldn't complete the sweep, falling 62-55 to the Polar Bears in Brunswick.

Bates had beaten both teams in Alumni Gym earlier in the season, beating Colby 77-59, and Bowdoin 87-56.

Friday night, in Wadsworth Gymnasium, the Bobcats jumped on top early behind some marksman-like shooting from behind the three-point line. The Bobcats, ranked 11th in the nation in three pointers made per game, went eight for 12 from long range in the first half.

At the other end of the floor, the Bobcat

defense was suffocating, and Colby shot a dismal 26 percent from the field in the first half. By halftime, the Bobcats had managed to open up a 20-point lead on the Mules, taking a 41-21 advantage into the locker room.

In the second half, the hot hands for the Bobcats cooled off enough to let Colby make it a competitive game once again. Andrew Jenkins of Colby scored all 14 of his points in the second half as the Mules cut the deficit to as little as five points in the last minute of play, but Bates weathered the storm and registered the seven-point victory.

Ramon Garcia had a game-high 25 points, going seven of nine from the field, and five of seven from behind the arc. Junior Brian Gerrity scored 20 points of his own, shooting an identical five of seven from three-point range to go along with three rebounds and three assists. Power forward Rob Stockwell recorded a double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds on the night.

Drew Cohen led the Mules' attack with 16 points, five rebounds, and five blocks.

Saturday the Bobcats arrived in Brunswick hoping to repeat the 30-point beat down they

had given to the Polar Bears in Alumni. Bowdoin had a different idea.

The two sides battled throughout, with neither willing to give an inch. The contest featured eight ties and five lead changes before it was all said and done.

Bates took a 31-29 lead into the half after 20 minutes of back and forth action. Bowdoin tied things up to start the second half, but the Bobcats answered right back with a pair of three-point bombs from Jon Furbush and Brian Gerrity. As the second half approached the five minute mark, the Bobcats took a 55-47 lead after a layup by Rob Stockwell. That basket with 5:56 left turned out to be the last for Bates.

The Polar Bears forced several turnovers, capitalizing and finishing out the game by going on a 15-0 run to secure the 62-55 victory.

T.J. McLeod led all scorers with 23 points and Kevin Bradley contributed 17 for Bowdoin.

Brian Gerrity had a team-high 21 points for the Bobcats and Ramon Garcia added 11 while Furbush and Stockwell each pulled down seven rebounds apiece.

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New England's pastime: football or baseball?

by **ADAM SOULE**
SPORTS COLUMNIST

The New England Patriots are Super Bowl Champions again! The New England Patriots are Super Bowl Champions again! I don't know how many times I've seen or heard that line in the past week since the Pats won the 'big game' over the Panthers in dramatic fashion. Don't get me wrong, I'm not tired of hearing about the Pats wonderful run to the top of the NFL for the second time in three years, I could actually hear about how great the Pats are every day for the rest of the off-season, because I consider myself a huge Pats fan and them winning the Super Bowl again is just a great moment for a New England sports fan such as myself.

I've been a New England Patriots fan for as long as I can remember. I'm telling you this because one day after the Super Bowl, while most people were basking in the delight of having their hometown team win the big one, I was focused on another professional team. I was logging onto RedSox.com to see what recent news articles were posted on the site. Because no matter how big a Pats fan I am, I'm always going to be a bigger Sox fan. My devotion to the Red Sox was something I was born with. It is in my blood as well as in most New Englanders. So as the webpage loaded and I saw the headline on the site, it wasn't what I had expected to see. The headline read, "A 'Pat' on the back, Red Sox style," and the article that followed was all about the Red Sox organization congratulating the Pats on their 'super performance.' I thought this to be a noble gesture on the part of the Sox, but then some questions came to my mind. Is New England, traditionally a baseball region for the people's undying devotion to the Boston Red Sox, now becoming more of a football region? Is the success of the Patriots persuading sports fans in this part of the country to possibly drop some of their allegiance to the Red Sox and shift it to the team from Foxboro. In other words, is football now the pastime of this region?

This question has been asked more and more lately on the national scale. Most sports writers and TV analysts from across the country think that football has become so popular in the past decade that it has taken the title away from baseball. On the other hand, I think that sports fans, those that really count in the debate over our national pastime, are a lot harder to sway. I believe that most fans still believe that baseball is America's Pastime because the sport has such a rich history and MLB, professional baseball's governing body, seems to be devoted to baseball fans and keeping the integrity of the sport intact. However, is this true in the region that seems to be overtaken by 'Patriot Mania'?

Baseball and football have definitely become the two most popular sports on the professional scale in recent years in New England. Even though both the Boston Celtics and Boston Bruins have rich histories and their fan bases are still strong in this area, their popularity has dropped as of late. The Celtics seem to be headed toward a rebuilding stage, and all of the recent Bruins teams have continually failed to be great playoff teams. So the Red Sox and Patriots are the two greatest professional sports organizations in this region without a doubt. But which one is the most popular? Which one, as seen through the eyes of a native New Englander, is the better of the two? (I choose to look at professional sports alone for this debate because they are most dominant in the newspapers, on television, and anywhere else that sports are discussed. If you include all levels of sports, then you must also look at the influence that all college, high school, and other sports have on the people of the region. Even though college sports have a great presence in the New England sports region, the Red

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JUNIORS PACE POOL ACTION

Seaton continues win streak on one- and three-meter dive boards

by **SARAH SPRAGUE**
STAFF WRITER

Everyone loves it when pool records are broken. It proves to the swimmers and the spectators that the athletes are improving and the sport itself is getting faster and more challenging.

However, it is not so great when those pool records are broken by the opposing team, which is exactly what happened on Friday night.

The women's swimming and diving team fell to the Connecticut College Camels 159-141 in a devastating loss in their last regular season meet of the season. The Bobcats finished the season with a final record of 4-5.

Conn. College's Kate Kovenock set three Tarbell pool records, two individual events and one relay. She broke the records in the 100 yard freestyle, the 50 butterfly, and was a member of the 400 individual medley (IM) relay team. Each record was at least 19 years old and was broken by more than two-tenths of a second.

Even though a loss resulted from this meet, there is no way to discount the talent of these Bobcat women.

The junior class has dominated the lanes and boards this year, which shows the immense potential for next season. Nicole Sparks had a great meet as she won the 50 yard free, came in second in the 200 free, third in the 100 free and was on the second place 400 free relay team.

Classmate Allison Wensley added valuable points with a second place finish on the 400 IM relay team, third place finish in the 100 butterfly, fourth place finish in the 500 freestyle, and an important second place in the 400 IM, coming in just behind Vanessa Williamson.

Williamson added another first place finish in the 100 butterfly, beating the second place Conn. College swimmer by over four and a half seconds. Williamson was just short of first in the 50 butterfly and was also a member of the second place 400 free relay team. She is focused on defending her 200 butterfly title at the upcoming NESCAC Championships.

Juniors Jackie Donnelly and Fiona Clifford went two-three in the 100 breaststroke. Donnelly also placed third in the 1000 free, setting a season personal-best time. Classmate Sarah Baldwin notched a sixth place finish in the 1000 free, also setting a personal best.

Then, of course there is junior Kara Seaton, the Bobcat's leading diver. She continued her winning streak on both the one- and three-meter boards to end up undefeated in the regu-

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WOMEN'S TRACK THIRD IN STATE MEET

by **SCOTT PRIEST**
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Women's track coach Carolyn Court praised her team's effort Friday night.

"The team ran exceptionally well—many season and collegiate bests with better post-season qualifying marks."

Her team finished third, scoring 120 points in the Maine State Championship meet in Brunswick on Friday night. Host Bowdoin College took first place with 188.5, followed by Colby with 167.5. USM rounded out the four-team meet with 104 points.

Court was pleased with her team's progress ahead of USM, whom they have struggled with as of late.

She explained, "It was great that we were able to move back ahead of USM, who finished slightly ahead of us last week."

High-scoring Bobcat of the meet and one of the athletes for whom Court's praise was most appropriate was captain Julie Dutton.

The senior had a career-best day as she took

home two state titles in the 1500-meter and 3000-meter races. She later came back to anchor a strong leg in the 4 X 800-meter relay.

Dutton crossed the finish line of the 1500 in 4:48, nearly ten seconds ahead of the nearest competitor. She finished the grueling 3k in 10:23. Both efforts were lifetime bests, Division 3 New England (DIV3), ECAC, and Open New England qualifying times.

Teammate and fellow senior Beth Pagnotta also ran a lifetime best in the 3,000 with a time of 10:47. The third-place qualified Pagnotta for the DIV3 and ECAC meets.

The Bobcats saw continued relay success on Friday, as the 4 X 400 team of Ashley Wentworth, Kirsten Terry, Ginny Yang, and Danielle Touhey finished second with a season best time of 4:20.04. Bates was just 00.11 seconds behind Bowdoin.

Anchoring the relay was sophomore Wentworth, whose time of 61.5 seconds paced all four legs. Wentworth was joined by Terry in the 400m where both athletes recorded collegiate bests and DIV3 qualifying marks in their

fifth and sixth place finishes, respectively.

As predicted, the weight events were dominated by the Bobcats.

Senior captain Liz Wanless set meet and facility records with a shot put mark of 50-03.25. Wanless also set a personal record in the 20 lb. weight throw, tossing 49-00.75 for third place.

Winning the weight throw event was sophomore Kelley Godsey, who tied her personal record of 58-08.00. The mark currently ranks her second in the nation in the event. Godsey joined Wanless on the shot put leader-board, taking second with a throw of 44-04.00.

In other field events, sophomore Kirby Sabra tied a personal best with a triple jump of 34-02.00. She finished second at the meet and qualified for the DIV3 meet. Sarah Tressel finished fourth in the high jump, clearing a season-best height of 4-11.00.

The 5000-meter race was once again a success for the Bobcats, who had two point-scorers

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Bobcat of the Week



JOE NORTHRUP

No athlete epitomized the team mentality of the men's track state championship win more clearly than Joe Northrup, who scored in all five of five events he competed in.

He picked up second in the 55 (personal best 6.62), third in the hurdles (personal best 8.2) and triple jump (41-02.00), fourth in the pole vault (14-00.00) and fifth in the long jump (20-00.5).

The junior was last year's New England Division III champion in the decathlon and the 4x100 meter relay.

Northrup earned All-America honors with his eighth-place finish in the decathlon at the 2003 Div. III outdoor national championships.

Leonards leads nordic ski team with 15th-place finish

by **NOLAN MACHERNIS**
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The University of Vermont Carnival held this past weekend at Stowe Mountain in Vermont provided challenging conditions for the Bates' alpine and nordic skiers.

The men's nordic team, led by rookie Chris Leonards, showed amazing determination and promise for the future. The women's team also had a strong showing in the 5K classic and 3x5 FS.

The third carnival of the long winter season took its toll on the alpine skiers as weather conditions created delays and cancellations. The women's alpine team encountered tough hill conditions on Haystack throughout the giant slalom (GS) and slalom races.

Young leadership led the way through freezing rain and snow as sophomores Rachel Levitz and Erin Bragg and rookie Courtney Whalen recorded strong times in the GS.

Levitz placed twenty-seventh with a time of 2:25.44. Bragg finished twenty-ninth only two seconds behind Levitz. Whalen crossed the line in 2:37.20, good enough for thirty-fourth place.

The slalom women performed equally as well with Levitz leading the way again with a twenty-seventh place finish. Davis was close behind in thirtieth with Whalen finishing in thirty-second place.

"It was a tough day again because of bad weather conditions. The hill had about a foot and a half of new snow from the day before. It was snowing in the morning and then changed

over to freezing rain in the afternoon which limited the visibility," said Davis.

She continued, "Most of the women took their second run, but our coach [Rogan Connell] told us the conditions were getting worse and there was no point to take the chance of someone getting hurt."

The men's alpine team encountered the same weather conditions, which caused their second run to be postponed. The team had suffered a tough first run as three of the six men fell and had to hike. Bates' pride and determination shined when the men picked it up and had a great second run to place four in the top thirty.

Rookie Carter Casner came in nineteenth with a time of 1:37.34 while classmate Adam Bristow came in twenty-third finishing just one second back. Johnson also had a strong second run to finish in twenty-seventh place with a 1:41.17.

"This weekend was tough once again because of the weather, but we're hoping to do even better next weekend at Dartmouth," said Davis.

Both the men's and women's nordic teams had outstanding performances at the carnival.

Rookie sensation Chris Leonards once again paced the team in the 10K classic and the 3x5 FS relay.

After beginning the season somewhat slowly, classmate Kyle Rogers had a breakthrough performance this weekend, nicely complimenting Leonards' strong finish.

"Our team is showing amazing depth. In

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Gauthier, throwers tally 49 points in men's track win

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events. Bowdoin was a distant second with 160.25, USM was third with 87 and Colby last with 51.

With five individual champions and one winning relay apiece, the battle to the state title between Bates and Bowdoin came down to heart and guts, and on Saturday night Walter Slovenski Indoor Track was glistening with Bobcat red.

Bates clawed past Bowdoin for 16 second- and third-place finishes, while the Polar Bears only picked up six.

"The Bates sprinters and throwers really gave inspired performances," said Bowdoin coach Peter Sloveski. "We came into the field house and did our best to get the momentum for Bowdoin. But in every event, Bates athletes rose up and outperformed other teams tonight."

The Bobcats ran away with 70 points in the sprints (55-meter hurdles, 55-meter dash, 200-meter, 400-meter) behind three state champion

performances.

Adam Macbeth began the night with a 7.97-second victory in the hurdles, becoming the third Bates athlete in the last five years to win the event. Joel Colony continued the onslaught with a win in the 55 dash. His 6.60 effort is a personal best, Division III New England, and ECAC qualifying mark.

Rookie Matt Capone completed the trio of champions with a gutsy unexpected victory in the 200. His 22.95 effort knocked four tenths of a second off his previous best, and propelled him to the record books for the second fastest time in Bates history.

"We had three guys break into the top-ten all-time performance lists in the 55 and the 200," said Bates assistant coach Hob Brooks. "The sprinters were simply amazing tonight."

The middle-distance runners came through with a vengeance, stealing points from under the Polar Bears in the 600m when rookie Sam Thomas pushed past Bowdoin during the final turn to a 1:26.97 second-place finish. Pat Wales-Dinan had the strongest performance of his career, leaving nothing on the track with his

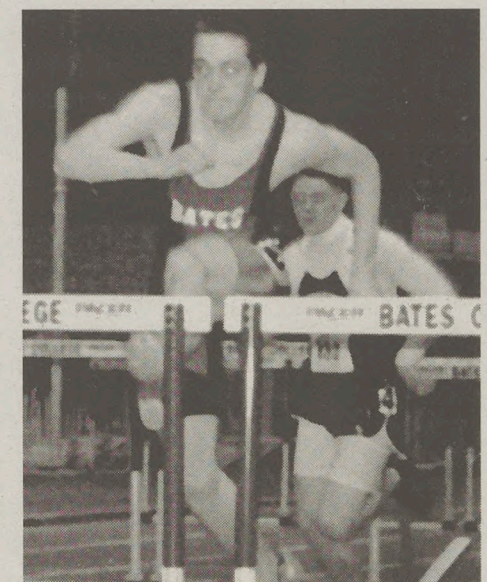
blazing second-place 1:59.24 personal best and D3 qualifying time in the 800m.

Bowdoin's Andrew Combs came back to win his second event in the 1,000m, notching a D3 and ECAC qualifying time of 2:35.78. Bates pushed Combs the entire race and the effort paid off at the finish line, where Bates runners went 2,3,5,6 for 17 points.

Bates finished the last event of the night the very same way they started: with a state champion. Defending titlist Dustin Gauthier picked up his second victory of the night with a 50-00.25 toss in the shot put. Earlier the All-American threw 54-10.50 to lead Bates to an astounding five of the top six places in the 35-lb weight throw.

For now, the team is enjoying the title, but they have their eyes set on the outdoor season and the chance to clinch the elusive triple-crown.

As coach Fereshetian pronounced to a tired yet elated group of Bates men after the awards ceremony, "Without hesitation, one of the most impressive meets in Bates history."



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Adam Macbeth became the third Bates athlete in the last five years to win the 55 meter high hurdles.

STATE OF MAINE CHAMPIONS

Nine State Champions Lead Men's Track to Second Largest Margin of Victory in State Meet History



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Joe Northrup (left) and Joel Colony (center) edged out Colby for a 1-2 finish in the 55-meter dash final.

by AMY WEBB
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One hundred and ten long years have done little to diminish the fire burning in the eyes of every athlete and coach that walked through the field house doors on Saturday night. Countless previous regular season meetings did not remove the smell of anticipation in the air or the taste of possibility from the mouths of four trained and hungry teams.

This is not some track and field meet that will be relegated to a sports section brief in the next day's paper. No, this one is about deep history, and strong tradition, and team. This one is about glory.

Fast forward to Bates campus, winter of 1969. The Clifton Daggett Gray Athletic Building is abuzz with the unmistakable echo

of clapping and cheers. Scoring just 40.5 points, the Bobcats had captured the first indoor State of Maine Championship.

Thirty-five years, eight titles, and a new home facility later, Bates did it again – and they did it big.

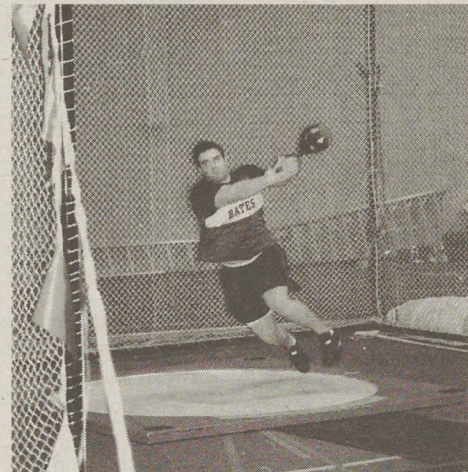
"We left no doubt on that," said Bates coach Al Fereshetian on Saturday night after Bates captured their ninth state championship with a resounding 54 point triumph, the second largest margin of victory in meet history.

Bates regained the coveted trophy for the first time since 1999 and the ninth time in championship history.

"This is the truest team championship all year. We see these opponents at least four times during the season, but nothing matter until this meet. This is our CBB – all right here – all in one night," said Fereshetian.

The Bobcats scored 214.75 points over 17

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Andrew Stowe/The Bates Student

Defending state champion Dustin Gauthier won two titles in the shot put and the 35-lb weight throw.

Men's swimming rebounds in victory over Conn. College, improves 2004 team record to 4-2.

by MIKE SPRINGER
STAFF WRITER

"I have nothing but positive things to say about our team at this point," said swim team captain Nate Curll after the Bobcat victory over Connecticut College on Friday night.

After suffering a huge defeat in their last meet, the Bobcats pounced back with a victory over Conn College, who entered Tarbell Pool 4-4 with big victories early in the season against Trinity and UMass Dartmouth. Despite Conn College's strong record, Bates remained focused as the meet approached.

"They're a solid team, but if we swim the way we have been swimming we should pull out the victory," predicted Bates junior Adam Eggert.

Last week, the Tufts Jumbos outnumbered the Bobcats, but Saturday it was Bates' turn to be the deeper, more experienced team. In the end, this advantage determined the results of the meet.

"Starting off the meet by breaking the pool record in the medley relay set the tone for the rest of the day," said Curll. "We had a lot of personal best times and I think it just was a continuation of the good things that have been happening on this team."

After a grueling four hour competition, Bates came out victorious. Their only regret leaving the water was that they failed to break the pool 200 free relay record as captain Todd Bretl lost his goggles when diving into the water.

Friday was a strong turn-around for the team and a great way to head into the NESCAC championships.

"Swimming [against] Connecticut College, a strong team, was a great way to end our season," noted Curll.

Since the winter break, the men's swimming and diving team has rebuilt, recharged, and drastically changed their season. With

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SCHUYLER HAYNES BREAKS TIE FOR SQUASH

by GARY DZEN
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The Bates College Women's Squash team needed a big performance to complete a perfect week, and first-year Schuyler Haynes pulled through for the Bobcats, breaking a 4-4 tie to give Bates the 5-4 win at Amherst on Saturday. The win capped off a solid week for the Bobcats, who also defeated Bowdoin 7-2 on Tuesday night.

Haynes defeated her Amherst opponent at the fifth position in straight games, 10-8, 9-3, 9-0, earning her second victory of the week. Sarah Persing turned in another strong performance for Bates, winning her match against Emily Stark 9-0, 7-9, 9-2, 9-3.

Kristin Brush, Maggie Smith, and Audrey Blanchette also won their matches against Amherst, making it a sweep for the 5th through 9th positions for the Bobcats, something the team has made a habit of pulling off

this season. Their depth has been the difference in almost all of their matches this season.

"The women's team has been very confident this season and is looking forward to having our best season yet," says Bates' number one player, Melissa Lue Yen. "We have a strong team this year filled with much experience and fresh, new faces."

In the match at the number one position, Lue Yen lost to Amherst's Ashley Harmeling in three games. Hamerling was also the NESCAC women's soccer player of the year last fall.

Bates Coach John Illig was particularly happy with the outcome of the match against Amherst, who is ranked 11th in the country.

"The Bates-Amherst match is always the toughest match of the year for us, and we knew that they would be difficult to beat, so we were happy for the win," he said.

In their first match of the week, Bates dominated their nemesis Bowdoin once again,

defeating the Polar Bears 7-2.

It was their third victory of the season against Bowdoin, having played them during a tournament at Yale, then at an away contest in Brunswick, and most recently at Bates' new squash facility.

Bates sophomore Liza Roberts won at the number three position, defeating Bowdoin's Eileen Schneider 9-5, 9-1, 9-1 and improving to 5-3 on the season.

"Bowdoin is a great team, and they have some really strong players, but they just don't have the depth that we have. That's why we have beaten them three times, and will continue to do so," said Bates first year Kelsey Engman.

Jenny Loring, Brush, Smith, and Blanchette all won their matches for Bates. The loss dropped 12th ranked Bowdoin to 4-10 on the season. Bates, currently ranked ninth, now stands at 6-3 on the year.

Hoops falls to no. 1 Bowdoin

by AMY WEBB
SPORTS EDITOR

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Turning the ball over 15 times, giving up 28 rebounds, and allowing 40 points in one half is never a good start to any basketball game – especially when you're playing on Bates College's home floor.

Colby College pulled together a 37-point effort in the second half of the NESCAC match-up to come within striking distance of the Bobcats, but never overcame the deficit created during the opening twenty minutes of the game, falling to Bates 77-60.

Bates' signature pressure defense wreaked havoc on Colby in the early plays of the game, as the Bobcats jumped out to a 17-4 lead just six minutes into the half. The increased confidence level of Betsy Hochadel poured through on 7-11 shooting for 16 points before intermission. The Bates junior recorded a career first double-double on a two career bests: 22 points and 12 rebounds.

"Anytime you beat Colby it's a great win," said Bates coach Jim Murphy. "I am disappointed in how much dribble penetration we allowed as well as our lack of help on defense. We worked on these in practice but we didn't show it on the floor tonight."



Courtesy Photo

Hochadel notched 22 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in her first career double-double against Colby.

Five minutes into the second half Bates' Lauren Dobois drained her second three-pointer of the night off a feed from Olivia Zurek to give Bates a 53-27 lead. A Colby time-out later the Mules began a 12-0 run including a three from Kate Emery and huge back-to-back scores from Laura Williamson. Emery and Billi Blanchard then combined for a trio of threes,

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Squash looks to improve national rankings

by BRETT LAFLAMME
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Last weekend the men's squash team traveled down to Amherst, Mass. to compete in the Amherst Invitational squash tournament. The Bobcats had two games on Saturday, the first against 12th-ranked Franklin and Marshall College (F&M) and the second against host Amherst, who is currently ranked 11th nationally.

In the first match of the day the Bobcats squared off against F&M.

In what would turn out to be an emotional match for both sides Bates proved to be the stronger team, prevailing 7-2. Number two player Gary Kan had a particularly strong performance coming back from a two-love deficit to win his match in five games.

Ben Schippers thought that winning so convincingly says a lot about how far the program has come since last season.

"Usually our matches against F&M end 5-4, with either Bates or F&M coming out on top," he said. "This year we absolutely blew them up."

Schippers also noted the intense physical aspect of the contest.

"A fight almost broke out in a few of the matches and gave it a very heated setting. The

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