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ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

Four honorary degree recipients will speak at the 138th commencement at Bates College May 31, President Elaine Tuttle Hansen announced. They are former National Science Foundation Director Rita R. Colwell; Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David Levering Lewis; Bates Dean Emeritus of Admissions Milton L. Lindholm of the class of 1935; and retired investment bank executive, former diplomat and current chair of Lower Manhattan Development Corp. John C. Whitehead.

Upon her Feb. 21 retirement as director of

the National Science Foundation, Rita R. Colwell became chairman of Canon U.S. Life Sciences Inc., a newly created subsidiary of Canon U.S.A. Inc., whose goal is to identify and develop life-science solutions with potential applications in diagnostics and medical instrumentation. "Across all of science today, much of the excitement of discovery ignites at the interfaces of disciplines," Colwell told an audience in Dallas last fall. Specializing in aquatic environments, she is known for explaining the connection between ocean temperatures and cholera outbreaks, and led a

project that markedly reduced the incidence of this disease in Bangladesh through a simple means: filtering drinking water through common cloth. Appointed to the NSF post in 1998 -- the first woman to hold that office. Colwell is past president of the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute. A Massachusetts native, she holds a bachelor of science in bacteriology and master of science in genetics from Purdue University, and earned her doctorate in oceanography at the University of Washington. She has authored, co-authored or edited 16 books and hundreds of publications,

and produced the award-winning film *Invisible Seas*. Colwell will receive an honorary doctor of science degree.

Twice a Pulitzer Prize winner, biographer David Levering Lewis has been called "the finest American historian plying his trade" by noted scholar John Hope Franklin. The Julius Silver University Professor and professor of history at New York University, Lewis received the Pulitzer Prize for biography in 1994 and 2001 for, respectively, his two-vol-

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OVER 600 PARTICIPATE
IN SECOND ANNUAL
MORGAN MCDUFFEE 5K
MEMORIAL RUN/WALK

by EMILY RAND
STAFF WRITER

In a powerful gesture of support and remembrance, over 600 participants took part in the second annual Morgan McDuffee 5K (3.1 mile) run/walk this past Saturday. A Bates economics student and captain of the lacrosse team, McDuffee was fatally stabbed two years ago while trying to break up an off-campus fight. A leader on the lacrosse field, Morgan's commitment to excellence also extended to his academics; he earned an A for his senior thesis in macroeconomics. For those who knew Morgan and those who walked simply to prevent future tragedy, Saturday proved to be both poignant and emotional.

"There was definitely a lot of positive energy," said event coordinator Elizabeth Jackson. "Almost all the teams at Bates were represented, and ran the race together." Just one of many examples of student commitment to Morgan's run, was the Bates crew team, which had an erg test in the Saturday morning but still brought over 30 participants to the race. Students from Bowdoin, Colby and University of Maine also ran in addition to the many members of the Bates community who participated. Also present Saturday were numerous Bates Alumni and Morgan's friends and family members.

"Both Morgan and Susie's families were so happy with the race, not only about all the money raised, but also about the great turnout. I think it was a really great day for everyone," Jackson said. Those couldn't run showed their support by walking a separate course that wound around the Bates campus.

Though the race was organized by Bates students, its coordinators attribute much of the race's success to a "huge community effort."

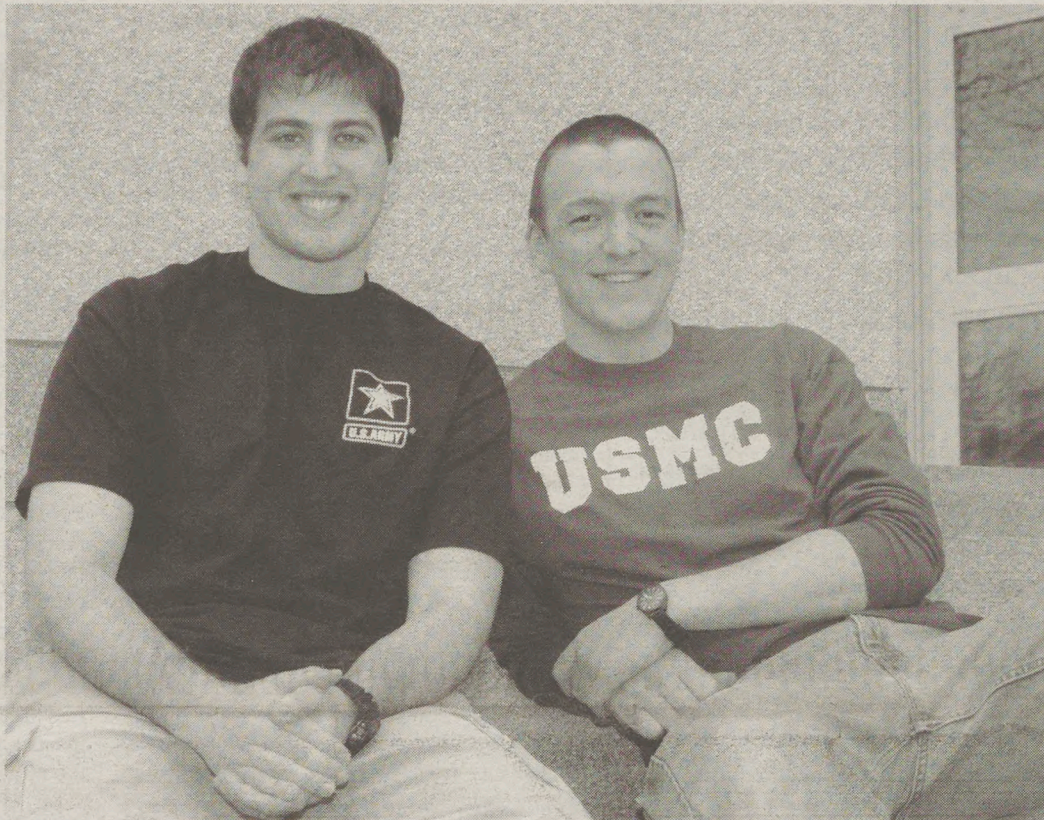
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THE FEW, THE PROUD, THE BATESIES

by ANNE CONWAY
STAFF WRITER

I recently attended a rehearsal for *Swingtime Canteen*, the WWII-era musical Bates is performing this spring. As an audience member at this interactive gig, I became by default one of the troops at a canteen show in London, 1943. Cast members, charming women who aimed to entertain with melodious voices and the occasional innuendo, stepped off stage to offer me coffee and make small talk. The music was great and the energy high, but I was jarred when a dance number using fake guns as props began. Something felt strange. I realized I was trying to reconcile the fun of a musical with the underlying pathos about the trials of war. I was trying to understand what the show was all about — patriotism.

Patriotism is a loaded word these days. Some might even label it taboo. And even if the conflict in Iraq seems to have faded into the background, no longer a daily presence on the front page of the paper, it is still a visceral reality for many. For some students here at Bates, questions of service, duty and sacrificing for one's country are more than theoretical issues. They are life choices. I spoke to three students — Adam Heller '04, Mike Philbrick '04, and James Tuttle '05 — who are planning on serving in the military after graduation. We talked about their motivations, expectations and politics. I asked them what it's like to be who they are at a place like Bates. After all, according to the Office of Institutional



Adam Heller (L) and Mike Philbrick (R). Not pictured: James Tuttle.

Planning and Analysis, only 1.1 percent of 2003 graduates intended "military service" after Bates. Talk about a minority.

In October, a *Student* article bemoaned Bates' tendency to ignore its own military history. The comments echoed those of a letter to the editor back in 1998 complaining that Bates does nothing to commemorate Veterans Day. Interestingly, the article suggests Bates' "fairly liberal attitude in recent years" may play a role, while the earlier letter plugs the Veterans Day celebration organized by the College Republicans. In both cases, mili-

tary service is loosely associated with political conservatism, an assumption that became a point of contention among those I talked to.

"I don't think being in the military necessarily means you are right-wing conservative," says Heller, who nevertheless calls himself "not the typical military candidate." Heller has already completed Marine Corps officer training and recently enlisted in the army. He plans to become an intelligence officer, the fast-track to a civilian career in security consulting or intelligence contracting. A democrat, he is

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attracted by the invaluable training and experience the military provides, largely unavailable elsewhere.

Philbrick and Tuttle agree that joining the military does not always denote hawkish tendencies. "It's a personal test," says Philbrick, a member of the Marine Corps Reserve interested in federal law enforcement. The impressive track record and prestige of the Marine Corps ensure a unique experience. Physical and mental demands are high, and the specialized job description means

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Gay conservative speaks on marriage rights

by LOU DENNIG
STAFF WRITER

Self-labeled conservative Andrew Sullivan, a passionate advocate of gay marriage, delivered a speech to a crowded Chase Hall Lounge on Thursday, Mar. 4. The speech was primarily sponsored by the College Republicans and co-sponsored by the Bates College Student Government, OUTfront, the College Democrats, Catholic Student Community, Hillel, *The John Galt Press*, the Bates Libertarians, the Dean of Students office,

the Dean of Faculty's office and the departments of political science, sociology, and rhetoric and theater.

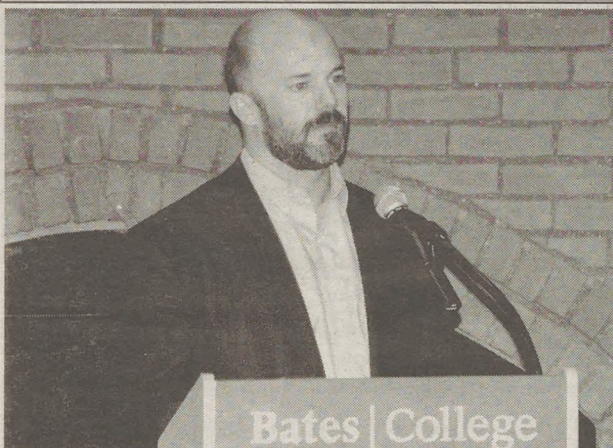
Sullivan's speech, which was planned in October, came at an unexpectedly opportune time, as gay marriage will be an important and controversial issue in the upcoming election. "Who could have guessed that in six months the issue of gay marriage would become one of the most divisive and important issues today?" said Andrew Simon, President of the Bates College Republicans.

Sullivan's distinguished career includes

being the former editor-in-chief of *The New Republic*. Currently, Sullivan is an essayist for *TIME* magazine and a columnist for the *Sunday Times of London*. He also is the editor of the popular Internet blog www.andrewsullivan.com. He has also written the books *Virtually Normal: An Argument About Homosexuality*, *Same Sex Marriage: Pro and Con, a Reader*, and *Love Undetectable: Notes on Friendship, Sex and Survival*.

Sullivan, despite being active in the gay

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REMEMBER MORGAN

Two years after the tragic death of Morgan McDuffee, the Bates community gathered on Saturday to remember a friend, a teammate, and to some, a complete stranger. Amidst laughter and camaraderie, students, staff, faculty, administration and others struggled together in solidarity to finish the 3.1 mile run. It was a fitting remembrance to a fellow student whose untimely death forced us all to reassess the fragility and vitality of life.

Each of us who knew Morgan remembers the shock and extreme sadness we all felt when we learned of his gruesome murder. We remember coming together as students in the Chapel to reflect on Morgan's life, the confusion and grief in the days and weeks after the attack, and the overwhelming support given to Morgan's family and to the Bates community from people from around the country. The moment immediately after hearing word of the murder was perhaps the most eerie and perplexing feeling some of us have ever, and will ever, experience.

Since then, we have grown as individuals and as a community. Our inflated sense of safety was shattered, and we have only recently begun to feel safe again. In an instant, we were forced to confront the stark reality that our seemingly utopian campus was in fact vulnerable. We are members of the world outside Bates, like it or not.

We have also all come to realize that we are stronger as a community working together towards a common goal than as individuals existing independent of each other. There is no better example of this than the planning and participation of Saturday's 5K race. Student organizers Graham Veysey and Elizabeth Jackson worked tirelessly to ensure a successful event hand in hand with Morgan's family and other involved parties. Students responded, and helped raise over \$11,000 that will benefit Morgan's Fund to combat youth violence.

The real test will be to see how long the memory of Morgan endures at Bates. Morgan's energy, gregariousness and optimism are ideals that have been instilled in all of us who knew him. We must work together to ensure that Morgan will never be forgotten.

A CRITICAL RESPONSE TO THE CRITICS CRITICIZING OUR CRITICISM

An oft-heard criticism of *The Student* this year has been that we are too often negative in our own criticisms on the College.

To this we have two responses. First, we are not alone. Our criticisms echo those of the student body.

Second, our criticisms are not unwarranted. Few have criticized our message. It is just that we only focus on the flawed aspects of the College.

We must hold the College to a higher standard. We should not tolerate mediocrity. When a problem arises at Bates, the common response seems to be "Oh, it's just Bates." No One Card system? "It's just Bates." Safe Rides limited to two people at a time? "It's just Bates." Draconian security policies? "It's just Bates."

We should not be indifferent to this prevailing attitude. Instead, we should confront the problems head on. *The Student's* editorials are merely an attempt to both initiate discussion within and among the Bates community and announce students' opinions to the College. If we focus too much on the negative, it is only because these are the issues that are the most pressing to the student body.

Our criticisms are fueled by our love for Bates. We want Bates to improve, not stagnate. Improvement not in the arbitrary ratings, but in the admiration and connectedness of the student body to the College.

Too often, the College works against the students, and not with the students. Students are rightfully upset about some aspects of the College.

Our duty as a student newspaper is to objectively criticize various facets of the College. If we were not questioning of the College, we would be doing a disservice to our readers and to the Bates community.

Bates cannot improve if we do not critically analyze those issues that leave room for improvement. We should not shy away from criticism. Instead, we should welcome it as an opportunity to improve.

LETTERS

BATES PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE

To the Editor:

I want to congratulate and thank you for one of the best editions of *The Bates Student* I have read (Tuesday, March 2, 2004). I am most impressed with the thoughtfulness and evenhandedness of the major articles. Not only are they well written, they also are very balanced, implicitly emphasizing that the issues involved are not black and white. The authors show how thought-provoking and deeply educational it can be to present both sides of a story without the inherent bias that taints most news articles. They encourage us to let go of our fixed opinions as Republicans or Democrats, as for or against gay marriage, etc. and to open up to the true learning that takes place when we listen to and consider all sides of an issue.

I would like to comment on the opinion piece "Can Bates survive the bottom line?" One concern, among the many expressed, is about things Bates lacks, such as "a modern and sufficient gym.... more than one dining option, ..." etc. First of all, some of these things are in place by choice rather than due to lack of money. For example, Bates once considered having several "dining options" and the students at that time rejected it.

The author might be interested to find out why before wishing it were otherwise.

Secondly, it's too bad the author "can't help but be bitter that my siblings, who all went to private colleges..." have more options and more modern facilities than we do. Many of us at Bates value situations like this because they give us the opportunity to learn as we work to improve them. In other words, we build our own understanding as we build a new general education program; we build our own understanding as we participate in planning a new student center — we are the product of the products we produce.

Personally, I feel sorry for people who fall into situations already perfected for them by others, because they miss out on developing an important attitude: if it's not right, I can improve it; if it doesn't have what it needs, I can create it; if it's not running the way it should, I can improve it. Finally, I have been at Bates for almost thirty years and I have never met a single student, administrator, staff member or member of the faculty who felt "the College is a business first and foremost."

-Mark Semon

Department of Physics

WOLF'S ARTICLE REPRESENTS WORST OF POLITICS

To the Editor,

In an age when the political divide in our country has become a veritable no-man's land and bilateral exchanges of ideas have become rarer than an opinion letter without an offended response, Oliver Wolf's recent column "Bush Lied, Join the Crowd" is a glaring example of everything that is wrong with modern political discourse. This column is an angry, attacking, partisan rant with no aim other than to take cheap shots at Democrats while under the pretense of defending President Bush.

Mr. Wolf begins his column with a list of statements from five well-known Democrats about their belief that Saddam Hussein possessed WMDs. Mr. Wolf must know as well as any of us that two wrongs don't make a right. These statements don't vindicate the President. Mr. Wolf then inserts the following paragraph: "John Forbes Kerry. Junior Democratic

Senator from Mass. Biggest beneficiary of special interests in the U.S. Senate. Likely Democratic presidential nominee in 2004. Liar."

This is political mudslinging at its worst and has absolutely nothing to do with the point he is trying to make. It does offer some insight into Mr. Wolf's real reason for writing this article.

He then declares that "you (read: Democrats) can't have it both ways." Two paragraphs after declaring Senator Kerry a liar, Mr. Wolf tries to free the President of blame by calling his statements a "mistake." Now who is trying to have it both ways, Oli?

Mr. Wolf's anti-Kerry tirade continues, touching on his foreign policy voting record and inconsistency. He also emphasizes that he isn't even including Senator Kerry's "questionable, inconsistent voting record on domestic issues." As long as he isn't including them,

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LETTERS

"Thugs" e-mail example of double standards

To the editor:

When I first heard of the latest example of egregious discrimination against conservatives and Republicans on college campuses, I thought it was a joke. Then I thought there was no way an employee of Bates College could have referred to a group of Bates students as "thugs;" certainly it must have been a student that engaged in such petty and offensive behavior.

This incident and the response that the Bates administration has given to it is a stark example of the blatant discrimination that conservative students face every day at many liberal arts colleges, to the detriment of the quality of the academic and intellectual environment. It is for this reason that groups such as the Leadership Institute exist and thrive: to provide the support system for student groups who are otherwise disparaged by their schools. If the group in question had been a minority group or a gay

rights group, there is no doubt in my mind that the employee in question would be immediately fired.

Since this e-mail was accidentally made public, a firestorm has been set off, attracting state and national media attention. But what if the e-mail had not been made public? Would this employee's supervisor have given it a second thought? The answer is most likely no. Such offensive treatment and disrespect of College Republicans has become so commonplace that it is not even noteworthy. This fact should trouble all students, alumni, parents, and even the administrators themselves.

It saddens me to know that such discrimination and harassment continues at Bates, but I applaud the efforts and courage of the Bates College Republicans to stand up against the liberal bias and protect the rights of the minority.

-Katherine Horsman
Bowdoin College '03

Republicans claim of "liberal bias" baseless

To the Editor:

My name is Preble Law. Most of you have seen my name tagging articles in *The Bates Student* and the *John Galt Press (JGP)* more than a year ago.

The youngsters out there may not remember me, but ask your JA. The stories are not colorful, exciting, or interesting, but as Jack Sparrow said, "You have heard of me."

I was an editor at the *JGP* while I was a student, was well-known for my persuasive arguments on the *Bates Daily Jolt*, and wrote conservative viewpoint letters to *The Bates Student*. I have also been involved as a participant or organizer at many Bates College Republican events, from a speech delivered at Colby College by Dinesh D'Souza

nearly four years ago to the layout and publication of the *JGP*, as well as managing the *JGP's* Web site.

However, I am not just another well-known conservative alum. I am an employee of the Bates College Office of Communications and Media Relations (CMR). I have been an employee of this office for almost four years, the first three as a work study employee. Needless to say, I know this office and its members very well and I am upset by the accusations by Bates College Republicans Vice President Oliver Wolf that we apply a "political litmus test" to publicizing events on campus.

The situation arose out of an e-mail mistakenly
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Faculty hiring should consider diversity of opinions

To the Editor:

This letter was originally sent to various members of the Bates administration, and I feel the contents deserve to be read by the entire Bates Community.

When reading the *Portland Press Herald's* account of the Bates Republicans Thugs incident, I was struck by a quote attributed to Victoria Devlin. Mrs. Devlin said it would be a bad idea to apply a political litmus test to faculty job applicants. "I don't know how we would go about doing that," she said. "We want to have the finest faculty we can get." This comment rais-

es several interesting questions, notwithstanding the "weasel word" possibilities of the ambiguous/subjective criterion "finest".

Her comment first appears to create a strawman.

Leaving aside the ambiguity of defining what a "political litmus test" would look like, it is apparent that no one is talking about such a "test." (See the next point below). If the Faculty Hiring Committee at Bates is unable to devise a protocol for a more ideological balance of faculty opinion, I suggest that David Horowitz be

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A big thank you to all who participated in Morgan McDuffee 5K

To the Editor:

We want to express our sincere thanks to everybody who participated in one way or another in Saturday's Morgan's Run. It was a great success!! The turnout was incredible with over 600 people participating. Thanks to your contributions and hard work, \$11,000 was raised for Morgan's Fund - The Maine Community Foundation Fund set up in his name to promote youth violence prevention. Results will be posted on www.coolrunning.com within the next couple days. Donations are still being accepted with checks being made out to Morgan's Fund, both cash and checks can be dropped off in Box 783 or sent to:

Maine Community Foundation
One Monument Way, Suite 200
P.O. Box 7380
Portland, Maine 04112

Thanks again for your participation and support, it's much appreciated.

-Graham Veysey '04 & Elizabeth Jackson '04

One more Gala, one more year in Iraq

GREG ROSENTHAL

OPINION COLUMNIST

Last year, the All-College Gala took place within 70 hours or so of the beginning of the United States' "shock and awe" of Iraq. I felt extremely uncomfortable with the idea of attending Gala while the United States Military, representing my country, was invading and destroying the normal life of Iraqi people. So Jenna Vendil and I stood outside of Gala for two and a half hours holding candles, being present with this suffering so many miles away. Over thirty people who attended the Gala that night stopped by our small vigil and lit and held a candle, even if just for one minute of their time. Some came to focus their thoughts on US soldiers, others on Iraqi citizens, and perhaps thought of all those who were or would be suffering due to our invasion.

Now it is one year later. This year, Gala will take place within 48 hours of the anniversary of the first bombs dropped on Baghdad. It is also taking place on the eve of the first day of Spring. It makes a lot of sense

that Gala should be scheduled around the Vernal Equinox: it is a time to celebrate the beginning of six months of days, which will each have more than twelve hours of sunlight. It is a day to celebrate growth, the rebirth of all the plants, insects, and the awakening of all the hibernators. Having Gala at this time of year is great because we should celebrate the Spring by blooming; like a beautiful flower, we should dress up in nice clothing and present ourselves to the world once again.

Yet, we still must recognize this past year of suffering. Over five hundred U.S. soldiers have died thus far, and the Iraqi body count is hard to calculate, but is assumed to be around ten thousand. Though we must continue to celebrate that which is great in the Universe, especially the coming of Spring, many of us believe that Gala is too much. The amount of money that goes into Gala could go into many other things. We all once in a while deserve lavish decorations, exciting music, and scrumptious delicacies and desserts, and it is nice to have this privilege, to accept and embrace this privilege. But the privilege we have is not simply the privilege to have all these nice things, but the privilege to have the choice whether or not to have all these nice things. Embracing privilege, and

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HONOR CODE NEEDS SECOND LOOK

CYNTHIA TUFARO

OPINION COLUMNIST

In January 2000, former President Harward appointed an ad hoc Honor Committee to deliberate over the merits and potentiality of success of an honor code at Bates College. The committee was comprised of students, faculty, and administration. The student body voiced an objection to an honor code and since then, the issue has been dormant.

Many students have criticized President Hansen for being overly focused on fundraising for our endowment while neglecting the interests of the students. If President Hansen were to address the issue of an honor code, she would persuade many doubting students of her

resourcefulness and concern for the student body. Her experience at Haverford College, with one of the most respected honor codes in the country, could make the implementation plausible. Haverford's honor code is often used as a model by other colleges interested in adopting an honor code. Hansen's intimate knowledge of a successfully established code would be invaluable to discussions. In spring 2002, Hansen was questioned by Bates student Jesse Tisch, who was covering her election for the *Sun Journal* about her interest in creating an honor code for Bates. She responded that "It would have to be a Bates honor code growing out of Bates traditions and Bates issues and needs and wants." Ever conscious of the criticism, she tactfully assures her readers that she isn't trying to make Bates another Haverford. However, Bates might well benefit from a very similar honor code.

Last week the entire faculty at Bates received a survey from me that asked them to reflect on their experiences with plagiarism. Many were quite satisfied with the decisions made by the Deans and/or Student Conduct Committee. However, almost all of the professors that responded supported the execution of an honor code. Most believed the majority of their plagiarism cases were unintentional. If this is truly the case, Bates needs to educate students at the very beginning of freshman year about proper paper writing and citations. Anthropology Professor Loring Danforth includes the Bates Student Handbook's reference to academic honesty on his syllabi. However, it shouldn't be the faculty's responsibility to ensure the students' understanding of plagiarism. Bates should consider including a mandatory seminar on academic integrity as part of freshman orientation. At the end of the seminar, by signing the Honor code, the student would be signaling their comprehension of academic dishonesty. This would raise our standards of accountability; we would be able to expect that every student have a clear and consistent understanding of plagiarism.

At Haverford, first-year students are assigned to groups facilitated by an Honor Code Orienteer. This individual leads discussion and helps to resolve any concerns. The student-administrated, student-run Honor System at Haverford has increased trust and communication between students. It has also instilled in students a sense of responsibility and pride in their work. In the Princeton Review guide to colleges, one student is quoted as saying: "The honor code here is amazing; it promotes a lot of trust and freedom in the community, which the students love." Haverford reported to the

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BATES RATES

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Like a rolling tide, Bates Security extends its vice grip on fun.

Morgan McDuffee 5K



A great event to both remember Morgan and bring the Bates community together.

Andrew Sullivan speech



Intellectual discussion without the rigid ideological barriers. Three cheers for bipartisanship!

Frisbee team practices on football field



The first and last time a Bates team will cross the 50-yard line all year.

These queer times: A new gay ideal



ALEC MAYBARDUK

OPINION WRITER

Last Thursday night I left Chase Hall trembling, my heart pounding and my thoughts passing far too quickly to fully digest their meaning. I left in awe of one of the great responsibilities which has defined our times, the struggle for queer liberation.

This inner turmoil was instigated in part by maverick-conservative, Andrew Sullivan, who addressed the Bates College community in a speech entitled "The Politics of Homosexuality." He challenged America to find "the human that lies behind the sexuality." He called the change in interest and recognition that Gay and Lesbian people have

gained over the last 10 years "staggering" and revolutionary. But as so many goodhearted people around me clapped, cheered and nodded their optimistic heads, my face went flush and my heart sank. I thought about these words, "interest" and "recognition."

I couldn't help but recall the other moments throughout history where the masses gained interest in queer affairs, and while I might not have been around to see the bad old days of Stonewall's police brutality, or Oscar Wilde's trials for possessing the "love

that has no name." I have seen Jaguar and Coors commence their advertising campaigns for "the Gay demographic." I have witnessed the emergence of "Will & Grace" and "Queer Eye" and I must admit, I am beginning to wonder if there is a connection that links these historical surges of mainstream interest towards queer lifestyles

People of 'divergent' sexual orientation and gender were once killed through public lynching and driven to suicide, and I wonder if there is not another form of murder emerging. A metaphorical death, the death of an identity, forced upon queers through the violence of assimilation. As corporate leeches grip onto their new exploitable market

"As corporate leeches grip onto their new exploitable market niche, queer identities are being placed in fewer hands. A new gay ideal is forming and, not surprisingly, it looks remarkably similar to the dominant American ideal."

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WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD WOLF?



SARAH LEWIS

OPINION COLUMNIST

'Wolf' as in Bush? No, not quite. I'm talking 'wolf' as in our lovely Independent Ralph Nader. As if the liberally-minded folks out there didn't have enough to worry about. It's a dilemma crossing the paths of every Deaniac in New England and even those few who were broad-sided during the primaries in Iowa; where do the Deaniacs go from here, now that their leader is out of the race? With 99% of his presidential race funded by individual contributions roughly totaling \$50 million and 79% of his PAC contributions contributed for just the ideology or specific issues within his campaign, it's hard not to cry as we see Howard Dean fall into the background of presidential politics. Dean is the single-handed force that pulled in the 18-24-year-old range that has been disenfranchised for decades partly because he miraculously combined *honesty* with *politics*. In doing so, he was able to win the voting support of the young critics who never cease to complain about the current state of politics and yet

never seem to make it to the polls.

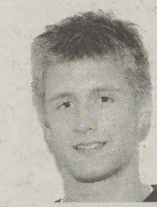
More importantly, however, there surely is a pride and a mark that Dean brought to the Green Mountain State which neither ice cream, cheese, nor coffee were able to attract. In the Vermont primaries this past week, even though he was essentially out of the running, Governor Dean won the votes of Vermonters. According to Vermont constituent David Wheeler, voting for Dean "will make you proud of yourself. . . he has put Vermont on the national map." Wheeler states that Dean has "presented Vermonters as people of character" and that he has "demonstrated to us the courage to stand up and the strength to speak out for his convictions." The question is, were Vermonters and fellow Deaniacs voting for Dean because he had an honest, real character that hasn't appeared in other candidates? Will these voters carry over to the next Democratic candidate or will the loss of their ideologue disenchant them in the political process?

Even the right-winged partiers (which in itself is quite an image) voted for Dean as a thank you to the Governor, not only for giving the state geographic recognition, but for persevering solutions to the ills of politics through the small voice that originated from the concerns of local politics. Such right-winged support came through with Vermonter Nicolas Emlen of Calais who claimed that although he believes

Dean lacks the "temperament" necessary to be President, he says that he is still "pleased [he] got to vote for him."

Just as Vermont brought the country its finest cheese and ice cream, so too did it bring forth a high-quality presidential nominee. But for those of us still wishing on a Deaniac star, in what political direction do we turn now? According to Governor Dean's statement regarding Independent Ralph Nader a week ago, he has urged his supporters "not to be tempted by any independent or third-party candidate" and that he will "support the nominees of the Democratic Party" to beat Bush in November. Deaniacs: voting for Nader would be a loss to the gaining strength of the Democratic Party. Furthermore, it would forfeit the Party's chances of overcoming an administration which has invaded our social and personal lives with the invasive U.S. Patriot Act and crusade to end gay marriages. According to the Governor, if you're a supporter of health care for everyone, the very concept of equal rights, an actual investment in the future of our children, and a national security policy that will support working with the rest of the world rather than against it, then veering off the Democratic path to support the Independents won't get you anywhere. In fact, it will get you another four years of Bush.

War Profiteering in Iraq, Afghanistan



JAMES LIDDELL

OPINION WRITER

What were the reasons for the U.S. invading Iraq? Weapons of mass destruction? Yup. Oil? Maybe. Links to Al Qaeda? Most likely. Israel? Too controversial to comment on...sorry. Here's a new one: nine members of the thirty-member Defense Policy Board chosen by Defense Secretary Rumsfeld to advise both the Pentagon and the President have direct ties to "defense and security-related companies" that profit from the U.S. invasion of Iraq. As the Center for Public Integrity reported, these companies won more than \$76 billion in U.S. defense contracts over the past two years. And what has our Defense Department been preparing for, for the past two years? IRAQ!

I should be honest here and admit that this reason for going to war with Iraq isn't exactly "new." In fact, it didn't even get press until one year ago this week when the chairman of this prestigious volunteer board, which consists of former "respected government officials," was forced to resign amidst a sea of scandal. Former chairman Richard Perle, a.k.a. the Prince of Darkness, has countless (literally, because no one will ever know for sure) "corporate adventures." Perle was the

director of the Memorex Corp., a defense contractor, in the 1990s, while at the same time advising then-Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney. However, it is his position on the board of directors for Trireme Partners LP that raises the most questions about a conflict of interest. Trireme is a "venture-capitalist firm," which invests in companies that manufacture military equipment—the same military equipment that he and his cronies on the Defense Policy Board advise the Pentagon to purchase. Purchase for *war*, that is.

At this point you might be asking yourself, "Can't a guy make a little money?" After all, he does voluntarily advise our nation's Defense Department. But this argument is stripped of any credence it once possessed once the Prince of Darkness' other interests come into the picture. Perle has established himself as the indisputable *most* outspoken proponent of War in Iraq and one of the most powerful members of the tight-knit neoconservatives—the group largely believed to be responsible for high-jacking the jet that is U.S. foreign policy and making a couple of notorious refueling landings in certain Middle Eastern countries.

This is where the conflict of interests becomes clear. As Perle describes, his position as chairman of the Defense Policy Board gave him a "unique perspective on and intimate knowledge of the natural defense and security issues that were raised by the CFIUS process." That is, the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States. What kind of foreign investment? Maybe investment in Israeli

weapon manufacturing companies is a good place to start. Perle supposedly received \$50,000 for this generous recommendation in 1983. *The New York Times* was there to catch it, and launched an investigation.

The media is finally challenging Mr. Perle, but not without offending the Prince. Famous Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Seymour Hersh shocked millions with his article in the March issue of the last year's *New Yorker*, entitled "Lunch with the Chairman." Hersh described a meeting that took place between Perle and two Saudi Businessmen in Marseilles, France. One of the topics discussed was a potential 100 million dollar investment in Perle's company—Trireme. Hersh questioned whether Perle was using his prestigious position and unprecedented influence in Washington to earn him a few bucks (tens of millions). Perle reacted by calling Hersh the "closest thing American journalism has to a terrorist." Whoa!!! Richard, easy on the tension scale! I'm sure the Pulitzer Prize Selection Committee was delighted to be informed that being a terrorist was an essential criterion in their selection of Pulitzer Prize winners.

Although no Washington insider is as scandalous as Perle, others are entangled in similar conflicts of interest. For instance, there is former CIA director James Woolsey, who "runs the Global Strategic Security practice of Booz Allen Hamilton, a global IT consulting firm that advises the U.S. and British governments and had \$680 million in military contracts in

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Additional months of incarceration accepted by Canadian Angelo Foti so he could continue his pack-a-day cigarette habit. Initially sentenced for 20 months in a province-operated (non-smoking) facility, Foti asked for an additional 4 months so he could reside in the Federal prison, which allows smoking.

\$55,000

Amount of damages sought by Donald Johnson, who sued a West Palm Beach, Fla., Shoney's restaurant because he thought its clam chowder was potato soup, and the chowder left him with nightmares. He won \$407 in damages.

\$3,050

Amount a German man sued for in order to get the state to pay for his monthly brothel trips and ensure his "health and bodily well-being." Previously, an unemployed Frankfurt man won state funding to pay for Viagra.

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why doesn't he stick by his guns and not mention them? Mr. Wolf concludes by reminding us that "it's no secret that Senator Kerry lacks such confidence." Really? This is the first I've heard of it. Claiming that something is common knowledge to avoid having to justify it is a cheap rhetorical trick, and something a responsible columnist should avoid.

Mr. Wolf's column does a disservice to Republicans by so poorly representing their position, and furthers the political intolerance on campus that Mr. Wolf so often complains about. Neither political party has a monopoly on "political vice," and both sides lie. What separates Democrats and Republicans isn't the morality of their politicians, it is the issues. Despite Mr. Wolf's frequent contribution to *The Student*, I have no idea why he is a Republican. I hope his next column will describe the issues and ideas that determine his voting preference. I would love to hear them. If he doesn't, I ask *The Student* to save the space for something else and spare us from more of this dogmatic drivel.

-Sam Milder, '06

Scientists discredit Bush initiative



BEN WISH

OPINION COLUMNIST

During last year's State of the Union Address, President Bush surprised much of America by announcing a \$1.2 billion dollar hydrogen fuel cell initiative.

Many were caught unaware by this seeming step in the direction of common logic, as the use of hydrogen fuel cells could potentially increase the U.S.'s energy independence and help to make significant reductions in the production of greenhouse gases, as well as many other pollutants. It is now clear, however, thanks to a report from the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), which has pointed out that a nation-wide fleet of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles is many decades away, that by pushing for this initiative Bush actually managed to adroitly sidestep the real, immediately applicable solutions to the problems of oil dependency and global climate change. Those solutions are higher fuel efficiency standards, especially for light trucks (SUVs) and investment in hybrid vehicles, the technology of which makes them far more viable at this point than hydrogen fuel cells. It is time to take these technologies off of the shelf and put them into our cars.

There are some serious discrepancies between the aspirations of President Bush concerning hydrogen fuel cells and the findings of the NAS. While President Bush predicted in his State of the Union Address that there would be mass production of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles by 2020, the NAS says that the Energy

Department's goals are "unrealistically aggressive" and the authors of the report agree that "many decades" will pass before hydrogen fuel cell technology will have any real effect on the problems of oil dependency and global climate change. The authors of the report say that it will take veritable revolutions in technology before hydrogen fuel cell solutions are workable, as the dual challenges of infrastructure creation and safety, as hydrogen is of course very flammable, are daunting. There are other ways that we can deal with oil dependency and global climate change in our transportation sector, though.

Most importantly, America needs to put already available technologies, such as improved power train design, to work to improve fuel efficiencies. Also, current fuel efficiency standards are out of date. One of the biggest loopholes in these standards, written in a time when soccer moms still drove station wagons, is that SUVs are considered "light trucks" and are therefore not subject to the same standards as cars. Also, hybrid drive systems that do not necessitate a new infrastructure, as hydrogen fuel cells would, already exist and can realistically be put on the road, as successes in California, thanks to the Technology Vehicle Law, have shown. Co-author of the NAS report, Dr. Antonia Herzog, says that, "We simply can't bank on hydrogen alone to cut our dependence on Middle East oil or fix the global warming problem. We need to make full use of the technologies already available to start saving oil and cutting emissions.

American will buy 450 million new cars and trucks over the next 25 years. Every one of them should be using the cleanest, most efficient technology possible." I would be inclined to agree with the best scientific minds our

country has to offer, but the President has typically not been swayed by the data the National Academy of Sciences has collected.

The public has already seen the degree to which President Bush respects the opinions of our country's most prestigious scientists, as he blatantly disregarded their finding that global climate change is a real problem and is caused by humans. In fact, right now there is a proposal that the White House's Office of Management and Budget be given the authority to review all peer-reviewed scientific information before it deems that data worthy to be released to the public. It therefore might not be surprising, given this administration's disrespect for science, as well as the strong push by General Motors to invest in hydrogen fuel cells rather than improving fuel efficiency standards, that the Bush administration has pinned its hopes of improving American energy independence on drilling in the Alaskan wilderness and the distant hope of hydrogen fuel cell transportation.

Perhaps I am being too critical, however. The NAS's report came out hardly a month ago, on February 4, and maybe President Bush really will change his ways and make a move towards raising fuel efficiency standards and programs that put hybrid cars on the road today. Don't hold your breath waiting for real progress in improving America's oil independence and the fight to undo global climate change, however, because if President Bush does not listen to the NAS, it will be a long while before hydrogen fuel cells can make a difference. It might not be a bad idea to hold your breath for just as long as you can, though, because air pollution probably will not get a whole lot better before then either.

Gala, Iraq contrast with real life America

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the specific manner in which it is done, is always our choice.

All this said, I encourage you all to consider your options this March 20. One of the greatest things about Gala is that all people of the College community attend and share the night together: students, faculty, and staff. Thus, I believe the decision was not made extremely easily, but last year, some students who felt uncomfortable with the extravagance of Gala, especially in such a time of suffering, held their own Alternative Gala. They all dressed up and had a dinner together and had music and dancing, but in a way that was not an abuse of privilege. I hope that this tradition continues this year. Students should organize to have a large potluck, make music and dance and celebrate Gala in a way that is comfortable to them. We have this option.

Also, I will be standing outside Gala again this year with a candle, and I will have some extra candles for you if you wish. This is not for political reasons as much as for personal reasons. I simply believe that having the privilege of choice, I will choose to have fun and share experiences with others in a way that does not cost exorbitant amounts of money and that does not pressure attendees to conform to the "look and feel of privilege abused." I also understand that my ability to reject the offer of Gala is using my privilege, for many others would feel quite honored being invited to such an event. The issue of privilege is complicated and we all need to come to our own personal conclusions.

The All-College Gala each year reminds me just how lackluster our commitment to challenging inequality and the abuse of privilege is. I guess that the extravagance of Gala while people a few blocks away in Lewiston are living without heat is just like how our government spends all my tax money on bombs and missiles while a few blocks away in Lewiston, people are still living without heat. May my lit candle in front of the Gray Cage on March 20 provide heat and warmth and peace for all those who are being neglected by the powers that be.

Liberalism: Not just for Democrats anymore

by DANIEL MAXWELL
GUEST COLUMNIST

Especially within the boundaries of educational institutions, few people would be expected to truly understand the principles of liberalism. For the moment, keep the dictionary out of the question, "Do you know what it means to be liberal?" Or apply the principles to modern politics: "Does liberalism lead one to become a Democrat?"

The meaning of this peculiar word, in the wake of modern politics, has become elusive. In fact, the political world has thrashed the idea of liberalism to shreds so severely one must take a step back and refer to its earlier definitions, which might better be known as "Classical."

The American Heritage College Dictionary, Fourth Edition, defines "liberal" as 1) "not limited to or by tradition, orthodox, or authoritarian attitudes or dogmas; free from bigotry" and 2) "favoring proposals for reform, open to new ideas for progress, and tolerant of the ideas and behavior of others; broad-minded." The word comes from the Latin root "liber," meaning "free." From this root, "liberty," "the condition of being free from restriction or control" and "liberate," "to set free, as from oppression, confinement, or foreign control" are derived.

But in conversational or general, non-philosophical political form, "liberal" is often exercised wrongly. If I may be so bold as to offer a very brief definition of how the word is wrongly used, it is thought of as meaning "progressive." So we see our "liberal" thinkers in modern society, like Rev. Jesse Jackson, who advocates reparations for slavery, constantly telling the African-American community it has been unceasingly oppressed. While this attitude may (through fallacy, because it is hardly progressive) be considered liberal by today's common standards, how is it a computer programmer like Jackson is free from "authoritarian attitudes or dogmas" or "bigotry," as the Classical definition suggests?

In the last year, I came across a fellow student, who at the time of our conversation, called himself a "liberal Democrat." I asked him one simple question, which resulted in my realization of the degree to which he had bought into doctrines, the beliefs set in place by others before him. I asked, "Do you support UConnPig?" a strongly "progressive" group. His curt reply: "Well I have to because..." Stop. He had, in those five words, proven himself more like a machine than a free-thinking spirit.

Such an example leads the discussion to the hypocrisy of today's "broad-mindedness," in particular, among "liberals." When the left advertises open-mindedness as a paramount belief, why is it so many "liberals" buy into doctrines and there exists so much contempt for opposing ideas? They are, therefore, "limited to...tradition"—the modern liberal tradition, which contradicts the Classical definition.

As for tolerance, it seems as though the greatest degree of open-mindedness among "liberals" occurs only when everybody agrees. For example, this past autumn, right-wing author Dan Flynn spoke at UConn on his novel, *Why the Left Hates America*. His cool reception at UConn was milder than some he has witnessed at other schools; the title of the book does, to an extent, invite aggression.

But all the same, his question/answer forum following the lecture was filled with accusations of lies, shouting and angst-filled disrespect from a generally mangy-looking portion of the audience at one side of the room, who unfortunately probably consider themselves free, open-minded and liberal. Much like an army they would love to protest, these "liberals" mobilized their effort, slicing in half the authenticity and originality of their beliefs, simply by organizing.

In my lifetime, I have encountered three people who better than all others embody the characteristics of a true liberal I have described. Two happen to be faithful Christians (in fact, one, a professor, told a class he had been a monk for more than half a decade; the other is a physician), and the third is a Dean of Students (who I knew only a very short time unfortunately, and not at UConn).

Each of the three happen to be roughly around the age of 65 or older, demonstrate astonishing

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invited to speak on the subject. Perhaps the way will become more clear thereafter.

Her comment next appears to create a paradox. With regard to academic life, it seems to be Mrs. Devlin's belief that when hiring faculty, intellectual accomplishment (including objective measurements thereof) and not diversity of opinion is the single touchstone ("the finest"). However, if you were asked about the admission of students to Bates, would you say that "diversity" (group identity diversity that is, not diversity of opinion/thought) should be given consideration, thereby necessarily de-emphasizing objectively measured intellectual accomplishment? I understand that the U.S. Supreme Court has given its "permission" to make such distinctions. Does "finest," therefore, include the possibility of diversity of opinion as a component of excellence when hiring faculty? Why are you able to resolve this apparent paradox in a nuanced and sophisticated way when it comes to the admission of students at Bates, but confess an inability to do so ("I don't know how we would go about doing that") when hiring faculty?

It might not even be that difficult a task to get a handle on intellectual diversity for faculty selection. For example, consider Howard Zinn, Victor Davis Hanson, or Samuel Huntington. Suppose that Bates had the good fortune of a choice between these three individuals (or their

ideological equivalents) for a faculty position. I bet that, given that choice, I could easily identify the individual(s) who would bring some ideological diversity to Bates. Further, if the U.S. Senate is able to select judges based on the criteria of diversity of opinion, etc., on a public record of scholarship or published opinion, why would you be puzzled at how to select faculty at Bates?

A final issue may be seen in Mrs. Devlin's apparently condescending assumption that "having the finest faculty [Bates] can get" is mutually exclusive with having a more ideologically balanced faculty. I make this observation within the context of your apparent "admission by silence" that the Bates faculty is as unbalanced as some of the College's critics suggest. For example, with respect to academic qualifications, if Bates were lucky enough to be able to consider the application of Milton Friedman for a position in its Economics Department, would there be any hesitation in accepting him? The point being that there surely are many well qualified (the "finest") academics available for selection who would bring more balance to the Bates faculty. I suspect that the problem is that the College has little interest (for whatever reason) in identifying and recruiting such exemplars, rather than that they are not available to be recruited, or that Bates is incapable of such identification.

-Bruce Hodge '70
Swansea, MA

Honor code needed

HONOR CODE

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Caltech Board of Control about 4 violations per semester in 2002. Many at Bates may be more willing to consider a modified honor code. Haverford allows all exams to be unproctored and self-scheduled and, while we would like to have that kind of trust at Bates, it is a huge leap of faith for faculty to take.

A modified honor code usually entails two things. The first part requires the education of all students on academic integrity. The second part would require the signature of every student, either for each assignment or at the beginning of every year to reaffirm their commitment and understanding of the Honor Code. When

the Honor code is violated, the student would be unable to use ignorance as his or her defense. His or her signature on the Honor Code eliminates this justification. The Deans and Student Conduct committee could be assured that he or she had complete understanding of plagiarism as defined by the school. This would likely result in more severe penalties but ultimately fewer cases.

The students should begin to recognize the wealth of information and knowledge that President Hansen brings to our school and will hopefully take advantage of her experience in ways that can benefit the campus community. I hope that our next step is one that students and she can make together with the implementation of a Bates College Honor Code.

VEGAN (TORTURE) FOR A DAY: MY PERSONAL VEGGIE HELL



MIKE LOPEZ

HUMOR COLUMNIST

I'm still not sure why I did it.

There were plenty of other things I could have been doing with a full day, whether it be spending 24 hours at Walmart, reading four straight hours of *Stitch & Bitch* emails, or holding up a slot outside my dorm room, sticking my ID card inside it, and hoping that it would signify Electronic Access at Bates. Any of the above, done while giving myself paper cuts in between my toes, would've been healthier, wealthier, and wiser than what I chose.

But no, I went the hard way.

I decided to spend 24 hours as a vegan.

The idea started last September when I came to campus, saw the Vegan Bar, and almost fainted. It took me six months to suck it up and go through with my plan. Sucking, however, would be putting my Vegan Day nicely.

Being a vegan, for those of you not wearing

Birkenstocks, entails three things. The first is losing, in this case at life. The second is not eating anything that comes from animals, including bacon (pigs), red meat (cows), and chicken (chicken). No french fries, French dressing, or French bread. Freedom fries, alas, are also outlawed.

Lastly, vegans must carry a sticker-covered Nalgene bottle on them at all times, attach it to their backpacks, and open and close it excessively during class, even if they are not drinking from it. Additionally, that bottle must be filled up during each visit to Commons, but can only be done so when there are three people waiting in line with regular plastic cups behind you. If you do that, you're golden...err, green.

Now, while I didn't tote my Nalgene with me, I did go an entire day, Thursday, March 4, 2004, without eating meat, cheese, or any food containing "taste" under the ingredients. So for 24 hours, on make-your-own omelet and chicken tender day, I was a vegan.

I took advice from a variety of people on and before my Vegan Day. My roommates suggested it would help my weight loss regiment. They were right. Senior Julia McQuade, a part-time vegan, told me it could be done, but only in a sort of masochistic way. She was right.

Junior Sarah Overmyer chimed in from abroad, kindly claiming that I would die. She was almost right. Overmyer, I suspected, is not a vegan.

My Vegan Day started off on a sour note, with a breakfast of soy milk and Cheerios. Thankfully, the soy milk began to stick to the cereal, forming a solid substance resembling wax. Milk, alas, is not supposed to be a solid substance. Soy milk, therefore, is not milk. Nor is it good.

For lunch, junior Emily Parr offered her input on my situation, noting "I am not a vegan, but I eat like one!" Her life, I figured, must be going well.

Parr coerced me across the salad bar, encouraging me with awkward words like cucumber and couscous. It was like I was ordering food in a foreign country.

Junior Holly Page confirmed this, likening vegan-hood to "eating everything at the salad bar that no one puts in their salad." That, unfortunately, included salad dressing. Parr's dressing? Vinegar and salsa. Taste not included.

For a second lunch, I joined Page and junior Caitlin Miller in the Silo. Miller made me a brown pita bread sandwich filled with cucumber, tomatoes, pickles, and mustard, that she

termed "delicious." I could only digest half of it before I felt like throwing up. It wasn't delicious.

Worse, at this point, the soy milk began kicking my bowel system. It's deadly stuff, not only for those who drink it, but for everyone around those who drink it. I was extremely close to fulfilling my lifelong dream of walking into a computer lab, stinking up the place, and leaving before anyone inside realized what had just happened or who was guilty.

Dinner proved to be the worst meal of the day, perhaps of my life. With the rest of the campus tossing around chicken tenders, even sticking them under my salad, I ate half a plate of wheat pasta with sauce, a soy yogurt, and a salad with vinaigrette dressing. It was worse than it sounds. Soy yogurt, for example, had an aftertaste of vodka. Vegans, I figured, have to get drunk to eat some of that stuff.

Alas, the hardest part of being a vegan was not actually the day itself, but knowing others do it voluntarily. So if you see a vegan in Commons, understand the dedication and sacrifice they put forth each day.

I couldn't be a vegan for 25 hours.

They do so 365 days a year.

Couscous anyone?

No media bias at Bates

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addressed to Oliver Wolf authored by Doug Hubley, a writer for the *Bates Magazine*. He had received an e-mail from Oliver requesting publicity for an upcoming event sponsored by the Maine College Republicans. Doug mistakenly replied to the e-mail instead of forwarding it to our boss, Bryan McNulty, Director of Communications and Media Relations. His e-mail contained some comments which Doug deeply regrets. Here is Doug Hubley's e-mail:

"For me to edit/distribute, Oli Wolf has drafted a press release for a GOP training institute his bunch of thugs is hosting at Bates next week. It follows. This really seems pretty far afield for an event that we would publicize, but that may just be my socialist tendencies talking. What do you think?"

As you can see, Doug Hubley's only question intended for Bryan McNulty was whether Oliver Wolf's press release represented an event sponsored by an on-campus group, the Bates College Republicans, or an event sponsored by an off-campus group, the Maine College Republicans. We are not charged with publicizing outside organizations unless it heavily involves the Bates community. Since, in this case, it did, Bryan McNulty quickly approved the press release for publication, but not before Oliver Wolf and Andrew Simon, President of the Bates College Republicans, took Doug's e-mail as proof of a liberal conspiracy against the conservative community.

As history and record will prove, this accusation is unfounded. This office has cooperated with the Bates College Republicans in every possible way,

something I have observed since even before I joined it as a full-time employee this past August.

If you were to look at our press release archives you will easily find both conservative and liberal press releases. We have never hesitated to publicize events put on by conservative groups on campus. We report what is going on in the Bates community and what our alumni are doing to use the education and resources they gained from Bates.

In making their accusations, Oliver and Andrew ignore the ongoing cooperation and support that the CMR office has afforded the College Republicans in the past. They claim that our office employs a political bias to censor conservative viewpoints. We have done many things to help them. Doug himself gave the Bates College Republicans a media contact list with numbers and addresses of popular media outlets for their own uses. As a matter of best practice we are even-handed with all student organizations. We benefit the Bates community most by showing balance and diversity.

Before considering our past actions and dismissing this incident as just an unfunny joke made by a member of our office, they have accused the CMR office of bias, when the opposite is true. I understand the end they desire of increasing political diversity at Bates. However, this is not a legitimate case of political bias. They should not untruthfully malign this office to generate support for their cause.

However, it does not matter what Oliver Wolf and the College Republicans say. Our job is to publicize Bates College events fairly and equally.

This we have done in the past, and will continue to do in the future.

-Preble Law '03

LIBERALISM A MISUSED PHRASE

LIBERALISM

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intelligence and command a certain respect, so that while in their presence, one senses a magnetic attraction toward a feeling of becoming enlightened. Each of these three people is generous with his/her time, soft-spoken, an intense listener and ready to lend a hand. They are the most, as the definition goes, "broad-minded" people I have ever met, but are also some of the most humble.

One fact, therefore, is proven. To be liberal, one does not have shout at people with opposing views, which should only be associated with extremism. One does not have to buy into someone else's beliefs, which is to be indoctrinated, or as I call it, computer programmed. Both cases confirm fervent yet shallow foolishness demonstrating a failure to discover freedom and originality.

Today, anyone can make claims to liberalism. It is as simple as registering Democrat to vote for "liberal" candidates in democratic elections. But for one to embody the idea defined as Classical, one must be free from superfluous trifles, such as labels. Left, right, Democrat, Republican, nationalist, antinationalist, fascist, racist, communist, feminist, masculinist, environmentalist, consumerist, multiculturalist, progressivist, militarist, pacifist, revolutionist and most other "ist" or "ism" words are titles of expensive textbooks; people do not want to see their money go to waste after spending a fortune, thus abdicating their free thought to authors. This zealous consumerism is how groups and followings form, modern liberalism being one of them.

THE BUSINESS OF WAR

WAR PROFIT

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2002." Like Perle, Woolsey has a conflict of interests that undeniably crosses over the boundaries of right and wrong

So where does Perle stand today? Well, he has stopped leading Goldman Sachs conferences which dish out advice on "how to cash in if war broke out in Iraq and/or North Korea." But then again, there are still eleven Middle Eastern countries that the U.S. hasn't invaded. Despite this levity, the ides of March are no laughing matter, and may catch up to Mr. Perle once again. After resigning from the Defense Policy Board altogether last week (for too many reasons to speculate), and given the current quagmire that is Iraq, one can only surmise that March will once again be a doozy for the Prince. Most agree that it is only a matter of time before the Prince of Darkness is usurped. It could be tomorrow, or it could be while eating crêpes at his chateau on the French Riviera this summer. *Bonnes vacances Monsieur Perle.*

Queers subverted by white males

QUEER

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niche, queer identities are being placed in fewer hands. A new gay ideal is forming and, not surprisingly, it looks remarkably similar to the dominant American Ideal. White, rich, masculine young men still monopolize the realm of positive media portrayal. The only difference is that recently some of them openly sleep with other men.

Being queer for me has always been about the subversion of oppressive ideals. I embraced my queerness at a young age specifically because of its subversive possibilities. I was beaten up, teased, and humiliated like most other young blossoming queens in America, but no matter how many mental and physical bruises I accumulated, I knew I was free. I had the capacity to play with gender roles, my sexual interactions, my dress, or my future and I took full advantage of it. I played with dolls and dressed up as G.I. Joe, I acces-

sorized fabulous make-up with a three-piece suit, come my teenage years I dated boys and girls alike and when I won my high school track championships I made sure to kiss my boyfriend as soon as I hit the finish line. I have drunk from a great variety of glasses of human experience and only regret not being able to try more. Without any strict social rules governing my identity I have been free to determine my social place. But even more importantly, my playful identity has helped undercut the validity of oppressive and suppressive identities. All this wonderful, world changing play is slowly being appropriated to benefit the same small world-elite, who I have so long rejected.

Queer people everywhere need to decide whether Gay and Lesbian people will forfeit their queerness in order to become "more human" in the public eye, or whether we will stand together to give this white misogynistic Ideal a lil' queer eye makeover.

Straight people should not feel excluded from this struggle. There is no vanguard in

this revolution. A gay man who edifies the model of white male supremacy is nothing more than a racist gay misogynist, a new hip variety of gender fascist. Some of the queerest people I know only care to love, nurture, and sleep with people of the opposite sex. Queerness is about the confronting the power relationships that privilege one gender-sexual identity, over the others. It is about trying to overcome the privilege which coats your current identity removing yourself from the characteristics of the oppressive Ideal. To me, a man who commits himself to the fight against male supremacy is a very queer fellow indeed. To be queer is to realize the relationship between the autonomy of personal identity and social justice—to dare to remake ourselves and our world in a more equal light.

To my GLBTTPQ comrades, we make no progress if we do not make it together. The oppression of the other necessitates the suppression of the self. To all of the straight people—welcome to the queer revolution. I promise. It's a Ball!

CHASE HALL COMMITTEE SEEKS BCSG-INDEPENDENT BUDGET

by NIRAJ CHOKSHI
NEWS EDITOR

On the night of Monday, Mar. 8, the Bates College Student Government (BCSG) was presented with a bill that, if passed, would effectively sever the connection between the Chase Hall Committee (CHC) and the BCSG.

The proposed bill has been in the works since the Fall of 2003. Christopher van der Lugt, Vice President of Student Clubs, sponsored the bill, which says that the CHC would "receive its budget outside of the BCSG process," putting the CHC in the same category as *The Student* and *The Mirror*. The bill would also mandate that the CHC receive "20% of the BCSG student clubs budget (the current student club budget is approximately \$360,000, with 20% equating approximately \$72,000)."

In the 2001-2002 school year, the CHC received approximately \$70,000. That next year (2002-2003) the CHC was allotted \$72,000 while last year (2003-2004) the CHC received only \$54,000. The club was docked nearly \$18,000 (25% of their previous year's budget) because when the CHC submitted its budget last year they were in debt and, according to the BCSG Budget committee guidelines, "When said club or organization applies for their next budget allocation, the Budget Committee shall penalize the organization by immediately deducting 30% of the full budget request."

The CHC ends each fiscal year in debt because, to secure popular acts for each upcoming fall, the CHC needs to make deposits several months in advance. Though the BCSG's rule has existed for years, "it's never

been enforced," explained Travis Potter, co-President of the CHC.

"Five students every year decide how many acts come to Bates, and we don't really think that's fair," said Potter of the BCSG's budget committee.

Another reason behind the CHC's debt last year was an accounting error: In the 1999-2000 school year the CHC bought a computer, which the school charged to another club. The error was discovered and the CHC was charged the \$2,000 in the summer of 2002. Laurie Jacobs, co-President of the CHC explained, "If we left a buffer of \$2,000, that's [the budget of] a club or two."

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The CHC also incurred losses after, in May 2003, they were charged for services provided by Physical Plant in October 2002.

Some BCSG members have expressed the concern that students may lose power over the CHC. Potter explained that concern over student input in the CHC has "been a constant tension for the entire history of the CHC."

Potter, responding to criticism that the CHC would no longer be held accountable for the events they bring to campus, explained that the role of the BCSG is to be objective. And to dock the budget of a club for an unsatisfactory year would fly in the face of that directive.

"Our club benefits from the certainty of knowing how much money we get," said Potter. He added, the "CHC never suffers, it's just the school that suffers... It's not like we have an agenda." The bill will undergo the standard weeklong review process and will be voted on during Monday's (Mar. 15) BCSG meeting.

Fellowships awarded

by ALI MORRIS
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Each year, the Bates administration funds a number of specific grants to students who are interested in continuing their academic studies during the summer. Of the various grants available, the Philips and the Otis Fellowships give the largest amount of money to students and are the most difficult to receive. While many of the other grants are used to fund research, the Philips and Otis Fellowships focus on funding students who are interested in gaining personal experience as they explore new territories. From the five Otis Fellows and the six Philips Fellows named in 2004, the students' projects range from hiking the Appalachian Trail to a cultural study as far away as Africa.

One of the Philips Fellows, Aarjan Dixit ('06), is going to spend his summer in India looking at the environmental and social consequences of the Ganges River. Due to the Indian government's recent interest in linking all the Himalayan and peninsular river systems together to form a large canal, Dixit will "travel through five cities along the Ganges in Northern India, starting from the Himalayas where it originates and ending in the plains as it goes out into the sea, in an attempt to analyze the benefits and harms of the proposed river linking project." He will then make a film to document his experience. According to Dixit, "the Ganges is a cultural metaphor and an encompassing symbol that has been the cradle of Indian civilization for millennia. It flows through more than 29 cities and feeds and houses a population of more than 500 million people in its fertile basin." By following the course of the river, Dixit will be following the civilization of the Indian people.

Rachel Silver '05, a Philips Fellow, will spend her summer studying in Kenya. As an anthropology major with a secondary concentration in education, Silver says her trip to Kenya will "combine all sides of my interests." By looking at the Harambee schooling techniques of a small Kenyan village, Silver will not only get to know the culture, but will also gain insight into the different Kenyan teaching conditions and their respective values. According to Silver, Harambee schooling "developed in Kenya during its period of independence from the British in an effort to reorient schooling back towards Kenyan practices and away from its previous British conditions." The most important concept about Harambee schooling is that it is "completely a grassroots effort. All the funding and most of the teachers are directly from the community." Silver will be in Ebukhaya, Kenya, which is near the Ugandan border.

The main difference between the Philips and Otis Fellows is that the Philips is used to immerse students substantially in a different culture. Its main focus is on international and cross-cultural projects, whereas the Otis grant focuses more on the relationship of individuals and societies and the natural world. Yet, the Otis grant seems to promote international studies as well. Colin Hollister ('06) and Peter Keays ('06), the only Otis Fellows who will stay in the United States, will be looking at the "through hiking culture" of the Appalachian Trail.

The five Otis Fellows are Brain Wilmont, Nicholas Martin, Peter Keays, Colin Hollister, and Khoabane Phoofole; and the six Phillips Fellows are Aarjan Dixit, Samuel Falls, John Karass, Sarah Mazur, Kathryn Moore, and Rachel Silver.

Dean of Students Search Committee holds forums to involve community

by TIM AYERS
STAFF WRITER

Within the next month, Bates will have a new Dean of Students directing the changes in student life on campus. Despite the impact this hiring will have, few turned out for a recent forum held to offer student input to the search committee. The goal of the forum was for students to voice their opinions and concerns and help the committee define the characteristics they are looking for in the candidates.

President Hansen convened the search committee two weeks ago upon the resignation of Dean of Students Celeste Branham and asked them to find a candidate by the beginning of Short Term. While questions were raised about the short amount of time, Dean of Admissions Wylie Mitchell explained he is comfortable with having less than two months, saying, "This is the right time for colleges to be searching for an administrator."

One of the major points brought up by the students in attendance consisted of the interaction between the new dean and students around campus. Several students expressed concern with President Hansen's lack of a visible presence on campus and hoped that the new dean will be more accessible to students and less intimidating to talk to. Senior Joey Gracia hoped for someone who is willing to work with students, and junior Chris Laconi added that the dean "should be able to deal with situations creatively rather than making tougher rules."

"We need a Dean of Students who pays attention to every student, not just the stereotypical Bates student," said committee member Aliza Luft. Ryan Nabulsi also described the Dean of Students as someone who should not

be a "yes" person to President Hansen. After that comment, committee member Charles Nero observed that there was a recurring theme in the discussion of the desire to have a dean who is on the side of the students.

Along with student interaction came the sentiment that the new dean needs to do a better job communicating with the student body. It was noted that the current administration allows rumors to start by not officially commenting in a timely manner on major issues affecting the campus.

Several students expressed concern that the administration often does not listen to student opinions when making policy decisions on campus and speculated that these feelings may have contributed to the low attendance. Mitchell tired to alleviate these concerns by saying, "comments made by people tonight are very likely to find prominence...when reading resumes and cover letters and looking at candidates."

The search committee consists of several staff and faculty members, as well as three students elected by the Bates College Student Government. Wylie Mitchell chairs the committee; the students are Jon Butos, Aliza Luft, and Vaibhav Bajpai; the faculty members are Charles Nero, Rebecca Herzig, and Tom Tracy; and the staff members are Christine Schwartz and Susan Coffey, both of whom were not present at the forum.

Mitchell emphasized that anyone, including Bates students, can nominate candidates for the vacant position. Currently, the committee has received more than 100 applications, but cannot divulge any details due to the initial appli-

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Puddle Jump held

Arianna Funk/The Bates Student



Puddle Jump participants warm up after taking a dip in the Puddle on Friday, Mar. 5. (Left)

The Outing Club clears the way for the Puddle Jump. The first two jumps were postponed due to inclement weather. (Right)



NEWS IN BRIEF

BATES

In a drive to cut down on acid rain pollution, Bates Associate Professor of Economics Lynne Lewis and her pair of Environmental Economics' classes are raising money to purchase sulfur dioxide permits. 125,000 permits are auctioned off each March, giving the buyer of the permit the right to emit one ton of gas, one of the major contributors to acid rain pollution. However, instead of emitting the gas, the students will retire the permit, and cut down on the emission of this harmful gas. Each permit has an approximate value of \$265. Lewis hopes that the students will earn enough money to purchase as many as eight permits.

The annual International Dinner took place this weekend in the Gray Cage. Students cooked traditional dishes representing a variety of different countries. Omar Maxwell, a member of the International Club, said of the event, that "overall it was very good...it was a collaborative effort amongst all club members." He also noted that "the students had a lot of fun making the dishes."

NESCAC

BRUNSWICK, ME - On Feb. 25 Bowdoin grad Ian McKee traded in his bachelorhood and proposed to Meredith Phillips, on the season finale of ABC's popular reality show "The Bachelorette." McKee graduated from Bowdoin in 1998, majored in economics with a minor in Spanish, and was also a member of the Polar Bear's lacrosse team. McKee was one of 25 bachelors on the show.

Source: *Bowdoin Orient*

MIDDLETOWN, CT - Students living in a Wesleyan University dorm were awoken to what they thought was a routine fire alarm last Tuesday morning. The residents of the dormitory at 156 High St. were evacuated from the building at approximately 2 a.m. The alarm was triggered by a boiler malfunction, causing smoke to reach the fire alarm. Further investigation also revealed that the boiler in question was emitting quantities of Carbon Monoxide gas. Due to the risk posed from Carbon Monoxide poisoning, students were not able to return to the dorm until 9 a.m. when the situation was declared to be safe.

Source: *Wesleyan Argus*

MIDDLEBURY, VT - Middlebury College's Community Council is currently holding discussions, which will ultimately end in a vote, to decide on the future of the Zeta Theta Phi (ZOO) fraternity's on-campus housing option. Currently, five of the six social houses have been allocated campus housing for the next academic year. Previous disciplinary incidents surrounding ZOO are at the center of discussions regarding the fraternity's housing status.

Source: *The Middlebury Campus*

LOCAL

LEWISTON, ME - City officials are examining a section of the Maine Turnpike that crosses the Androscoggin River in downtown L-A in an attempt to ease traffic congestion in the area, and allow for an easier traffic flow through the cities. New exit locations are being proposed for an exit near Rt. 136 in Auburn. While a variety of other options have been considered, this particular route seems to allow for the most logical flow of traffic, based on the businesses in the area, and traffic studies that have been conducted. Officials involved in the project anticipate completion of the study for May, when they will then present their findings to the Maine Turnpike Authority.

Source: *Lewiston Sun Journal*

WESTBROOK, ME - On Wednesday, March 10, patients and physicians will move officially into Spring Harbor Hospital. The \$27 million dollar facility is currently southern Maine's only psychiatric care hospital, and has a 100 bed capacity. The New England barn-style architecture of the hospital is aimed to create a homestyle atmosphere as it provides care and comfort to patients suffering from addictions and mental illness.

Source: *Portland Press Herald*

Catching up with...

CATHERINE CROSBY

by MIKE LOPEZ
STAFF WRITER

Senior Catherine Crosby is writing her thesis in psychology, testing gender differences in pain sensitivity. She hypothesizes that men respond to pain stronger and tougher than women.

If she wants data to back up her hypothesis, I suggest she had better not test herself.

Crosby, once a three sport athlete for the Bobcats, is halfway through a training regiment that will lead her to compete in her first marathon, at Sugarloaf on May 16. She now runs up to eight miles for six days a week, and that mileage will be as high as twenty before long. All this, she says, is for fun.

"I ran a half marathon in Australia when I was abroad," says Crosby, eyes wide open and almost blushing at the thought of running. "It was so great; I couldn't wait to do something like it again, and be able to run an actual full one."

The Sugarloaf marathon, which begins with a nice and early 8 a.m. start time, is not your standard early morning jog. The entire run is done at an elevation of at least 600 feet, reaching 1,600 feet at the 10 mile mark.

"My biggest concern isn't the time I finish in or how well I place. I have been following a

program from Runner's World, and my goal for my first one will be just to finish."

If nothing else, Crosby's athletic experience as a Bobcat should make her ready for competition in May.

A soccer co-captain, Crosby was a two time Academic All-NESCAC selection, making the first team this past season. She finished 2003 with a career-high - 18 points - giving her 50 for her career. Two of Crosby's goals this year were game-winners, as the Bobcats reached the NESCAC championship before falling to Amherst.

"Junior year I didn't have as successful a soccer season as I would have liked," said Crosby. "But the attitude on this year's team was so great and we all played better because of it."

Apart from the soccer field, Crosby also dabbled in indoor track and lacrosse for the

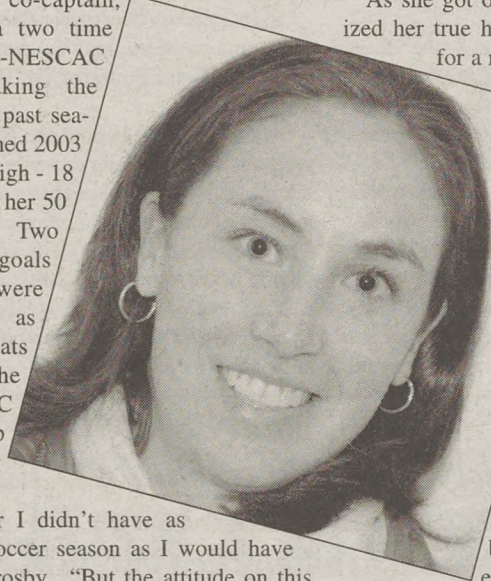
Bobcats. As a freshman, she won the State of Maine championship in the 400 meter dash. In the spring, she was the lacrosse team's third leading scorer with 36 points, also leading the team with 31 pass interceptions.

As she got older, however, she slowly realized her true happiness came each day going for a run.

"I remember growing up [in Lincoln, MA] and my family always going to watch the Boston Marathon each year. It looked so fun, and I remember telling myself that one day I would run in it when I got older."

Alas, Crosby is older, and at 21, she has high aspirations. While she isn't too concerned about her result at Sugarloaf, she is confident it will lead to marathons that are bigger and better. Perhaps, even, marathons run in Boston.

"I would love to do that, it's always been such a real dream of mine. Before with lacrosse and soccer, I never had the chance to train. I guess you could say that now is the time."



A look at why Bates doesn't have cable

by KYLE EASTON
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"I really, really wish we had cable here at Bates," one student recently bemoaned. The complaint echoes the sentiments of many students. Whenever asked what the College is lacking, the lack of cable in individual dorm rooms is a recurring theme cited by students. Cable is a topic that is probably right up there with having a student union in terms of importance to many students.

It is true that there is cable in most lounge areas in each residential facility, but that does not satisfy all students, many of whom complain that the common rooms' televisions are often small and crowded.

While students can blueslip the common room televisions to ensure that they have access to it at a specific time, that involves more planning than many are willing to put into watching television. "Sometimes, last year, when I was living in a large dorm, I would go downstairs and there would be two or three people in line!" one student said.

For many, it is not even so much a matter of getting more channels, but just getting the co-ax cables so that they are at least decipherable. Many are only able to clearly receive two channels, and then only after spending considerable time adjusting the reception.

The Dean of Students office issued a twofold answer as to why we do not have cable at Bates.

First, they cite philosophical reasons. It is their worry that having cable in the dorm rooms will stifle interaction among students. One of the advantages to having cable in the common rooms is that it encourages students to come out of their rooms and interact with other students outside of their immediate social group. This, according to Dean Holley Gurney, is something that is important at a school such as Bates that is "very, very community-oriented."

The second reason cited, a reason much more apparent, is that of financial constraint. It is a reason "as important as the philosophical reason in terms of pragmatics," said Gurney. In order for cable to be installed, buildings would have to be rewired, a very costly proposition.

"Twice in my five years, I have approached [cable provider] Adelphia to see if we could work something out," said Gurney. The plan that Gurney proposed would have turned over a residential facility a year. Adelphia rejected the plan, however, perhaps due to financial problems that they have been suffering.

Some may question Bates' twofold reasoning for the lack of cable, seeing the decision not to have cable in individual rooms as a purely financial one. The newest residential facility at Bates, the Village complex, has cable in the suite's common rooms. The office reports the reason for the suites having cable is the result of the style of the building. One must wonder, however, how much community interaction it really brings to have a cable in a suite's common area. It must also be noted that, like any other residential facilities on campus, both Village 1 and Village 3 have common lounge areas for residents.

Furthermore, the fact that the Dean of Students office has tried, in the past, to secure cable for students calls the administration's "twofold" reasoning into question, making this seem like a purely financial decision.

If it is, things look fairly bleak for getting cable, unless you are planning to live in the Village. It does not appear that even current freshmen will see it at any point in their Bates careers.

There is the hypothetical possibility that new residential facilities will be built as part of the school's master planning. It is, however, far too early to tell, as anything said at this point is speculation. If any new residential buildings were erected, however, it is very likely that they will include the wiring to allow for cable.

One other possibility is getting a service similar to cable using some other form of technology, similar to the way the Internet is brought in.

Whatever the case, it does not seem likely that students will be seeing cable any time soon. Those who wish to look out for future classes, however, may attend the upcoming master planning meeting where students will have a chance to voice their concerns on cable access, or lack thereof, in any potential future residential buildings.

DEAN PROPOSES INCREASE IN STUDY ABROAD FEES

by EVAN CARLSON
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In a proposal put forth to the BCSG by Stephen Sawyer, Associate Dean and Director of the Off-Campus Study program, registration fees for Bates students wishing to study at other institutions will increase by nearly \$200 from the current \$750 charge. Sawyer stated that the rise is a result of students taking advantage of Bates' online facilities and services while away from campus and not paying full tuition to the school.

Sawyer also stated the rise had nothing to do with costs incurred by the CBB programs in London, Quito, and Cape Town, and the recent closure of the CBB programs at those locations. As he said raising the fee from 4% to 5% of a semester's tuition goes back to the College to help maintain our online support services and facilities, not to any off-campus programs.

"It's a standard fee that is charged at most colleges similar to Bates," claimed Sawyer. This is indeed the case, as most of the rest of the schools in NESCAC have similar systems. The rise in the registration fee at Bates to \$937.50 will essentially make the per-semester off-campus study registration fees equal to those of Bowdoin and Colby. Colby charges \$1000 dollars per semester abroad in registration fees while Bowdoin charges \$1000 dollars for the program, whether it's semester-long or for the entire year. The endowments of Williams and Amherst are large enough for the two schools to essentially ignore the costs incurred by their students abroad. The rest of the schools in NESCAC have some form of registration fee built in to their overall charge.

The rising fee signals an increase by one percent of a semester's tuition at Bates, and Sawyer firmly believes that an increase as small as this one will not dampen the interest of students studying overseas in least.

The increase in student use of Bates' Internet facilities has led organizers of the Off-Campus Study program to promote this increase in registration fees to combat increasing costs incurred from maintenance of these services. "We don't want students remaining on campus subsidizing the education of those who go abroad," said Sawyer regarding the increase. Though a student may be thousands of miles away, studying the architecture in Rome firsthand or examining race issues in Cape Town, they still cost Bates a certain amount of money.

Seniors select statue for class gift

by MARI WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Philanthropy is an essential tradition at private institutions. At Bates, the important relationship between academia and financial donations begins with the senior gift, an annual giving-back to Bates by the graduating class. The senior gift provides graduating students with the opportunity to help better the school and become familiar with alumni philanthropy.

This year, options that were discussed ranged from new cardio equipment in Merrill Gym to giving a scholarship

to an incoming first-year (the gift choice of last year's senior class). After extensive communication with the senior class and school administration, the Senior Gift Committee,

which is primarily responsible for organizing the project, has decided to commission a Bobcat statue to be built on the Bates campus.

The committee's co-chairs Alex Strelak and Shelby Graham as well as senior class officers Eduardo Crespo and Tanya Schwartz have been working with the Public Art Committee and the Office of Development and Advancement to make important decisions regarding the proposed gift idea. The Public Art Committee will have an important say on who will make the statue, what it should look like and where it should be placed. The Senior Gift and Public Art Committees had been looking into several national and international artists to take on the project, but recently decided to focus on the local artistic community and may hire someone out of Portland, a move that would lower costs and make transportation easier.

Funding for the new statue will come primarily from the senior class. However, other parties will be involved in helping to make this gift

idea a reality. Each year, the senior class has a matching donor, a person or group that matches donations made by students. This year's matching donor is Carole Browe Segal, a co-founder and owner of Crate & Barrel, parent of a class of '95 alum and a member of the Board of Trustees. Segal will match every dollar in donations over 25 dollars, which will double funds if students choose to give this amount or more. Other contributions will come from parents and families of the senior class.

Crespo, who is co-coordinator of the Student Philanthropy Institute, stresses the importance of full class participation with this project as he feels it will benefit Bates for years to come.

"It's not just the gift, the statue, it's about Bates and class unity. We want to bring about awareness of Bates' finances and needs and show that these things are important," said Crespo.

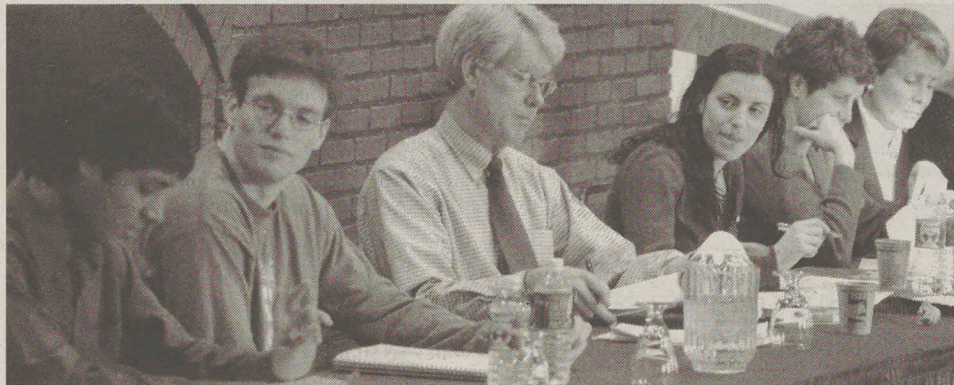
Crespo and the committee hope to boost class involvement far above last year's low 52 percent participation. To encourage students to donate, the Senior Gift Committee will offer several payment methods and plans, and encourage students to stretch their current resources to be part of this one-time opportunity. Crespo hopes that students will rise to the occasion and make a donation towards the senior gift. He also hopes that this participation will help to reinforce a lasting tradition of giving to Bates.

"When I meet a graduate of this class in ten years, I hope he or she will tell me that Bates is one of their top philanthropic institutions."

The Senior Gift Committee still has a lot of work ahead of itself, but hopes that by next year, with the help of the senior class, Bates will be enjoying a brand new Bobcat statue.

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DSSC holds forums



Ryan Toussaint/The Bates Student

The Dean of Students Search Committee held two forums last week.

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cation process being confidential.

Towards the end of the forum, the committee explained that when the field is narrowed down to several candidates, these people will visit Bates to see the school. Nero encouraged the students in attendance and everyone else at

SECURITY UPDATE

by KYLE EASTON
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On Sunday, March 7th, the Lewiston Police Department contacted Security and Campus Safety, informing them that a student had filed a Sexual Assault Complaint against two male students. The incident occurred two days earlier, Friday, Mar. 5. Due to both the nature of the possible offense, as well as its recent occurrence, there is no further information available at this time.

In other news, on Saturday, Mar 6, two residents of Smith Middle reported having been robbed. In the first incident, a resident reported that \$70.00 was taken from his wallet which had been left on his desk. In the other incident,

Bates to ask important questions to the candidates, as there is no better way to find out how they feel about student issues.

The job has been advertised nationwide, and according to the job description on the Bates website, "The Dean is responsible for providing leadership in the campus life of approximately 1700 students" and oversees most of the student related programs on campus.

a resident reported that \$50.00 had been removed from his wallet which had been left in the top drawer of a dresser.

Due to the close proximity of both location of time, there is reason good reason to suspect that the incidents were connected. It is likely that a student was responsible for the robbery, as the perpetrator was obviously familiar with where the latter student might have kept his wallet.

Over the last week, five students were referred to the Dean of Students Office for counseling. Four of the incidents came as a result of a violation of the school's Liquor Policy, and the other resulted from a violation of narcotic laws.

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ume biography of "W.E.B. Du Bois: Biography of a Race, 1868-1919" (1993) and "W.E.B. Du Bois: The Fight for Equality and the American Century, 1919-1963" (2000).

The Du Bois set also received the Bancroft Prize and the Francis Parkman Prize, both in 1994. Currently the recipient of a coveted five-year John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, also known as a "genius grant," Lewis has received fellowships from the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (twice) and the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation. Lewis received his master's degree in history from Columbia University and his doctorate in modern European and French history from the London School of Economics and Political Science. He has taught at the University of Notre Dame, Howard University, University of California-San Diego and Harvard University. Lewis will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

Arriving at Bates in December 1944, Director of Admissions for Men Milton L. Lindholm, a 1935 Bates graduate, was first charged with planning the post-World War II rebuilding of the student body, and his earliest classes would include older war veterans alongside traditional students. By his 1976 retirement as dean of admissions, he was admitting the children of these alumni yet the characteristics Lindholm sought for Bates never changed: "Motivation, imagination, initiative, strong personality and character," he once said. "To his admissions work he brought intelligence, friendliness, understanding, a discerning eye and a willingness to devote endless hours to Bates," said the late Charles F. Phillips, Bates president from 1944 to 1967. Lindholm was famous for playing calculated hunches, and Bates alumni of the Lindholm era often say with pride, "Milt took a chance on me." In 1989, the admissions building at Bates was named for Lindholm. Lindholm will

receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

At the time approaching his 80th year, John C. Whitehead philanthropist, retired bank executive and former diplomat was called upon in November 2001 to chair the newly created Lower Manhattan Development Corp., www.renewnyc.com. Charged with the daunting task of directing the rebuilding of post-September 11 Lower Manhattan, this new state agency could have set in motion "a plodding, obtuse process...with little public participation," *The New York Times* observed. Whitehead, however, helped to set a different tone, demanding the agency's independence from politics and championing the community's ownership of the process. What evolved, lauded *the Times*, "was a grand public discussion about architecture, public space and the nature of memory," culminating in acclaimed architectural designs for a new Freedom Tower and World Trade Center site memorial; other initiatives, meanwhile, focus on business revitalization, transportation infrastructure and community quality of life. He rose to business prominence in a 38-year career with Goldman, Sachs & Co. in New York City, retiring as senior partner and co-chairman in 1984, then served as deputy secretary of state under President Reagan, 1985-89, receiving the Presidential Citizen's Medal upon leaving that post. A spirited philanthropist, Whitehead is a Haverford College graduate who earned his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School, later receiving honorary degrees from both institutions, as well as Pace, Rutgers, Amherst and Seton Hall, among others (the latter's school of diplomacy and international relations was named for Whitehead in 2002). He has chaired the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the United Nations Association, the International Rescue Committee, International House and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. A World War II Navy veteran, Whitehead participated in European and Pacific invasions, including Normandy, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Whitehead will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Courtesy: Office of College and Media Relations

BCSG meeting review

Publicity bill passed, new bill proposes new independent budget for the Chase Hall Committee

by TIM AYERS
STAFF WRITER

Without the sophomores present due to the housing lottery, the representatives of the Bates College Student Government discussed several new bills and voted on the budget for next year.

The budget, brought to the BCSG last week by President Jamil Zraikat, laid out all of next year's planned expenses by the government. Despite the straightforward nature of the budget, some confusion resulted when Zraikat

began to explain that the extra money the BCSG has that will be carried over to next year is actually more than the budget request, meaning that no money will actually need to be given to the BCSG. After straightening out the confusion, the membership passed the budget for next year.

The second bill, which was also presented for the first time last week, involves the BCSG seating a table outside of Commons one day a week for the remainder of the year. The bill calls for one class or at-large representative and two other representatives to sit at the table from 5:30 until 7:00 to answer any questions students have about the BCSG. The bill, described as a way to help better publicize current legislation and hear student opinions, passed without much opposition.

The third major bill brought before the assembly this week called for the Chase Hall Committee to no longer fall under the budget guidelines of the BCSG. As this was the first week it came before the representatives, it will not be voted on until next week. Currently, the CHC must submit a budget each year to the Budget committee, and the bill would change this so they would receive the set amount of 20 percent of the BCSG's yearly allotment of money from the college.

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A majority of the discussion of the bill was opposition to its passage, mainly focused on members' feelings that one organization should not be allowed to simply avoid the budget committee's guidelines. The

assembly also decided Zraikat should pursue what means *the Student* and *the Mirror* are funded through the College and whether the CHC could also receive funding that way.

In the committee reports, Zraikat explained that the Short Term Activities Committee was never created in the new constitution, and Keith Tannenbaum did not know what to do with the 3000 dollars allotted to them. He also announced that the Dean of Students office has some reservations about the BCSG having a forum on the Daily Jolt, but that would not stop the forum from continuing to operate.

Morgan McDuffee run a huge success

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Scott Brown, 45, of Lewiston won the men's event with a time of 16:57. Tina Meserve, 37, of Livermore Falls came in first for women with 19:01. The increased participation of residents of Lewiston and surrounding communities underscored the overall feeling of solidarity the race generated.

As a result of the increased turnout, the event raised over \$11,000 for Morgan's Fund for Violence Prevention, a fund created in Morgan's name directed by Susanna Andrew, Morgan McDuffee's fiancée at the time of his death. The organization works to educate

youths about "alternatives to violence and to prevent violent crime from occurring within our communities."

Event coordinators Graham Veysey and Elizabeth Jackson definitely hope the tradition of the race continues after their upcoming graduation.

"Morgan's Run was so successful this year," said Veysey, "It's a great way to remember Morgan and benefits a great cause; we hope it continues."

"It was a day of remembrance," said race participant Dave Prichard '06, also a member of the Bates lacrosse team, "It was powerful to be out there as a team." Official race results available at www.coolrunning.com



Kelly Kugel/The Bates Student

Over 600 people participated in Saturday's Morgan McDuffee run.

ANDREW SULLIVAN SPEAKS ON GAYS' RIGHT TO MARRY

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marriage arena for many years, is excited by the recent surfacing of gay marriage as a national issue. "I'm a little overwhelmed right now, something extremely exciting and really rather frightening. I never expected it to happen so fast, decisively and so powerfully," said Sullivan.

Sullivan's speech included his take on the evolution of how the issue of gay marriage broke into the mainstream. This evolution, Sullivan argues, began with a single gay couple in Hawaii who took their case to the courts and lost. That same couple took the case to Alaska, to Vermont, and then to Massachusetts where the true change occurred. In Massachusetts, the courts ruled that homosexuals should be legally allowed to marry, and "something no one quite anticipated happened; equality became real, someone had stood up for them and said, 'You [homosexuals] deserve your constitutionally given rights,'" said Sullivan.

"To say that someone cannot marry the person he or she loves is to get rid of some fundamental human dignity."

From this event, homosexuals took it upon themselves to stand up for their rights, according to Sullivan. There were "extraordinary displays of civil disobedience across the country. There was a great change, a legal one and a social and psychological one," said Sullivan.

"To say that someone cannot marry the person he or she loves is to get rid of some fundamental human dignity," said Sullivan. "Has it ever occurred to you that your right to the pursuit of happiness did not include marrying the person who you loved?"

Sullivan stated, "The right to civil rights of gay people is - I think - mandated in the constitution, and my proof for this is that the President of the United States wants to amend the constitution to stop it." The real question, according to Sullivan, is "are gay people and straight people equal as citizens under law or does society want to include everyone or just most people? ... Integrating all people in terms of things they cannot choose, they cannot change, is a profound thing, an uplifting thing, a good thing."

In response to the argument that gay marriage will be the end of marriage Sullivan argues, "This is a big yes to marriage after so many have said, 'no' to marriage through divorce. Isn't that a vote of confidence in this institution?"

Sullivan wanted to argue one final point by asking why it took so long for this movement to begin. "What levels of low self-esteem and self-worth existed among gay people before?" According to Sullivan, this movement has brought a new sense of empowerment to the gay community and that is a "good thing."

Students look forward to military careers

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top-notch training is the standard. If he can do that, Philbrick maintains, he can do anything. "I will never be ashamed of it," he says.

Tuttle, who makes the two-hour commute to ROTC at the University of Maine Orono several times a week, has a family history of military service in which he takes pride. He has always been interested in military service, but says his interest waned at college application time when he was smitten with Bates. After finding out about the ROTC program at Orono his sophomore year, the possibility of participating in both cultures resurfaced. Due to the commute, the program requires a high degree of motivation, Tuttle says, but is ultimately worth it. He hopes to begin active duty after graduation, seeking the opportunity to travel and the "hands-on, intense, community-oriented" experience that service in the military offers.

Negotiating between politics and life experience seems a difficult task in the current state of affairs where, even for reserves, the threat of being called upon to defend your country is genuine. Out of uniform, all three spoke about the conflict in Iraq with mixed feelings. Hesitantly, they revealed feeling there exists a significant minority on campus who are afraid to speak at all because they perceive a liberal bias. To be sure, headlines like the one that appeared on the Bates website in February of last year can seem daunting: "Majority of Bates Students Oppose Pre-Emptive Military Action in Iraq." The article goes on to discuss the resolution adopted by the Representative Assembly in response to an anti-war petition that garnered "959 signatures, representing nearly 57 percent of the student body." The accompanying photograph shows rallying students waving "peace rocks" signs overhead. The estimate may well be accurate (although I can attest to having received puzzled looks for actually reading anything I've signed outside Commons). It's the rhetoric of the article that would likely deter dissenting students. It confirms their worst suspicions: they are a silent minority.

Heller says he personally felt Saddam was a real threat to international interests, but that Bush should have waited for help from the international community. War is the result of a political failure, Heller says. "I see the military as the greatest political deterrent," he told me, and as such it is a "well-oiled machine, essential to have." Philbrick and Tuttle echo Heller's disparagement of the politics of war, careful to distinguish support for troops on the ground from criticism of policy makers. "Maybe the war wasn't just," Philbrick says. "I'm not sure. The politics weren't clear. Why did we go?" Tuttle says while he felt the war was justified, whether he was in favor of it to begin with is a different proposition. In any case, Tuttle has been impressed with Bates' ability to "separate their feelings on politics, war or the president from the people serving in the military."

But that separation is sometimes a difficult pill to swallow. "People at Bates wear a mixed hat," Heller told me. I wondered if he was glimpsing the difference experience can make as I read over an old letter from the *Bates Magazine*. Jon A. Custis '91, a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps, wrote a "Letter on the Eve of Battle" while on active duty in Iraq in March

2003. "Make no mistake, from a service member's perspective," he wrote, "one cannot 'support the troops' but not support the war. Protest is not an a la carte proposition, because caveats to a certain position simply get lost in the background noise and never stand out in a front page news photo." Custis urged Americans to realize that we "cannot live in the world as we would like it to be." The "harsh realities," as he called them, of a life of service seemed to have set in.

Politics aside, all three men insist they have received support from friends at Bates. They agree that Bates does not foster the desire to serve, but neither does it actively discount this choice. "Liberal bias," Heller and Tuttle felt, was a term possibly applicable to the professoriate, but not to the student body. Tuttle has actually worn his uniform in the Den a few times and gotten "funny looks and questions," but no negativity. The military is, they each assured me, "a different world." Heller called coming back to Bates after officer training "culture shock." All three talked about how an environment emphasizing discipline and "doing what you're told" is necessarily different from one that teaches you to think and where you encounter, in Heller's words, "such diversity of opinion." Military personnel may "tend to be a conservative bunch," Tuttle says, "but the culture stresses the value of sepa-

rating your personal philosophy from your job."

So what about patriotism? Philbrick and Heller (who has spent time there) both approve of the Israeli policy requiring military service of all citizens. "I've always thought it was important to serve your country," Heller says. Philbrick stressed his interest in military history and called mandatory service "a good experience" but complained about the recent wave of "patriotism for patriotism's sake." Both said they had been interested in the military from a young age, but a fascination with uniforms and equipment soon segued into more concrete motives. "I am drawn to it because I like problem-solving," says Heller, while Philbrick talks about "helping people" through being in a position of authority.

Talking to young, bright and highly motivated men who were ready to eschew various other options, what struck me most was how little fear I sensed. Tuttle called the risk "part of the job" while Philbrick said he feels, to his mother's dismay, that some things are worth dying for. Heller told me a story. On the way home from the airport after six weeks of grueling officer training, he narrowly escaped a bad accident with a Mac truck. The irony did not escape him. When you think about what you are afraid of, he says, you have to remember "we take risks everyday just by walking outside."

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Hot New Jersey band to play at Bates

by MEGAN RICHARDSON
ARTS EDITOR

New Jersey-based band Spiraling will be travelling to Bates on March 20 to perform at the All-College Gala. The band, which has toured with such bands as OK Go, They Might Be Giants, and The Violent Femmes, is sure to please the crowd with its unique sound and undeniable talent.

Spiraling is made up of keyboardist/vocalist Tom Brislin, drummer Paul Wells, guitarist Marty O'Kane, and bassist Bob Hart. It was formed as an offshoot from Brislin's former band You Were Spiraling. Now, Brislin does all the song writing and singing for the band, and his abilities as both a singer and a songwriter are visible in the band's latest album, *Transmitter*.

Transmitter is a blend of synthesized rock and beautiful vocals. Brislin's soft, clear voice cooes the fun and modern lyrics in front of a background of the band's catchy music. It begins with a hypnotic tune, "Connection," which shows from the start

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Photo courtesy of spiraling.net

Spiraling's keyboardist/vocalist/songwriter Tom Brislin. Spiraling will play at the All-College Gala on March 20.

Gritty's "Pub-Style" Pale Ale: this must be the place

MATT MURPHY

BEER CRITIC



In order to ensure complete objectivity when doing my beloved beer review, I strive to follow a strict procedure when sampling my different beers. Generally, I purchase my six-pack of heady brew on Saturday, returning to my lavish apartment and imbibing at least 3 bottles that night. In the rare chance that I cannot fully appreciate the beer on Saturday night, or on the even rarer nights when I cannot remember trying the beer, I hold another tasting on Sunday, in celebration of the holy day.

This week was no different.

So, this Saturday night I poured my beer into a pint glass and contemplated watching Batman to jump-start the evening. Just as Batman performs best in the Batmobile, beer also is at its best when in the right glass. Swigging beer from the bottle does nothing for its taste; it is the equivalent of Batman attempting to rescue Vicky Vale in a white Volvo station wagon. While it is widely known that glassware accentuates the flavors in a fine wine, most people overlook the fact that the same idiom is true for beer. Anyway, by the end of the pint, I chose not to watch Batman, but rather blast Yanni's *Looking Glass* from my computer. With Yanni's new age beats reaching their climax, I immediately went to grab another. It seems Gritty's and Yanni provided a perfect start to my Saturday night. So, that's good news for a first taste.

Presentation: The packaging claims that this beer commemorates the beginning of the Maine Beer Brewing revolution of

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Mystic River: a heart-wrenching film



Mystic River, with Kevin Bacon and Sean Penn, will play in Olin this weekend



LOUIS DENNIG

FILM CRITIC

Clint Eastwood's masterfully directed *Mystic River* powerfully deals with two of the most distressing emotional events that can ever occur in anyone's life: a child abduction so disturbing it scars for life, and a father having to deal with the murder of his daughter. Eastwood's straight-forward directing, which is forgivably slow, mixes in with the emotionally-charged Academy Award-winning performances of Tim Robbins and Sean Penn to create one dramatic film that is sure to strike a chord with everyone who sees it.

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MICHAEL BOLTON AND ROCKY HORROR

Bates' third annual Drag Show displays plenty of originality and style

by TABITHA ABRAZINSKI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Bates' third annual Drag Show occurred last Wednesday night in Olin. It was a great show, with a mixture of lots of different acts and enough sassy drag-queen style to keep the College happy until next year's show.

The show started out much as it has in the past few years: acts seemed few and far between in the hours up to the show, but as it got closer to curtain (and Bates time caught up with real time), acts started pouring out of the woodwork.

The show opened with the Strange Bedfellows as they showed off some leg and plugged their upcoming show. We have to ask - did we need to see Nate Holt's ass the first time? No wait, what about the second time? And what is up with that red thong?

Things continued smoothly with one act propelling from the ceiling to the "Mission Impossible" theme, followed by a hilarious performance of Michael Bolton's "How Can We Be Lovers If We Can't Be Friends?" I've never seen

Michael Bolton perform, but I can't help believing that it was a very accurate rendition. The Palace Princes - Tina Browne and Jenny Tierney - then performed flawlessly choreographed - and very hot - dance moves. Their polish and style were extremely impressive.

There was also a bit of audience participation. One act tried to perform *The Rocky Horror Picture Show's* "Time Warp," but was thwarted by Olin's inability to play cassette tapes. So they did what any good drag queens would do: they performed anyway. In true drag style they invited the audience to sing and dance along as well. It was great: *Rocky Horror* is all about audience participation.

Concluding the evening was a return appearance by Benjamin Takai. He was just as fabulous as ever and made everyone in the room jealous with his dance moves, not to mention how good he looked in that skirt. One person said in reference to his dance moves, "Dear God, [his hips] move like they're independent of his torso!" And yes, yes they do.

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At Bates and in the Area

Tuesday, March 9

- 6:00 p.m., Multicultural Center: a special relaxed dinner will be prepared by the cooking house.

Wednesday, March 10

- 12:00 p.m., Garcelon Room: *The Primeval Fireball* will be playing.

Thursday, March 11

- 7:30 p.m., Colby College: "Elder Grace: the Nobility of Aging." Exhibit will be discussed. Call 872-3228 for more information.

- 8:00 p.m., Schaeffer Theatre: *Swingtime Canteen* will be performed.

- 9:00 p.m., Silo: Village Club Concert

Friday, March 12

- 7:30 p.m., Colby College: *Our Country's Good* will be performed. Call 872-3291 for more information.

- 8:00 p.m., Schaeffer Theatre: *Swingtime Canteen* will be performed.

Saturday, March 13

- 2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m., Schaeffer Theatre: *Swingtime Canteen* will be performed.

- 7:30 p.m., Colby College: *Our Country's Good* will be performed. Call 872-3291 for more information.

Sunday, March 14

- 2:00 p.m., Schaeffer Theatre: *Swingtime Canteen* will be performed.

The Human Regurgitator



Chris van der Lugt/The Bates Student

Stevie Starr wowing the crowd with his odd regurgitating talents.

by MEGAN RICHARDSON
ARTS EDITOR

Last weekend comedian Stevie Starr - also known as 'The Human Regurgitator' - performed for a room full of horrified and awe-inspired students.

Starr, who grew up in an orphanage in Scotland, has a world renowned talent-act: he swallows and then brings back up various objects for crowds of curious onlookers. He travels all over the world, and has performed on several TV shows, such as "Late Night with David Letterman" and "Tonight with Jay Leno." He has also been entered into the *Guinness Book of World Records*, a sign of his unique talent.

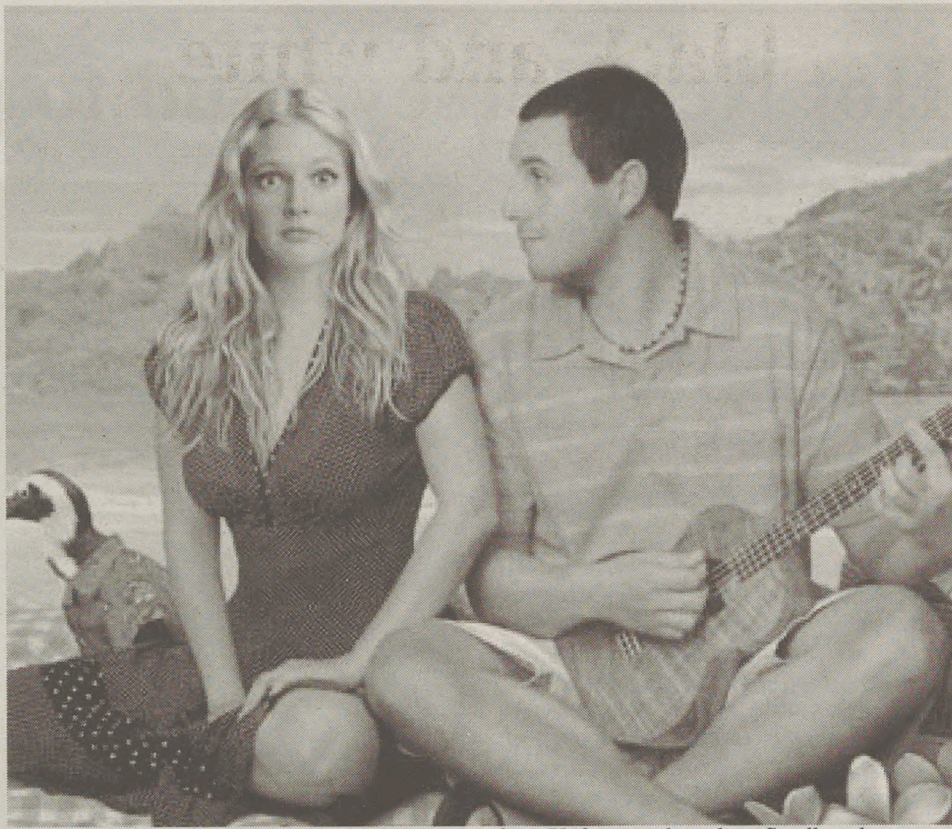
While performing here, Starr swallowed a variety of items, including a billiard ball, a live goldfish (that remained alive throughout the ordeal), a lightbulb, and butane. Jaws of audience

members dropped rapidly as time and again, Starr regurgitated the strange objects that he had just swallowed.

Starr kept his shirt unbuttoned for his entire performance. While a little creepy, this ensured that the audience had proof that he was actually swallowing the objects, not dropping down his shirt or using any other tricks. He once performed in front of an X-Ray machine, giving further proof that he really can swallow - and bring back up - just about anything.

The show here last weekend, which was sponsored by the Student Activities Office, was interesting and one of a kind, if not a little grotesque. Starr makes a living doing shows like this, travelling from college to college, ingesting and regurgitating objects for the entertainment of college students worldwide.

IN A THEATER NEAR YOU: 50 FIRST DATES



LOUIS DENNIG

FILM CRITIC

Adam Sandler movies can usually be described as "raunchy," "offensive," and "ridiculously funny," but one thing they are often not described as, often being the operative word, is "sweet." Sandler's *50 First Dates* opposite Drew Barrymore is a surprising rarity among romantic comedies in that it has the raunchy elements of a Sandler film, the charming aspects of a Barrymore film, and somehow comes together into one incredibly engaging date movie.

The originality of this romantic comedy comes in the general premise: Barrymore has a memory disability, which does in fact exist, that wipes all of her new memories out every night while she sleeps. The accident that caused this disability occurred the day of her father's birthday, so every day she believes that it's her dad's birthday all over again.

Enter Sandler, a zoo veterinarian who really wants to take his shabby boat to Alaska to research the underwater activities of the noble walrus. After his aforementioned shabby boat breaks down in the middle of the ocean, he meets Barrymore at a diner in Hawaii that she was supposed to eat at the morning of her accident. After he and Barrymore have their first date, they make plans to meet again for break-

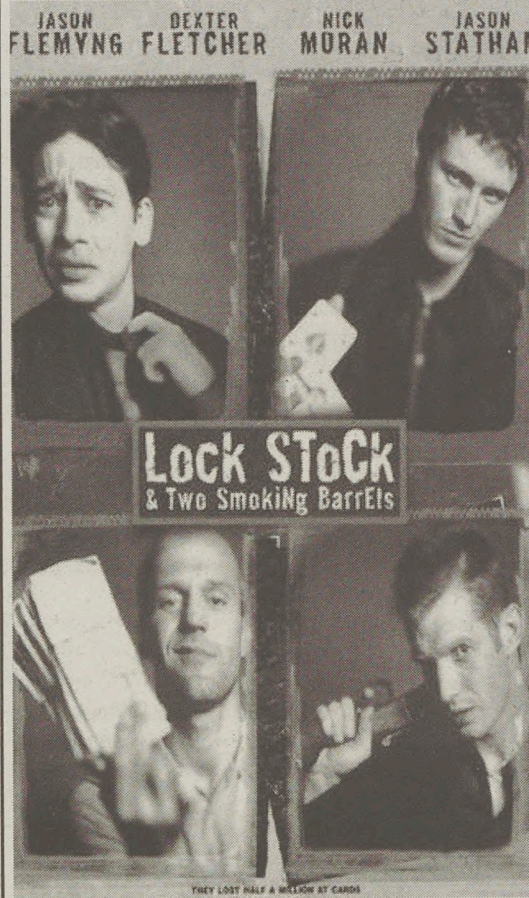
fast. Unfortunately, when Sandler shows up, she doesn't recognize him any more than she would a complete stranger.

Sandler immediately realizes his profound love for her and makes it his mission to find a way for her to remember him. While talking with Barrymore's father and her steroid-using brother - played hilariously by *The Lord of the Rings'* Sean Astin - Sandler shows off some real talent hiding back in the corner at times. He realizes that he's not the only important figure in this family, and steps up when he knows that he can make a difference, and does so in a poignant, un-Sandler like way.

But wait... this is an Adam Sandler movie! That's why we have his questionably gendered German assistant and a giant walrus that throws up on screen! Not to mention the fact that Sandler proves to be an outstanding comedic actor without the slapstick yelling that he is known for.

Truly the best part of *50 First Dates* is the relationship between Barrymore and Sandler, because the audience realizes that every single day Sandler has to make Barrymore fall in love with him all over again. Over the course of the film, we get to see him use every inventive thing he can think of in order to win her over, day after day.

Dates accomplishes what a romantic comedy should strive for in an extremely inventive way. It's very funny, very romantic, Barrymore and Sandler have incredible chemistry, and all this occurs in the backdrop of an incredibly touching story.



Editor's Movie Pick of the Week: Lock Stock & Two Smoking Barrels (1998)

A Guy Richie Film
With Jason Flemyng, Dexter Fletcher, Nick Moran, Jason Statham, and Sting.

The Plot:

A group of friends (Flemyng, Fletcher, Moran, and Statham) end up in serious debt after one of them loses all of their money to a local crime-lord in a rigged poker game. The crime lord wants to take over the bar that belongs to father (played by Sting) of one of the boys. After overhearing their criminal neighbors discussing their plans to rob a local drug dealer, the boys make plans to trick the robbing-neighbors to get the money they owe. Chaos ensues as everyone is looking for money and/or revenge - and only one group can win.

The Lowdown:

Cool cinematography and even cooler characters make this movie worth the confusion. There is some gore, but it's rather tastefully done. Also, this movie has one of the coolest endings I've ever seen, and the group of characters are likeable, despite the fact that there are no good guys in the film.

Quotations:

Tom (one of the boys): "There's no money, there's no weed. It's all been replaced by a pile of corpses."

Eddie (another one of the boys): "The entire British empire was built on cups of tea, and if you think I'm going to war without one, mate, you're mistaken."

The Grey Album: not all black and white



BERNIE HERLYN

MUSIC COLUMNIST

DJ Danger Mouse must be one of the most ecstatic DJs in recent memory. Last December, over a period of two weeks, he crafted *The Grey Album*, mixing the vocals of Jay-Z's *The Black Album* with the music of the Beatles' *White Album*. An ingenious idea, to be sure, and one that has sparked massive debates over its legality in recent weeks. Copies of *The Grey Album* quickly spread over the Internet, and fans praised its originality and creativity while the RIAA and EMI, the owner of the Beatles' catalog, were outraged, already having sent cease-and-desist letters to the DJ. At the time of this writing, the album is no longer available for purchase anywhere, not even the Internet—the only medium is peer-to-peer file-sharing programs such as Kazaa.

While EMI has halted the album's distribution due to the use of unauthorized samples, music fans such as this writer have had the chance to experience *The Grey Album* for what it is: a stroke of genius.

At first, the idea of mixing the sounds of two artists that are so drastically different may seem like a stretch, but DJ Danger Mouse has done a satisfying job. Yet it is still a mixed blessing, as some of the arrangement sounds just as good, if not better, than the originals, while some are ill-fated.

There are times on *The Black Album* where Jay's voice gets drowned out by overproduction. The dominance of the beats sometimes takes away from Jay-Z's flow, muddling it, even, such as on "99 Problems." *The Grey*

Album shines at those moments exactly where *The Black Album* fails. The interaction between Jay-Z's flow and The Beatles' instrumentals is often seamless, and Danger Mouse's versions allow the vocals to be stripped down to the bare essentials; there is a beauty of simplicity. "December 4th" is a prime example of this. The slow guitars of the new version, as opposed to the harsher sounds of the original, bolster this autobiographical track's effectiveness and impact.

"What More Can I Say" combined with the music of "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" is another fluid combination. The Beatles' original song is a haunting one, and the instrumental gives *The Grey Album* version a greater sense of urgency and poignancy.

Another striking track is the new version of "Justify My Thug," whose slower sound really lets Jay stand out on his own and carry much more weight.

Other highlights include "Public Service Announcement," but many of *The Grey Album's* tracks clash with mundane efforts such as "Encore" and "99 Problems." The latter is set to "Helter Skelter," and is lost in the Beatles' sea of wailing guitars, much as the Jay-Z version is. "Change Clothes" and "Moment of Clarity" are but other attempts at a new perspective on Jay-Z's songs, but they only serve to miss the high points of the originals.

On some levels, the remixes succeed on an equal or superior level to the originals, yet there are too many moments when listening to *The Grey Album* would only make one miss out on the exceptional production of *The Black Album*. *The Grey Album* should still be appreciated as a creative project, and ingenious on the part of DJ Danger Mouse, but its grey areas make the appreciation of the black and white that much less.

THE GET UP KIDS RELEASE NEW ALBUM

by **BEN BOWERS**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Once again, the Kansas City, Missouri Emo band has progressed in style with the release of their new album *The Guilt Show*. Viewed by many fans as a tremendous comeback, the album in actuality is a well balanced blend between their two previous albums. In *The Guilt Show*, the band manages to keep their trusted Emo sound characterized by melodic guitar riffs and emotionally charged lyrics found on *Something to Write Home About* (1999) while toning down and incorporating stylistic twists made in *On a Wire* (2002).

The album begins with the short yet fast paced track; "Man of Conviction" then slows down for the next several tracks until the album reaches its first stand-out track "Wouldn't believe

it." Reminiscent of their original sound, "Wouldn't believe it"'s upbeat melody and catchy chorus makes it a sure favorite of longtime fans. Next follows, "Martyr Me" a good track representing the group's new blended sound that starts the albums turn towards darker, sadder lyrical tones.

The following track "How long is too long?" speaks of failing relationships while "Sick in her Skin" talks of a girl unsatisfied with the monotony of life and her relationship coming to a close. Soon after follows another stand out track "Sympathy." Lead vocalist Mathew Pryor sings "For what we give to this, challenges persist, battles we must fight, for what we give to this, a promise to resist,

stand with all your might," speaking of the struggle to keep going regardless of how bad things are.

As the album comes to a close, songs like "The Dark Night of the Soul" and "Is There a Way Out" gain a more electronic feel combining synthesized beats with Ryan Popes drums to create a sound reminiscent of The Postal Service.

When summing up the album as a whole, it is definitely a much needed come back for the famous Emo band and should easily end any thoughts held by those who believed that somehow the band had sold out the genre. I give it four out of five stars, and suggest anyone interested in the genre pick it up.

Bottom Line: A future cornerstone in any Emo collection.

Second Opinion: From Stuart Siddons '07 and long time

Get Up Kids Fan: The Get Up Kids' *Guilt Show* has washed away the bad taste in my mouth left by the band's last release *On a Wire*, a far departure from their previous four few releases. *The Guilt Show* has accomplished exactly what the previous album was meant to do: highlight the maturity and progression of a genre defining band, while not completely abandoning their optimistic pop rock sound. I will definitely keep listening to this stellar release until I know every word to every song. If you don't believe me, stream the entire album on their website.

The Guilt Show is...A future cornerstone in any Emo collection.

VILLAGE CLUB SERIES

Jessica Baggia & Mike Erelli



Ryan Toussaint/The Bates Student

Jessica Baggia (above) opening for Mike Erelli (below) last Thursday.



Ryan Toussaint/The Bates Student



MEGAN RICHARDSON

ARTS EDITOR

Last week's Village Club Concert was especially good, featuring two Bates performers: current Bates student Jessica Baggia opened with her smooth voice and lovely lyrics, followed by an energetic show given by alum Mike Erelli.

Baggia wowed the audience with her shockingly beautiful voice. She is incredibly talented, singing her love songs with a smile on her face that indicated that she knows how good she sounds. She sings softly, but not inaudibly, and her lyrics and tunes are simple but pretty. She occasionally sang in high pitches, but most of the time she sang in a lovely chest voice that perfectly matched the content of her songs.

She joked a little between songs, and she seemed authentic throughout her set. She acknowledged the fact that most of her songs are love-songs, but they were genuine and not at all the syrupy ballads that are so abundant today. She showed talent and enthusiasm. It was a great way to start off the night.

Erelli jumped right into his performance, not even pausing to introduce himself before blasting into his first song. Erelli's music is of the folk-country variety, a genre that is a definite rarity at Bates. Yet he was so enthusiastic and charming, it was hard not to enjoy his show, despite the general dislike for his style of music.

Erelli switched between high-energy tunes like "My Brand New Baby," which

had a fun, juke-box type of feel to it, and slower, sadder songs like "Bend in the River," which had a very serious tone. His best pieces were the faster songs, but he was greeted with enthusiastic whoops and yells after each song.

Erelli's voice is quite twang-y, which would be annoying in most cases but which works with his style. He was dressed in a western-style shirt, which completed the folk-country image.

Instrumentally, Erelli showed great talent with the guitar and the harmonica, which he

In acknowledgment of his return to Lewiston, Erelli played several songs from his days here, all of which were pretty slow and depressing. He explained that they were inspired by the cold, ugly early March days and the long Maine winters. That explains a lot.

sometimes played at the same time. He was very laid-back, and almost acted as if he didn't know he had talent. Self-deprecation, it seems, is his favorite tactic for winning over the crowd. He joked about himself and seemed right at home back here at Bates.

In acknowledgment of his return to Lewiston, Erelli played several songs from his days here, all of which were pretty slow and depressing. He explained that they were inspired by the cold, ugly early March days and the long Maine winters. That explains a lot. However, Erelli didn't show any signs of lasting damage from the depressing Maine winters — he was full of life and seemed really happy while he performed.

Overall, the night was very enjoyable. Both singers sang quite a few songs, giving a good sampling of their musical talents and song-writing abilities. The contrasting styles — Baggia's soft sweet love songs and Erelli's quick, folk-y tunes — made the evening enjoyable for all, whatever their personal musical preferences.

New beer a great addition to the Gritty's family

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1988. Only a handful of U.S. microbrewers have bragging rights like that. I would say most microbrewers in the country are less than 5 years old; making Gritty's a true pioneer. At age 6, I wasn't even allowed to watch an R rated movie. Thus, even the notion of stealing a beer from my parents was entirely out of the question. Instead, back in good old 1988, I quenched my developed palate with Juicy Juice and grilled cheese. The notion of a few pints with friends was more like Legos with my Mom. A banner on the label reads, "Blessed be the Mother Who Gives Birth to the Brewer," clearly an antiquated Irish proverb or some other nonsense. The hack Peter Brugal image displays a mother breast-feeding this large headed baby in a pub, four onlookers, and a naked 45-year-old cherub. At first, I found the depiction of breast-feeding in a pub with four voyeurs a little disturbing. However, I coped with my initial shock by recalling that breast-feeding is natural and should be allowed everywhere in the interests of the baby. (With the new bar smoking ban, I anticipate more breast-feeding at bars. In fact, no smoking in bars will also mean that beer will taste better). In conclusion, the presentation is solid, but I like the slightly more wholesome Gritty man motif on the rest of their bottles a little better. Call me a traditionalist.

Taste: After the first sip, I realized that the malt was the true backbone of the beer. There are some flowery hints from the hops, but nothing stronger than vague suggestions of honeysuckle. Its transparent orange hue mimics its clean, light, refreshing taste. With "pub" ale I usually expect a light beer, low in alcohol (4%), that you can drink for hours. This beer definitely fits the bill for "pub" ale; it is easier to drink than water.

Overall: I think this beer will have great overall appeal. It's extremely drinkable (the most drinkable of all the beers I've reviewed this year). It's not as well crafted and complex a beer as Gritty's Best Bitter, but not everyone likes bitter beers. I would recommend this beer to most of my friends, male or female. Moreover, it is pretty versatile with food. I enjoyed it with extra sharp cheddar cheese and stoned wheat crackers. This beer would be perfect for introducing yourself to micro brewed beer and I think it's a great addition to Gritty's lineup.

Academy Award-winning film this week in Olin

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River opens with a scene familiar to any guy who grew up in a small town: playing hockey out on the street with your best friends and losing the ball down a drain. The young Kevin Bacon, Robbins, and Penn see a block of wet cement and decide to write their names in it. Unfortunately, two men, who seem to be cops, stop them and demand that the young Robbins character get in the car with them, and they take him to his house nearby.

Thirty-five years later, after all three of these one-time friends have separated, Bacon is a detective, Penn is a family man with a wife and three daughters, and Robbins is just teaching his only child how to play baseball. In one night, all three of them converge over the murder of Penn's first-born daughter.

River's supporting cast, which includes Bacon, Laurence Fishburne, Laura Linney, and Marcia Gay Harden, completes the cadre of excellent actors who make this film completely believable and all the more gut-wrenching. When Penn arrives on the scene of his daughter's murder and crosses over the yellow caution tape screaming, "Is she in there? Is she in there?" his expression, voice, determination and power in that scene alone were enough to have won him the Oscar.

As the story unfolds on screen, Bacon and Fishburne, his partner, are hard at work trying to track down the murderer of Penn's daughter. Meanwhile, Penn is leading his own investigation, sending some of his goons around town and questioning anyone that might know anything about the crime. Robbins, who has always been awkward since his abduction, is acting unusually disturbed of late, having happened to see Penn's daughter on the night of the murder at a bar just before she died.



Tim Robbins won an Oscar for his performance in *Mystic River*.

The film focuses explicitly on the individual emotions of Robbins and Penn, making the audience feel for both of them to such an extent that when everything comes together, no one knows what to expect or even what they want to happen, but they definitely care about it.

The brilliance of *Mystic River* is in its simple - yet perfectly done - storytelling. The audience always knows what's going on, is always engaged, and always knows what the character they're watching is thinking about. Eastwood's directing, mixed in with the perfect cast of Academy Award winning actors, leaves *Mystic River* as a cinematic triumph deserving of all the accolades it has received.

Newly-rising band to play at All-College Gala

SPIRALING
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Brislin's vocal talent as well as his skill as a songwriter. It then moves on to showcase more talent, from Wells' drumming to O'Kane's guitar playing and Hart's skill on the bass. Some of the songs on the CD, such as "The Girl on Top (of the piano)," "Lightning Twice," and "Your Excellent Body" are very ear-catching; after listening to the CD for the first time, I found myself humming the tune of "Lightning Twice," and on more than one occasion I was caught singing "The Girl on Top (of the piano)" while walking across campus. Other songs off the album, such as "(get your own) Holy Grail" and "(I don't want to) Grow Up" have already been heard on prominent rock stations in New York.

Transmitter was self-produced and released, but it is flawless. It has been getting quite a bit of airplay on both college and commercial stations, making it clear that this band has what it takes to make it in the music business. *Spiraling* has gained quite a following up and down the East Coast, where it tours most often.

Brislin has said that the band's music is greatly influenced by older pop-rock bands such as Duran Duran and The Cars, but *Spiraling* is most often compared with bands like Weezer and Foo Fighters. Their music is an interesting blend of old and new, and it gives them a sound that is all their own. The music appeals to young and old, and doesn't really fit into a specific genre, which should make it perfect for an event like Gala. *Transmitter* is an instantly likeable album, and from the sound of things, *Spiraling* will give an instantly likeable performance here at Bates on March 20.

Third annual Drag Show raises money and spirits

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We're only sure that they actually are attached because of how short his shirt was.

Drag. What more can be said? A great time was had by all and the proceeds will be donated to a local organization. We can only hope that the show will grow in future years and become a Bates tradition, complete with the drag style that was evident at last week's show.

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Question on the Quad

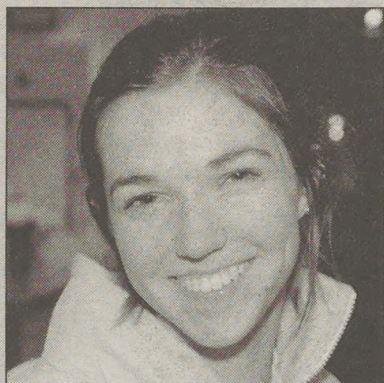
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If you were to organize a Short Term class,
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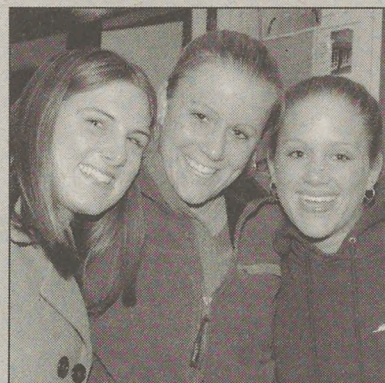
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Mari Wright, '07



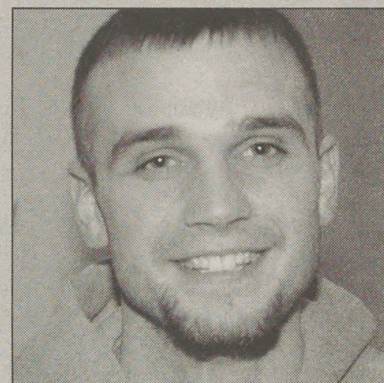
**"Chocolate Face
Painting."**

Christine Beckwith, '06



**"Kim's Pole Dancing
101."**

Becky MacDonald, '07
Kim Alexander, '07
Jesse Gargiulo, '07



**"Booze, Broads and
Bingo."**

Brian Gerrity, '05

Reporting and Photographs by Ryan Toussaint, 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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Thur. 3/11	Softball vs. Nort Park College	1 P.M.
Thur. 3/11	Softball vs. Palm Beach Atlantic	6 P.M.
Thur. 3/11	Swimming at NCAA Championships	TBA
Fri. 3/12	Track and Field at NCAA Championships	TBA
Fri. 3/12	Softball vs. Regis	9 A.M.
Fri. 3/12	Softball vs. Webster	1 P.M.
Fri. 3/12	Softball vs. USMMA	4 P.M.
Sat. 3/13	Men's Lax @ Trinity	2 P.M.
Sat. 3/13	Softball vs. Lakeland	9 A.M.
Sat. 3/13	Softball vs. WPI	11 A.M.
Sat. 3/14	Men's Tennis vs. Hamilton (@ Middlebury)	4:30 P.M.
Sun. 3/14	MEN'S LAX VS. USMMA	2 P.M.
Sun. 3/14	WOMEN'S LAX VS. WILLIAMS	11 A.M.
Sun. 3/14	Men's Tennis @ Middlebury	12:30 P.M.

5,000 miles, Coca-Cola, and a kazoo: The making of a Bobcat super-fan

KAZOO

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Mike Lopez and the uniforms the kids wear, they are just great fans. We have a good time together."

Robitaille's enthusiasm for the College's activities is a surprising change from the impression that most Batesies have towards members of the Lewiston/Auburn community.

"I don't know why people from the community don't come here," he said. "There is free concerts and shows, a beautiful gym, and a great level of play."

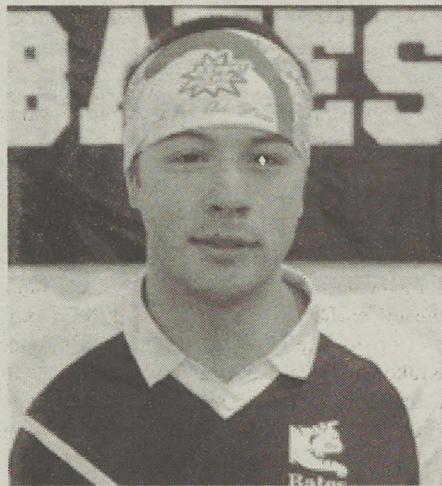
Nothing significant has improved between Bates and the community over

the last five years, he maintains. He sights the lack of cooperation from city newspapers as a large piece in the puzzle. From where he sits, many neighbors and friends are simply unaware of what is going on in "the bubble". Why not print a calendar of events so that Bates activities are more accessible to off-campus residents?

Don Robitaille is more than a kazoo tooting cheerleader who happens to love Bates College and the students who make up this school. He's a father of five, a husband of fifty years, and a biking enthusiast.

And through it all, he's a Bobcat.

Bobcat of the Week



BEN SCHIPPERS

Ben Schippers won four straight matches to earn the Malloy Division Consolation titles at the College Squash Association Individual National Championships hosted by St. Lawrence University on Sunday morning.

The senior rebounded from a 7-9 opening game to defeat UPenn's Ben Ende 9-6, 9-3, 9-2.

As Bates' No. 1 player, Schippers propelled the men's squash team to a program best 18-8 season. Schippers gave the Bobcats an 11th place finish at last weekend's CSA Team National Championships, winning five games in the victory over Amherst.



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The women's rowing team is looking forward to getting back on the water.



This is Wing-Dings for WRITE SPORTS

Email: awebb2

Tennis: Notes and recap

by AMY WEBB
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's tennis team suffered a tough defeat in their first game of the season, as four different players won their singles match and a doubles match to lead the M.I.T. women's tennis team to an 8-1 win over the Bobcats on Saturday afternoon.

The Engineers improved to 7-4 on the season behind the straight-sets singles victories of Caroline Tien, Jen Hipp and Elaine Ni. The group also won a doubles match for the Engineers.

In the third-singles spot Jaclyn Chicon picked up a win for MIT. She added to this success with a win at third-doubles with teammate Ruby Pai.

Rookie Laura Harris defeated Pai 6-1, 6-1 at fourth singles to tally the only Bates point of the day.

Bates fell to 2-7 on the season and will face Mount Holyoke and Amherst on the road on Mar. 27.

On Feb. 18 the Bobcats were dropped to 2-6 on the season with an 8-1 defeat by Embry-Riddle University.

Sophomore Erin Bednarek was the only winner for Bates, taking the game in a 6-2, 2-6, 12-10 third set super-breaker.

Embry Riddle, ranked fifth nationally among NAIA schools, had singles and doubles victories from Liza Francis, Natalia Kozyura, Liezl Samios-Uy, Jessica Anaya and Alexandra Buttazzoni.

Baseball begins season with March 18th trip to Florida

BASEBALL

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the pre-season," he commented.

"We have a strong athletic defense with solid pitching. We have a great opportunity to win the CBB and get a birth into the NESCAC Tournament as one of the top four team's in the conference.

We have more home games on the schedule than we have ever had at Bates. This is the best Bates baseball team that I've had as a coach since I came to Bates. I am very fortunate to have a great senior class to lead us into our season on March 18th versus Nichols College down in Clearwater Florida."

Bates will throw the first pitch of this season on Mar. 18, down in Florida. The home opener will be against the University of Maine-Presque Isle Mar. 28, at noon.

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Danny Ainge and the Boston Celtics: Say it isn't so



GARY DZEN

SPORTS COLUMNIST

Admit it. You fell for it too.

When the Boston Celtics made the Eastern Conference Finals in 2002 and narrowly fell to the New Jersey Nets, you thought they were back.

Television promotions mixed the team's playoff run with images of Cousy, Bird, McHale, and Russell before each game, and overwhelmed you with pride to be a Celtics fan. Antoine, Pierce (The Truth), and Walter (you gotta love him) had brought the most storied franchise in the NBA back to where it belonged.

I got caught up in it.

My friends and I made several trips to Boston, bought ten-dollar nosebleed seats, and watched our team go to battle. We even applied for credit cards just to get Celtics hats and shirts so we could show off our team pride.

And it wasn't just us. These same shirts were being sported by approximately half of Bates' male population. New England was glowing a beautiful Celtic green.

Then something happened. Something that hadn't seemed so bad at first glance turned into a Celtic's fan's worst nightmare.

Danny Ainge was named Boston's general manager.

At first it didn't sink in. Danny Ainge, former Celtics great, would surely agree with what the fans wanted.

At the summer league games I attended (yeah, I was that obsessed), the fans gave Ainge a standing ovation when he walked in. Celtics draft picks Marcus Banks and Brandon Hunter were playing in that league, and actually played

better than LeBron James, who was also there. Things were looking just fine.

Then came the trade. On October 21st, the Celtics traded Antoine Walker to the Dallas Mavericks for Raef Lafrentz and a future first round pick. The deal came after Ainge said that he would never make a phone call in regard to trading Walker.

I was in Italy at the time, but my friend Steve sent me an email and told me about it. I was dismayed for two reasons.

The first was that the Celtics traded their all-star forward for a slow, clumsy 7-footer from Kansas.

The second reason, equally serious, was that I drafted Antoine in my fantasy basketball league the day before, and he was now going to the best offensive team in the league, where he

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surely would not be allowed to take 15 three-pointers a game.

After the initial shock subsided, I tried to rationalize things. Antoine did take a lot of shots, and missed more three-pointers than anyone in the NBA last year. Maybe this trade would help the Celtics.

Maybe we were freeing up salary cap room to get another star player. That's when the fact that Raef Lafrentz actually makes more money than Antoine slapped me in the face.

OK I thought, maybe Lafrentz really is better than I made him out to be. Just give him a little time. Well, it's been 4 months, and Raef remains on the injured list, having failed to make a positive contribution to the Celtics.

As if that wasn't bad enough, Ainge decided to dismantle the team further by acquiring Ricky Davis in exchange for Eric Williams and

Tony Battie. Ricky Davis can dunk. Eric Williams and Tony Battie can play defense and provide solid production for a playoff caliber team. Did I mention Ricky Davis can dunk?

The worst part of the slide came when Celtics coach Jim O'Brien, who took a bunch of mediocre players and made them into a playoff team, resigned as coach of the program last month.

His explanation: he does not agree with Ainge's offensive philosophy, which provided the coach with players that he could not mold into what he wanted.

The Celtics had officially tanked.

My friend Steve, frustrated with these seemingly inexplicable moves, decided to call on a higher source for explanation. He sent an email to ESPN's Dr. Jack Ramsey, and actually got a response.

He asked if the Celtics had given up on the season, and were simply playing to lose in hopes of getting a lottery pick.

Dr. Jack said, "The Celts are obviously playing to finish among the lottery teams. My guess is that John Carroll will play more of his young guys when they are officially out of the race for a playoff spot."

So there we have it. In less than one year's time, Danny Ainge has torn apart a playoff team and replaced it with a bunch of under-achieving, overpaid players. With the money that the Celtics pay guys like Vin Baker and Raef Lafrentz, they could have guys like Rasheed Wallace and Dirk Nowitzki.

Instead, they are hoping to rebuild by drafting a core of young players (Emeka Okafor anyone?). But haven't we seen this before? Don't the Celtics draft the wrong players (Joe Forte) and give away the right players (Joe Johnson, Chauncey Billups)?

Ainge had better hope that his three-year plan works. Otherwise, Boston is in danger of falling off the radar and back into the cellar, which is no place for basketball's most storied franchise.

Veterans and rookies team up to make noise in NESCAC softball

SOFTBALL

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The softball team begins their season in Florida on Mar. 11.

2002 she started 28 games and was fourth on the team in RBI's.

Along with the tri-captains, senior Kelley Kugel is expected to provide much-needed experience. She started 32 games for the Bobcats as a sophomore, hitting .253 and tying for second on the team in stolen bases. Junior outfielder Dayna Krakower will be another welcomed face returning to this year's squad. Krakower batted .300 and was third on the team with 21 hits last spring.

On the mound, the only pitcher returning from last year's team will be junior Sarah Klenakis. Klenakis led the pitching staff with four wins, throwing seven complete games and racking up over 62 innings. She also recorded one of two Bates shutouts last season in an 8-0 victory over Trinity.

With the mix of veterans and young players on the field, Bates will look to make noise in the Eastern Division of the NESCAC. The season gets underway Mar. 11, with the Gene Kusic Classic in Florida where seven games are scheduled over a period of three days. The home opener is slated to take place Mar. 25.

Wanless, Godsey look to repeat All-America track honors at NCAA's

GODSEY

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finishing fifth with a time of 10:44.25.

Coach Court praised the rookie's efforts and progress.

"She went into the race ranked thirteenth, but finished fifth due to very consistent splits in her 1000s. She has great focus and executed a brilliant tactical race for a first-year."

Also finding success in her first collegiate year was Jen Caban, who led the 4 X 800-meter relay team to a time of 9:55.75, their season best by seven seconds. The relay of Caban, Dutton, Meghan Hellieson, and Isabel Yalouris finished seventh.

Wanless and Godsey have both been selected to compete in the Division III National Championships later this week at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in Wisconsin. Wanless enters the meet ranked first in the shot-put and sixth in the 20-lb weight. She is looking to capture her first national title after taking second in both the indoor and outdoor meets last year. Godsey is seeded second in the weight and sixth in the shot, and has a legitimate shot at becoming the second individual titlist for the women. Both Godsey and Wanless were All-Americans at the outdoor national meet in 2003.

Lax to open season against Trinity



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Men's lacrosse looks to build from a string of one-point losses from the 2003 season.

by **GARY DZEN**
STAFF WRITER

The Bates College men's lacrosse team begins their season with two important games this weekend. The Bobcats will travel to Hartford on Saturday to play NESCAC foe Trinity College and return home to face USMMA on Sunday.

For their preseason training over winter break, the Bobcats traveled down to Virginia. Despite a little snow, they managed to get some solid scrimmages and practice in.

Their most successful outing came against preseason top-ten Lynchburg, a scrimmage Bates won 9-6 while utilizing more than 40 players to get them game experience. Bates also scrimmaged Division I team VMI, and played them to an 8-8 tie.

Commenting on the team's preseason, Bates junior Josh Kleinman said, "We've continued to work really hard in the past two weeks and are really looking forward to opening our season against Trinity."

The Bobcats hope to improve on last year's 5-10 overall record, and are counting on contributions from some key returning players. Senior Brad Frost was the team's leading scorer last season, and he, along with experienced players Scott Duddy, Peter Friedman, and David Pritchard will look to drive the offense this season.

On the defensive side, John Saunders, Chip McCletchie, Will Krawczyk, and Chris Fedullo hope to maintain their strength from last year. Teams averaged fewer than eight goals per game against Bates in the 2003 season.

Last year's team knows that their 5-10

record could have been much better, having suffered four one-goal losses and one two-goal loss to NESCAC opponents. The team thinks that this year could be different.

"This year's team is the best I have seen in my years at Bates," said Frost. "Coach Lasagna has the team playing a new style which will provide the offense with the chance to score lots of goals. We have kids at every position that have been playing together for a couple years now, which will help things run smoothly and effectively."

Kleinman echoed his statements. "We expect to have a really strong team this year, with a solid starting squad and a lot of depth that will be coming off the bench."

This season's schedule will provide some challenges for the Bobcats. The NESCAC, one of the toughest conferences in Division III, has two teams, Middlebury and Tufts, in the national top twenty. In addition, Bates plays a difficult out-of-conference game against 19th ranked Springfield College. Still, the team is confident about the challenges that lie ahead.

"The team is very excited this year as they know we have the ability and potential to be one of the best teams in the league," said Frost.

In addition to preparing for the season, the team also took some time to remember teammate Morgan McDuffee '02 on Saturday. There was a very strong team turnout at the 5k race in his honor, which will further their solidarity heading into the upcoming season.

Red Sox v. Yankees: A rivalry for the ages



ADAM SOULE
SPORTS COLUMNIST

The greatest rivalry in the history of baseball was taken to a whole new level Sunday afternoon when the Red Sox and Yankees met for the first time in nearly five months.

The rivalry between these two squads is most definitely the greatest of all baseball rivalries and probably the best in all of sports. I'm confident in that assumption because of all the enormous hype that precluded their first spring training game of the season.

Yes, that's right, now even the meaningless spring training match ups between these teams draw hype that is usually reserved for regular season games. Thousands of spectators traveled to the Red Sox training grounds on Sunday and even more watched the game live on television.

The game, set in Fort Meyers, Florida, was the first time the Sox and Yanks met since last season's American League Championship series, a series that ended in the most dramatic fashion, with the Yankees winning off a home run in extra innings of the seventh and final game.

The insignificant game in Florida lured a crowd of 7,304 to the park, with some hundreds of people lining up hours before the match to buy *standing-room-only seats*. Some tickets for their first spring training match up of the year were selling for \$500 on E-Bay!

Why all this hype for a game that Bob Ryan of the Boston Globe characterized as "the most anticipated meaningless sporting event in New England history?"

Because these teams have had more extraordinary battles than any two teams in the history of sports, and their rivalry transcends the events that occur on the field. Some reasons why this rivalry is the best of all-time include:

ONE:

These two teams played in arguably the most exciting game in the history of baseball last season when the two duked it out for 11 innings in the seventh game of the AL Championship.

TWO:

The Red Sox and Yankee fans are also the most dedicated and spirited fans for any sport (except maybe European soccer), and they have redeveloped the way in which they wear their "hearts on their sleeves." Red Sox fans set a new fad in sports fashion with their "Yankees Suck" shirts, replicated by Yankee fans with their own "Boston Sucks" memorabilia.

THREE:

The bidding war between the two organizations for high profile players reached unprecedented levels with the A-Rod deals over the winter months.

FOUR:

Last but not least, these teams participated in the most talked-about trade in baseball history when the Sox shipped Babe Ruth, the best baseball player of all time, to the Yankees. This trade is still discussed to this day, even though it took place almost 90 years ago, in 1919.

So all of the excitement that has been built up over the last 90 years between these teams has reached a level that has not been seen or heard of in the history of sports.

Oh, by the way, the game ended 11-7 in favor of the Yankees with most of the high-profile stars for each team playing less than three innings. Mark the Yankees one game up on the Red Sox in the ever-important Grapefruit League Spring Standings.

Senior (Citizen) Spotlight

DON "KAZOO GUY" ROBITAILLE



Amy Webb/The Bates Student

Retired Lewiston resident Don Robitaille is thrilled to be the self-appointed "Kazoo Tooter"

B-A-T-E-S Bates! Bates! Bates!

by AMY WEBB
SPORTS EDITOR

If you've been to a Bates basketball game in the last fifteen years, you know who Don Robitaille is. Well, you know who the "Kazoo Guy" is. Okay, I know you've at least heard him. He's probably heard you too.

But who is he? And why is he in Alumni Gymnasium, kazoo in hand, leading a group of college kids in the most quintessential spectator cheer?

He's Don Robitaille, a Lewiston native and long-time fan of everything Bates. And he knows that today is a good day to be a Bobcat.

In December of 2003 Robitaille sent a personal letter to the Bates Student editors identifying himself and explaining the origins of his now famous alumni cheers.

"I am the 'Kazoo Tooting Cheerleader' at the men's and women's basketball games," Robitaille wrote. "Being retired, I have been a die-hard fan of Bates athletics for about 15 years. When I first started coming to

games, a Bates student was the 'cheerleader'. After he graduated, no one led any Bates cheers. So, this is where I saw the need for me to step in. I am absolutely thrilled to be the self-appointed kazoo tooter."

When he turned 40 Robitaille bought a canoe, a bike, and cross-country skis. Mid-life crisis? More like mid-life clarity. He wanted a change and he went after it.

He retired more than 14-years ago to focus on cycling after dedicating 35 years to the Coca-Cola company. At the energetic young age of 70, the Kazoo Guy took that Trekk mountain bike, strapped a tent and a sleeping bag to his back, and headed west. *All the way west.*

He logged over 5,000 miles during his 3-month unaccompanied cross-country trip and yes, he lived to tell about it.

In the March issue of *Uncle Andy's Digest*, a local publication of stories, photos, and community advertisements, Robitaille contributed the second in a series of tales about his soli-

tary cross-country biking trek.

Day 17: I was lost again. It was raining pretty hard and quite chilly. What to do? I was asking directions to my original route when a man from across the street hollered for me to wait. He saw my predicament and invited me to spend the night at his home. Talk about luck.

His bike has travelled over 70,000 grueling miles and like it's owner, keeps on pushing forward. Robitaille and his wife Jeannine are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year, and participate in more than eight bike tours annually around the country. Unfortunately, he explained, these trips force him to miss most of the spring sports seasons.

He admits a moment later that basketball is his true passion.

"Someone said to me a few years ago, *Aren't you a little old to be a student?*" Robitaille laughs. "I think the whole basketball program is just marvelous."

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MEN'S TENNIS GEARS UP BEHIND BOE-WIEGAARD

by MIKE SPRINGER
STAFF WRITER

The men's tennis team looks to charge back for more accolades following an immensely successful run in 2002-03. A year after taking the Bobcats to their best finish since 1995, coach Paul Gastonguay returns with a young core of guys looking to reach the NCAA tournament for a school record fifth season.

"We have a very young team this year," said Gastonguay. "Our goals for the upcoming season are to qualify for the NCAA tournament for a fifth consecutive year. Then our goal will be to make the final eight so that we can play on our home courts!"

Last season, after finishing with an 8-5 dual meet record, the Bobcats advanced to the NCAA sweet sixteen for the second time in school history before they were defeated by Middlebury.

Bates lost seniors Alex Macdonald, Brett Carty, and David Meyer to graduation. This year, much of the season lies in the hands of a cast of young players, including the returning

NESCAC Rookie of the Year, Will Boe-Wiegaard.

A year ago, Boe-Wiegaard finished 16-8 and earned the NESCAC first singles championship. His second round defeat in the NCAA's Individual Championship made him Bates' third first-year All-American. His accomplishments also earned him a nineteenth national ranking by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

"Will Boe-Wiegaard has expectations to be selected for the second straight year to the NCAA championship singles," said Gastonguay.

In addition to Boe-Wiegaard, the Bobcats need juniors Sam Duvall and Blake Wayman to step up. These two picked up big victories against powerhouses such as Middlebury and MIT in last year's season and will have to produce similar results this season if Bates wants to reach the NCAAs again.

With the loss of three seniors, the doubles teams required redrafting. The combination of Duvall and Boe-Wiegaard will solidify the first doubles team.

"So far he [Boe-Wiegaard] and Sam Duvall are proving to be one of the top doubles teams in the nation with wins over Florida Southern (Div. II), UC Santa Cruz, Washington & Lee and MIT," said Gastonguay.

Gastonguay has spent the off season figuring out other formations to fill the vacancies. Through various invitationals and the team's trip to Florida this past February, the Bobcats feel prepared coming into the spring season.

"I think that the experience gained at the ITA National Indoors vs. the above-mentioned teams and against Embry Riddle-NAIA National semi-finalist 2003 and Florida Southern - top-20 Div.II will really pay off later in the season," said Gastonguay.

The team now prepares for their opening dual meet against Hamilton on Mar. 13. As the final vacancies fill and adrenaline for the season intensifies, Gastonguay's anticipation for another successful season grows.

"We are playing at a very high level at this stage of the season. This young group of players works very hard and will do what it takes to make it back to the NCAAs."

Consistency and intensity for women's lacrosse

by SARAH SPRAGUE
STAFF WRITER

The motto of this season for the women's lacrosse team? Consistency plus intensity equals victory. With the strength of the returning veterans and the new blood from the first years, it looks like that equation will be a winning one.

It has already worked as the Bobcats enter the regular season with two preseason wins under their belt earned during their February break trip in California. The women dominated Whittier College, beating them 15-3, and then the next day took the win against Claremont Mudd Scripps with a final score of 11-7.

It is obvious from the statistics of these games how much the team relies on every member's contribution. Out of the seven seniors, five play defensive positions, including co-captain Lizzie Anson. Each plays an extremely vital role on and off the field.

The two offensive seniors, captain Carrie Smith and teammate Lori Jessup, showed their skill in California by scoring five goals and one assist apiece after two games.

"Lori has stepped into a strong leadership position on the offensive end and really ele-

vated her game from last season," said coach Wynn Hohlt.

Smith and Jessup have plenty of help on the offensive end both from returning players and the rookies.

Junior Erica Nason, lost in season last year due to injury, notched two goals in California. She and fellow junior Katie Carroll will be key members this season. In goal is junior Liz McNamara, who moved to the position last season. She had a total of 21 saves over the break and now shows a lot of improvement and increased confidence that will add to the strength of the defense.

Sophomores Shannon Tully and Erin Culbreth came back from California with two goals each, Tully notching an assist as well. Classmate Sonija Parson returned with four goals and two assists.

Last year, the current sophomores saw a lot of playing time because of injuries throughout the rest of the team. This gave them the chance to really develop their skills in game situations and should really enhance the team play this year.

Rookies Allison Marshall and Liz Greenwood contributed to the wins over February break. Marshall had two goals while Greenwood scored one goal and had

one assist. Kat is also a new offensive spark on the team and should see some significant playing time.

Overall, this Bobcat team shows an excellent balance of solid experience and youthful energy. They look to improve their record this year after finishing the 2003 season with seven wins, nine losses, and no victories in NESCAC. With an increased depth in the midfield and an injury-free roster, the women's lacrosse team could be extremely successful.

Their skill will be tested this week as they meet their first regular-season adversary, the University of New England, at home, on Thursday, Mar. 11 at 4 p.m. Last year the Bobcats beat the Nor'easters 14-6.

The team stays at home for a matchup against NESCAC opponent Williams on Sunday, Mar. 14 at 11 a.m.



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Senior midfielder Lizzie Anson advances the ball

BASEBALL LOOKS TO BUILD OFF 2003 SEASON

by LYNN WORTHY
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Coach Craig Vandersea told his future class of 2004 that he was looking at that team as a group to build the program.

As freshmen, the nine seniors on this year's team watched in disgust as the team struggled to a 3-28 finish.

In the past two years the team has steadily improved, and they look to continue that trend with a strong year. The 10 wins last season marked the first time since the 1985-86 campaign that Bates had double-digit win totals for two seasons in a row.

Returning all eight positional starters from last year's 10-19 team, and keeping most of their pitching, this year's team may very well be not only the NESCAC's most experienced team, but also the most veteran in Bates' history.

With an infield that has played side by side for three years anchoring their defense, and an outfield that has more style than Samuel L., the Bobcats look to continue on their success from last year, and improve on consistency that plagued the team at various points in the 2003 season.

Bobcat captain Nate Maxwell agreed. "We have a lot of experience, and we have a lot of guys who've played many games together. Our main focus has to be on consistency. Last year we beat some of the top teams in the nation, but couldn't come through in games we should have won."

From his shortstop position Maxwell will anchor the infield for a Bates defense that finished last season with a .946 fielding percent-

age. At the plate Maxwell had a team-high 30 hits last season and finished second on the team in RBIs. He was also a perfect eight of eight in stolen base attempts.

Combining with Maxwell in the Bobcat double duo will be junior second baseman Adam Taranto. Taranto rarely missed an opportunity to flash the leather last season, committing only four errors in over 140 chances. On the corners Bates will have the luxury of two more veterans in strong-armed senior John O'Neill at third base and Drew McKenna at first who was tied for third on the squad last team in RBIs.

Back again to roam the outfield grass of Leahey Field will be seniors Rob Maguire and Owen Mische. When not tracking down fly balls from his center-field post, Maguire will provide pop in the middle of the Bobcat lineup. Last season Maguire led the team in homers, RBIs and slugging percentage.

Mische batted .254 last season and was tops among all outfielders in outfield assists. Junior Nate Reid will find himself in a battle for the right field spot. Rookie Rob Schuler has shown potential as a leadoff hitter and junior transfer student Kyohei Yamada will also compete for the right field job.

Behind the plate Charlie Engasser, a junior, and senior catcher/designated hitter Matt Peterson give the Bobcats two solid options. Engasser finished second on the team last season with a batting average of .333, tied for second in hits, and lead the team



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Senior Nate Maxwell unleashes one of the best arms in NESCAC.

in on base percentage engasser also threw out nearly 50 percent of all would-be base stealers last season.

Peterson was the team's leading hitter last season with an average of .351. He struck out only six times all of last season.

On the hill the Bobcats will return a wealth of pitching experience. Juniors Mike Kinsman and Jon Furbush will provide the one-two punch atop the pitching rotation. Kinsman has a 2-3 record last season and an ERA of 3.55. Furbush had some injury issue last season, but still managed to start five games last year including hurling one complete game. He was the team's leader in strikeouts as a rookie fireballer.

Seniors Chris Gwozdz, Shawn Kingman, and Ben Megrian have all been starters since their rookie season, and a talented crop of first-years will look to contribute as well. That group includes Danny Bousquet, Brian Laverriere, Griffin Finan, and Pete Meisel.

With a veteran group in the field coach Vandersea will focus his attention on the run production of this year's team. "We need to become a better hitting team from last year. We have been putting extra time for our hitters in

Crew team returns from Florida, prepares for spring season

by NOLAN MACHERNIS
STAFF WRITER

The winter training period is over and the spring season has finally begun. The rowing program is off to a strong start this spring with the return of many veteran rowers along with the addition of several novices.

Head Coach Andrew Carter and assistant coaches Mark Welsh, Kristen Anderson and Ryan Sparks have much to be excited about this spring after observing steady improvement throughout the Florida trip, as well as with the regular training regiment here at Bates.

The men's captains Sam Hotchkiss and Karl Dietrich are looking forward to the spring season with much anticipation as well. It is certainly an exciting time to be apart of the Bates rowing program.

Dietrich already sees the potential of the team with the unique combination of veterans and novices.

"Coming into this season, we've got a bunch of new guys who have already made huge gains over this winter," said Dietrich. I think there are some newer guys who could really make an impact and help the team to a great season."

The spring season began with the Florida trip over February break.

This trip provided the team with much needed on-the-water practice and intense daily training.

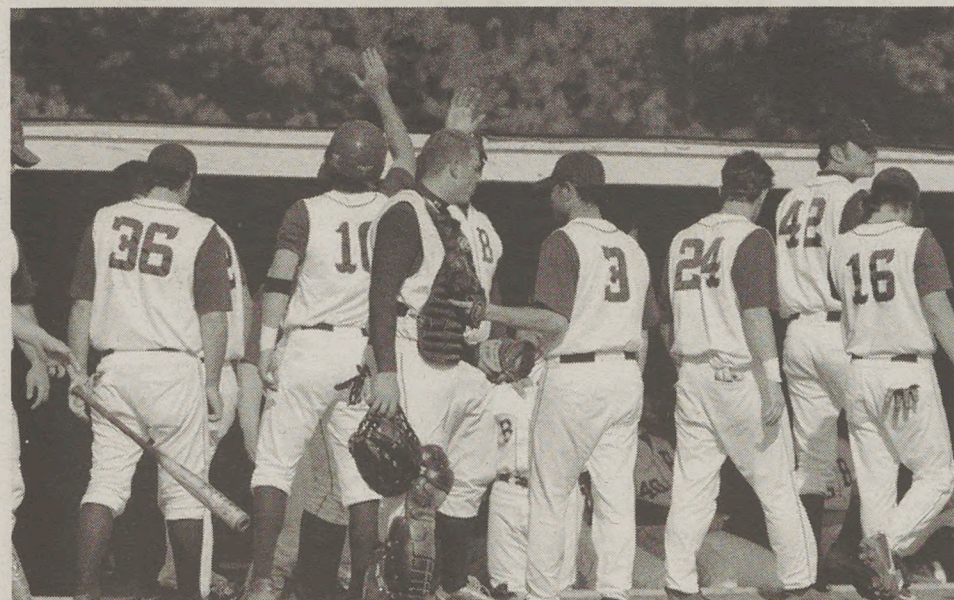
Hotchkiss was especially impressed with the team's performance in Florida.

"In Florida, our men stepped it up and had a really solid week of rowing," he said. "The returning men all picked it up this winter and made some great gains on the ergometers, leaving us in excellent position to start the spring season."

Coming back from the Florida trip, official practice began on Feb. 24 with ergometer pieces, core strengthening routines and light running work. Towards the end of the second week of practice, the pool was available for poolside sessions in combination with ergometer and running work.

Two weeks of hard practice finally paid off on Mar. 6 with a 2k erg test. Several rowers posted personal records and the team overall performed very well, which is a good indication of how the season will shape up.

The team will continue indoor training until outdoor water practices become available based on the weather in the next few weeks. The first regatta will be held on Apr. 4 versus WPI in Worcester, Mass.



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The team looks to turn its back on last year's disappointing campaign when the season kicks off on March 18.

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Impressive second for men's track at ECAC's

Gauthier, Cooper heading to Division III Nationals in weight throw and shot put

by AMY WEBB
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a knock-out blow from the infield for the men's track team as the Bobcats captured two individual titles and the first four spots in the weight throw en route to an unexpected and thrilling second place finish at the ECAC meet. Bates racked up 82 points at the two-day meet in Brunswick, 10 points back from team champion State University of New York at Cortland.

"We had an amazing weekend from our throwers, taking both individual titles and placing four men in the top of the weight, all with marks over 54 feet," said Fereshetian.

Dustin Gauthier tallied 18 points in two events, including a 53-04.50 personal best in his shot-put victory. The junior came back in the 35-lb weight-throw to earn second place honors behind teammate Scott Cooper.

Cooper tossed a personal-best 57-03.00 to pace a string of top Bobcat performances. Gauthier (54-05.50) was followed by seniors Jeff Davis (third, personal-best 54-01.75) and

Jordan Upton (fourth, 54-01.25) as the group collected more than a third of the total team points.

"This team has been amazing all year long," said coach Al Fereshetian. "I have never had a team that has so consistently and so significantly exceeded expectations. This has really been an over-achieving team."

Bates found further success on the infield as Matt Ondra broke the pole-vault school record for the second time in eight days. The senior cleared 15-05.50 to match MIT's Nate Ball. Ondra and Ball were awarded a tie for first place by the games committee.

Adam Macbeth continued the Bobcat momentum with 21-07.50 mark in the long jump. Macbeth added to this eighth-place finish with a personal-best 7.81-second, third-place

mark in the 55-m high hurdles.

"Joel Colony is quickly becoming one of the premier sprinters in the East, as is Adam Macbeth in the hurdles and long jump," said

Fereshetian. "And Sam Thomas had another fantastic race, coming from the back of the field like he has all season."

In the 55 dash, Colony torched his season-best time with a 6.56-second third-place effort. Thomas picked up eight points for Bates with his come-from-behind second-place finish in the 500m, improving his personal best in the event to 1:07.19.

Teammate Matt Capone capped his stellar indoor rookie career with a 23.06, seventh-place finish in the 200m.

"All these guys and the rest of the team have really stepped up when they were given the chance," said Fereshetian.

Joel Anderson bettered his season-best time in the 5,000m race, crossing the line after a competitive twenty-five laps in 14:47.45, an NCAA provisional qualifying mark.

"It has been a truly great team effort, with everyone working together. The credit goes to the attitude and effort of the athletes, and the dedication to excellence of the staff," said Fereshetian.

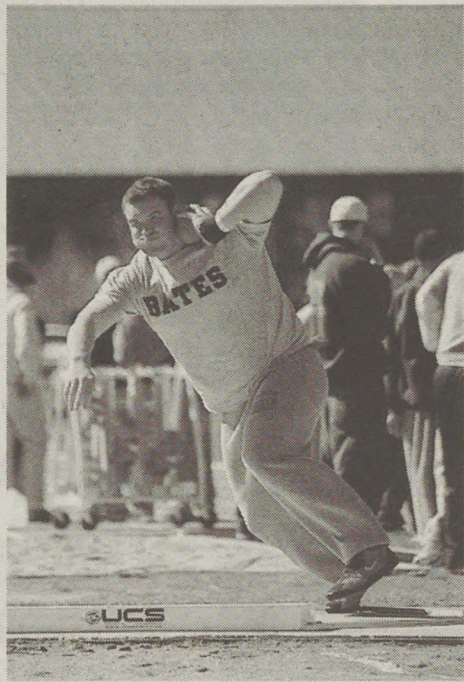
This weekend marked the conclusion of the indoor season for most of the Bates athletes.

Having defeated strong NESCAC opponents Williams and Bowdoin with their second-place ECAC finish, the Bobcats look to keep the momentum rolling towards a conference title in the outdoor season.

"The entire team stepped up and took advantage of almost every opportunity they were given this weekend. It was the same type of performance that earned us a state title and third at New England's," said assistant coach Hob Brooks.

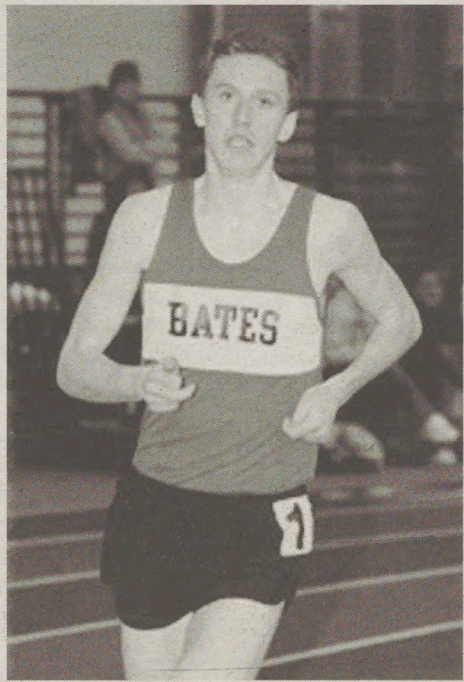
Gauthier and Cooper were selected to compete in the Division III NCAA National Championships in Wisconsin. Last year Jesse Carney '03 took home All-America honors with an eighth-place finish in the 35-lb. weight throw. Gauthier and Cooper both made the trip to outdoor nationals at St. Lawrence University last spring, but did not

place in the top eight. They look to improve upon their spring performance and continue Bates' remarkable indoor season later this week.



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Gauthier won the ECAC shot-put crown and took second in the weight



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Anderson ran a personal best and national provisional time in the 5k

GODSEY THROWS ONE-TWO PUNCH

by SCOTT PRIEST
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Liz Wanless and Kelley Godsey set meet records in the shot put and 20-lb. weight throw, propelling Bates to fifth place at the ECAC Championships held Friday and Saturday at Bowdoin College in Brunswick.

The competition was fierce as the meet featured representatives of 39 schools. Each athlete had met certain qualifying marks throughout the year in order to compete. Bates finished with 40 points, ahead of all NESCAC competition, including Bowdoin and Williams (tied for seventh), Colby (11th), and Amherst

(14th). SUNY-Geneseo won the meet with 65 points, while Wheaton, New Jersey City, and Cortland rounded out the top four.

Godsey's first-place mark of 57-07.00 in the 20-lb weight throw bested the field by nearly six feet. The sophomore also placed second in the shot put, with a throw of 44-10.75. She was the Bobcats' high scorer, earning eighteen points in her two events.

Wanless won the shot put by nearly five feet, recording a mark of 49-09.25. The senior captain also competed in the weight throw, finishing ninth with a mark of 46-11.00, just out of scoring position.

Moving onto the track, the long distance races also proved to be a

strong point for the Bobcats.

Senior captain Julie Dutton placed third in the 3000-meter run with a time of 17:48.18, just 3.5 seconds back from winner Liz Brown of Trinity.

"She improved her NCAA provisional qualifying mark with a tremendous race effort," said coach Carolyn Court. "She had an outstanding closing mile."

Senior Beth Pagnotta also competed in the race, finishing twelfth with her second-best time of the season, 18:49.11.

Success was also found in the 3,000-meter race, where Ann Lovely notched a personal record,

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Softball poised for action

by LYNN WORTHY
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If the weather holds up (knock on wood) the smack of leather and the ping of softball bats will fill the air very soon. The Bobcats are poised to start another season of action on the diamond after finishing last season with a record of 8-17, winning three of their last five games.

Some solid senior leaders were lost to graduation including second team All-NESCAC Krissy Whiting. Whiting played a large role last season as an outfielder and as a pitcher. Also lost to graduation were Carla Flaherty at first base, Brooke Tardiff at third, and pitcher Ginger

Walsh.

The Bobcats will also miss the offensive firepower of junior infielder Erin Foye who led the squad in batting average, homers, hits, and runs scored a year ago. As a sophomore, she started all 25 games for the Bobcats, but will be studying abroad this semester.

Even with these losses, experience will not be lacking on the field for the Bobcats this spring. Leading the way among the returning Bobcats will be senior tri-captains Amanda Beck, Cami Dyson, and Sarah Levine.

Dyson, a catcher, was the third-leading hitter on the team last season (.312) despite missing four games due to an injury. She also

holds the Bates record for hits in a season and is the Bates career leader in doubles. Even with injuries she managed to mow down almost 35-percent of would-be base stealers from her spot behind the plate. As a sophomore, Dyson was selected as a member of the All-NESCAC second team.

Beck will be a defensive leader along the infield providing the Bobcat defense with a sure handed fielder who has started over 80 games in her previous three seasons.

Levine, who can play outfield as well as first base, started 25 games for the Bobcats last season and in

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Fresh Start



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Scott Duddy and the men's lacrosse team opened up their season with early scrimmage success in Virginia.

For their preseason training over winter break, the Bobcats traveled down to Virginia. Despite a little snow, they managed to get some solid scrimmages and practice in. Their most successful outing came against preseason top ten Lynchburg, a scrimmage Bates won 9-6 while utilizing more than 40 players to get them game experience. Bates also scrimmaged Division I team VMI, and played them to an 8-8 tie.

Last year's team knows that their 5-10 record could have been much better, having suffered four one-goal losses and one two-goal loss to NESCAC opponents last season. The team thinks that this year could be different.

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by Gary Dzen