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# Students protest occupation of Iraq

by **TIM AYERS**  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Last Friday, designated Peace Day, a group of students, faculty, and members of the surrounding community gathered on the Quad to pray for peace around the world. More than 20 people attended the Peace Vigil, which was held at the Tree of Peace on the Quad.

The event coincided with both the beginning of spring and the one-year anniversary of the start of the United States' bombing of Baghdad. Assistant Chaplain Rachel Herzog explained that the prayers were not intended just for people in Iraq, but for people throughout the world. She said the prayers were meant to include victims in the recent bombings in Spain, as well as in Israel and Palestine.

"It gave us a chance to stand in witness to the people who have lost their lives or suffered in the last year," said Herzog. She also said it was not intended to be political, although some people may have interpreted it that way.

The group of approximately 25 people who gathered were all given a morning glory seed to plant around the Tree of Peace. Before planting the seeds, the group recited prayers from 12 different religions from around the world and sung a chant led by sophomore Christine Beckwith. Along with the members of the Bates community, there were several people from Lewiston in attendance, as well as a local minister and a member of Maine Governor James Baldacci's staff, who first heard about the event on Maine Public Radio.

"Each person focused thoughts and feelings

on the seed," said junior Gregory Rosenthal.

Herzog described the seeds metaphorically, comparing them to seeds of peace. She explained the reason they chose the morning glory is the tendency of the flower to turn towards the sun each day, as well as the hope that the flowers will grow up the tree. Herzog said the impact of the vigil could be seen afterwards, when many of the people in attendance stood silently at the tree for a while.

"It was nice and peaceful. It was a comfortable place to be," said senior Ben Kercsmar, describing the afternoon vigil.

The Chaplain's office, along with Rosenthal, spent several weeks organizing the event. They attempted to solicit student input through an open meeting, but no students attended, so they planned it themselves. When asked if the College's administration knew about the event, Rosenthal said, "They were invited to join, but it was not their responsibility to attend. It was their own decision."

The Peace Day events also included a vigil at 9:30 p.m., which was attended by several students who stood by the Tree holding candles. Rosenthal chose that time of night to correspond with the exact time the U.S. began the bombing.

Rosenthal has become known as the student who sits by the Tree of Peace every day to meditate and pray for peace in Iraq. As part of Peace Day, he skipped class, fasted, and spent 10 hours sitting by the tree, accompanied by people who joined him throughout the day.

"I was rarely alone. I didn't even ask and people brought me blankets and tea."



Ryan Toussaint/The Bates Student  
Greg Rosenthal (center) and approximately fifteen others gathered around the Tree of Peace on Friday in protest of the occupation of Iraq.

## NEARLY 20 STUDENTS JOIN "MARCH FOR TRUTH" IN AUGUSTA

by **NIRAJ CHOKSHI**  
NEWS EDITOR

This past Saturday, Mar. 20, approximately 20 Bates students traveled to Augusta and took advantage of their right to peaceably assemble by assembling for peace.

Members of the New World Coalition (along with a few other interested protesters) joined peace advocates from around Maine to speak out against the continuing occupation of Iraq. Three members of the Bates College Republicans also made their way to Augusta to join fellow Republicans in a counter-rally, a "sidewalk stand to support the troops."

The peace protest was part of an international "day of peace" to mark the one-year anniversary of the beginning of the war on Iraq. Titled the "March for Truth," the protest began at 12:30 near the state house, continued for about an hour through Augusta, and ended back at the state house, where a number of speakers were given the opportunity to voice their opinions regarding the war.

The group of Bates protesters, located close

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# General Education to undergo review

## Committee formed to review general education requirements and research potential reform

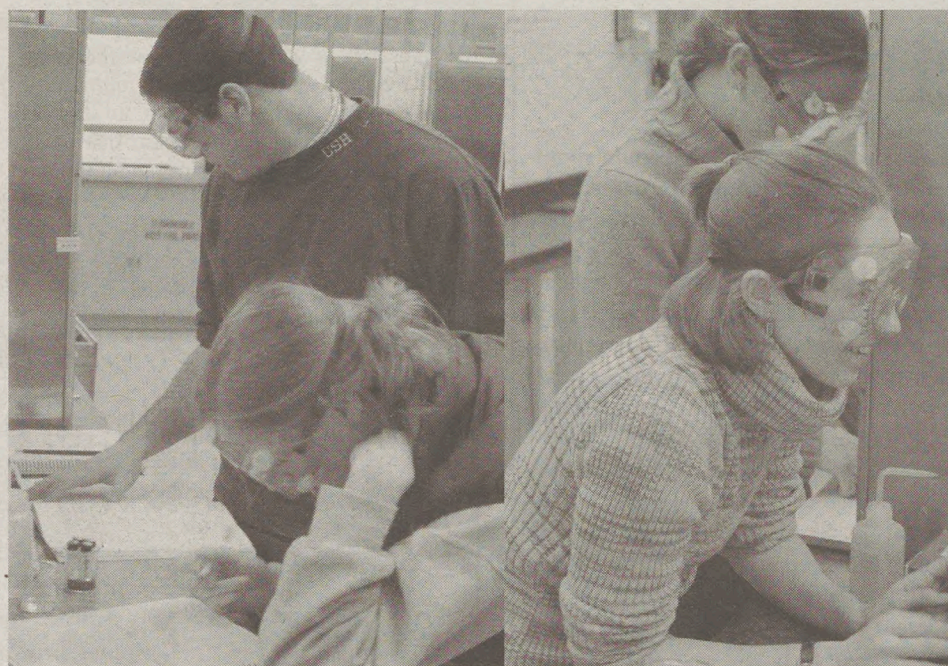
by **NIRAJ CHOKSHI**  
NEWS EDITOR

One of the greatest draws of a small liberal arts college is the opportunity to take a variety of different courses – an offer of educational experimentation. But after enduring Bates's general education requirements, some students might make the case for educational abstinence.

The harsh truth, however, is that to be successful in today's world, students need to be well-rounded. "There's good reason to know a little bit about everything," explained Professor Will Ambrose of the Biology department. "To be a well-informed citizen you need to know a lot." However, precisely how to go about producing well-rounded graduates has been a topic of discussion for several years and reform may be on its way.

The current system of general education requirements (3 Natural Sciences, 3 Social Sciences, 1 Quantitative, and 5 Humanities) has remained largely untouched since 1979, when no interdisciplinary programs existed. That's why, in an effort to further develop what the goals of a Bates education should be, the College sent six faculty members to an "Institute on General Education" for five days last June. The Institute was held at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. Often referred to as the "Asheville Group," the six faculty members are Deans Pam Baker and Elizabeth Tobin and Professors Amy Bradford, Matt Cote, Paqui Lopez, and John Smedley.

The Association of American Colleges and Universities hosted the Institute. Since their return from the conference, the Asheville



Ryan Toussaint/The Bates Student  
Students in a Chemical Reactivity lab, an introductory science course that many take to fulfill their general education requirements.

Group has participated in a number of faculty meetings, meeting on nearly a dozen occasions during the fall semester. They, also recently formed a committee whose job it will be to research, discuss and propose alternatives to the existing program. It is hoped that two additional student members will be selected by the Bates College Student Government.

Dean Baker explained that "our type of general education requirement is called a distribution requirement," which is "one of the

more restrictive" methods of cultivating a well-rounded student body. Baker added that the expected reform won't be "about tinkering with distribution requirements."

"The real issue is to try to match our curriculum to our goals," Tobin explained, "Not everything needs to be measured in courses." Allowing extracurriculars to play a role in achieving the general education goals is one example of a way to measure progress outside of courses. For example, Tobin said, if one goal was to learn something about another

er culture, a semester abroad might fulfill that goal in place of a class.

In coming up with methods of reforming the general education requirement, the Asheville Group had to look to how other schools have fostered well-rounded students. "Some colleges arrange a list of 'life skills,' some form around a distribution of 'types of thinking,'" said Dean Baker. Shaping students who can write and express themselves well was a common theme among other schools. "Diversity was on practically every list that we saw," Dean Baker added.

Dean Tobin expressed her concern, however, that we may fall into a trap of trying to emulate other schools. "We saw a lot of schools that were doing interesting things, [but] we have to create our own goals," Tobin said. Two schools Tobin, Baker and Smedley all cited as having interesting goals were Duke University and Alverno College.

Students at Duke, for example, are required to satisfy certain goals, one of which is fulfilling "modes of inquiry." The "T-Reqs" website (the website for Duke's Trinity College) details two modes of inquiry – QID and IAA. "Quantitative, Inductive and Deductive Reasoning (QID) is rooted in logic and mathematical approaches and forms the foundation of the natural sciences and related fields. The other approach, Interpretive and Aesthetic Approaches (IAA), proceeding from an interpretive or aesthetic sensibility, is central to inquiry in the humanities, and at times in the social sciences." Though students are required to take two courses in each "mode of inquiry," the definitions are inten-

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## REDUCE REQUIREMENTS

Bates, thankfully, is in the process of reassessing its general education requirements. If we're lucky, we'll see the designated committee replace an outdated and flawed system that, in truth, is merely the aftertaste of high school curricula.

As much as Bates thinks it provides students with a diverse academic experience, the current system goes against the fundamental cornerstones of the College. Required to take 1) three sciences, including a set of related courses, 2) a math/quantitative course, 3) five humanities, covering at least three subjects, and 4) three social sciences, including a set of two related courses, students are forced to plan their education around a pre-designed schedule that robs them of choice and flexibility so vital to the liberal arts experience.

True academic and intellectual diversity exists only when students are given the opportunity to design their own education, but this isn't to say core requirements should be done away with in their entirety. A Bates education, at the very least, should entail a broad understanding of many subjects and the mastery of one or two, depending on available majors and minors.

The status quo is too much and, ironically, not giving students enough.

To think an English major will learn more about geology after taking two classes instead of one is simply incorrect, there is only so much a disinterested person can find interesting about rocks and liquid hot magma. Conversely, to think a Biology major will gain a better understanding of or more appreciation for psychology after taking two classes instead of one is, well, insane.

Without the general requirements, students could better spend their time and their money, focusing their energy in courses where there is a vested interest in the learning and discovery process. It would go against the current trend of students (who were accepted to one of the top schools in the country) showing up to class for the sake of showing up and pretending to take notes.

When it comes to studying in fields other than your major, the system is biased in both directions. The workload of science majors dwarfs that of the humanities majors, while humanities and social science students face fewer options in fulfilling general education requirements outside of their majors.

The fix is simple.

Reduce the general education requirements. Keep the quantitative requirement, but require only two courses in the natural sciences, two in the social sciences and three in the humanities, doing away with "sets" altogether. The system will also become more equitable when science majors are given course credit for labs that often double and triple the workload of the humanities or social science major.

The chances to create majors and study independently are one of the many strengths of the College, but cattle herding students through such a mundane and rigid set of requirements takes away from such opportunities for students explore on their own.

If anything, students should desire self-discovery and the quest for knowledge instead of worrying about what constitutes a general education. Bates is better than that, no thanks to the current system.

## PRESERVE CURIOSITY

In the coming weeks, the faculty will be considering two proposals that could significantly affect the academic future of Bates. The first will call for Short Term grades to count in a student's overall grade point average. The second will eliminate anonymity of students taking classes pass/fail.

We believe that both proposals are detrimental to the intellectual pursuits of students in the current academic climate at Bates. Requiring grades that affect students' GPA and making professors aware of students taking their classes pass/fail will discourage them from taking classes beyond their comfort zone. Many students take classes pass/fail and choose Short Term courses they would not normally take because they know that their final grade will not affect their GPA, and, subsequently, their future.

Our academic choices should be motivated by a personal drive for intellectual achievement, not the fear of lowering our GPA. A change in the current grading policies at Bates would be a blow to intellectual curiosity. Short Term and the pass/fail option are the two opportunities to take classes that stimulate student interests outside their specific areas of study. The elimination of all possibilities to take a class without a letter grade will result in constraining the academic view of Bates students.

The beauty of Short Term is that it is what you make of it. If you want to take a rigorous class, you can. If you want to experiment in a subject you would otherwise never encounter, that option is available. When else in life do you have the chance to spend a five-week period studying the seedy underworld of International Espionage? Short Term should be a month of experimental learning, not a condensed semester.

If we're going to inform professors of the pass/fail option we need to change the stigma surrounding it. Currently, choosing pass/fail grading is seen as taking the easy road, a free class in some sense. But really, professors should appreciate that oftentimes students are taking their classes out of pure interest and not fulfilling requirements.

This would not be as radical an experiment in academia. Allowing for two pass/fail classes and three Short Terms that do not affect ones GPA throughout four years at Bates is certainly not as extreme as the system in place at Brown University. For over thirty years, Brown has allowed all students to take as many classes as they wish on a Satisfactory/No Credit basis. In an effort to encourage a true liberal arts education, one that enables students to freely follow their own intellectual path without fear of post-graduate GPA repercussions. Obviously, the academic rigor of the University has not diminished.

The group commissioned in 1969 to create this "New Curriculum" at Brown consisted of 80 students and 15 professors, clearly more representative of academic interests than Bates's current 2-student and 8-professor Educational Coordinating Committee. Before we change the system, we should address the way in which it is perceived. Hopefully this committee understands the effect their decision will have on the future of intellectual curiosity at Bates College.

## LETTERS

### POSITIVE STORIES FROM IRAQ NOT REPORTED

To the Editor:

There is one aspect of the reporting about our involvement in Iraq by the mainstream media that I find very curious. Namely, I have yet to read or hear even one positive consequence of our presence there. Of course, some would say this is because there isn't even one positive consequence. Yet certainly this can't be the case. It's simply not possible that the overthrow of a leader who routinely murdered, gassed, and tortured his own people wouldn't make some people of the country happy and grateful.

But every day in the newspapers, and every night on the evening news, all I hear is the number of American soldiers killed that day, the protests of Iraqis that want us out of the country, etc. So I wonder, why isn't there even one line of one story mentioning even one positive consequence resulting from our overthrow of Saddam Hussein? It's very curious.

Along these lines, I have friends with spouses or relatives in Iraq. Contrary to what one

might expect, they are not all in the military. Some are civilians paid by our government to help rebuild elements of the country that deteriorated or were destroyed while Saddam Hussein was in power.

For example, I read emails from people in Iraq about their day-to-day lives rebuilding and reopening schools that were closed by Saddam Hussein, improving the availability of uncontaminated drinking water to people in cities, etc. I also read about the deep gratitude felt by many Iraqis for these people and what they are doing. Although the e-mails and letters that my friends show me might be dismissed as "anecdotal," they don't appear to me to be any less anecdotal than much of what I read or hear in the mainstream media. It's for this reason that I believe there are uplifting stories and I wonder why they aren't reported. It certainly is a point to ponder.

-Mark Semon  
Department of Physics and Astronomy

### MILDER'S LETTER OFF BASE, UNFOUNDED

To the Editor:

Sam Milder's '06 recent response to my column, "Bush Lied? Join the Crowd" from the March 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of *The Student* represents several unfounded claims and misinterpretations. He misquotes a passage of mine, omitting the important punctuation I wrote describing Senator Kerry. In my column, I wrote, "John Forbes Kerry... 'Liar.'" The whole point about my diction in putting quotation marks around the word, "Liar" was to illustrate the irony analyzing the widespread accusations of calling President Bush a liar about the disappearance of WMDs in Iraq. If Bush is a "liar," then Kerry's repeated call for using force against Saddam Hussein because of a presence of WMDs categorizes him as a "liar" too if one supports such unfounded claims. As I wrote in my column, no one has made a remotely persuasive case that Bush lied. Milder admitted this misquotation (and

in turn, misinterpretation) of his after I subsequently explained my use of punctuation in that example.

He continues to criticize my attacks on Kerry by signposting my analysis of Kerry's inconsistent voting record on foreign policy and my mention of his inconsistent domestic record as well. The reasons of space and length are why I did not go into extensive discussion on Kerry's inconsistency in this realm. They are obviously visible, though. He voted against the Defense of Marriage Act, yet he now opposes gay marriage. He voted for the No Child Left Behind Act, which he now says he opposed. He also voted for the establishment of NAFTA, yet he now repeatedly says NAFTA and free trade hurts for American prosperity. After I wrote my column Kerry recently told the *New York Times*, "I actually did vote for the \$87 billion before I voted against it." Milder writes he has never

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## LETTERS

### WHERE'S THE LINE ON SEXUAL ASSAULT?

To the Editor:

I don't understand how there can be an article in *The Bates Student* about unreported cases of sexual assault without mentioning what has happened in those that have been reported. The situation which usually acts as a precursor to sexual assault, especially on a college campus such as our own, was only briefly mentioned in Ms. Tufaro's article "Sexual assault too often unreported" (March 16). I believe we need to have a much larger campus discussion about what is truly going on here. Not just at Bates, but around college campuses world-wide. Although Ms. Tufaro reported the facts accurately, "38% of college women have reported sexual victimizations which met the legal definition of a rape or attempted rape," there is an enormous problem in failing to mention that "more than 75% of college students who experience unwanted intercourse are under the influence of alcohol or drugs at the time of the incident (US News & World Report)." Both the case that was filed last week against two male students and a case earlier this year in which a female student charged another male student of sexual assault occurred while some of those involved were under the influence.

On a college campus where drinking on weekends is the norm, I ask all Bates students to begin wondering: where is the line? When does a drunk hook-up become rape? How many shots can a girl down before she can claim that the sexual contact was non-consensual?

It's a touchy subject, it's unclear, and as much as women are scared of reporting cases of sexual assault, men, too, are terrified that one day it will be them who are accused. How are they to know when a girl is "under the influence" enough to wake up the next morning and declare that she was raped? How is a woman to know when it is okay to admit she was too intoxicated to have possibly consented to last night's one-night stand? Who holds responsibility? What are the consequences of these decisions? Although an individual is responsible for monitoring how much alcohol he or she drinks and for accepting the consequences of putting him or herself in a risky situation, there comes a time when one's decision-making ability becomes clouded. If the individual has any doubts, these behaviors should not take place. This is a very real issue, even here at Bates.

USM states clearly on its University Police Department website that "effective consent is not given under the influence of alcohol, drugs or other intoxicants which have impaired the ability of a man or woman to appraise his or her own sexual acts." This is an interpretation of the Maine State law, and Bates purports to follow similar rules in its Rape and Sexual Violence Pamphlet. If this is the truth, however, then we need to ask several questions. First and foremost, what does it mean to be "under the influence of alcohol" to an extent that results in impairment? We would all agree that

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### Vegans: Losing at life?

To the Editor:

"Being a vegan, for those of you not wearing Birkenstocks, entails three things. The first is losing, in this case at life." Yes, when Mike Lopez wrote this, it was in a humor column, but that does not make his comment any less serious. Lopez's derides of a lifestyle that he knows very little about, indeed, judging from the article, he only knows that he does not care for vegan food. He does address important questions, admittedly in a less than eloquent manner, about why some people choose a vegan lifestyle.

No, I am not a vegan, but after reading "Vegan (Torture) For a Day: My Personal Veggie Hell," (March 2) I was convinced that many people on this campus, myself included, need to learn just why vegans have chosen their lifestyle, if only so that we are not tempted to mock a way of life that we do not understand. After receiving some valuable input from several vegans and vegetarians on campus and doing a bit of Googling on my own, it is clear that there are valuable reasons for the choice that vegans and vegetarians have made. Not surprisingly, they are not simply masochists who get a kick out of depriving themselves of meat.

In general, there are three basic reasons that the non-meat-eaters on campus have chosen to steer clear of steer: their own health, concern for animals, and a desire to protect the earth's resources. As far as health goes, many of our Bates vegans and vegetarians pointed out the hormones and anti-biotics that are in most meat you would find in Commons, or most anywhere else, for that matter. Gregory Rosenthal '05 also notes, "Since becoming vegan, all my seasonal and pet allergies have disappeared. I never get sick anymore, wake up at the sunrise and go to bed with the sunset and I feel energized each and every day."

Although many people may doubt the healthiness of the vegan lifestyle, pointing in particular to concerns about a lack of protein, there is a wealth of information backing up the view that veganism is actually far healthier than a traditional diet. For example, the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine says that a vegan diet can, with planning, provide all the proteins and nutrients that we have been told can be acquired only from animal products. In addition, the American Dietetic Association actually says that veganism has been associated with reductions in many serious health conditions, including heart disease, diabetes and obesity.

All in all, many of the dietary experts in the U.S. and the world promote a vegan lifestyle as extremely healthy.

Gabby Munoz '07 aptly stated the most common reason that people believe non-meat-eaters eat the way they do: "Why take an animal's life when you can let it live?" It is easy to detach oneself from the reality of eating another living creature when that living creature is covered in breadcrumbs or is simply a slightly ovalish, brownish shape. Most vegans and vegetarians simply cannot identify that slightly ovalish, brownish shape as anything other than a sentient being, however. Perhaps this is because they are so much more conscious of the process by which animals get from the farm to our plate.

The conditions that animals are put under in farms are certainly not very humane, as many vegans and vegetarians are quick to point out.

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## Bates myths debunked



CYNTHIA TUFARO

OPINION COLUMNIST

My article, "Can Bates survive the bottom line?" published in the March 2 issue of *The Bates Student* was intended to speak on behalf of the critical student. Vicky Devlin, President Hansen, and Terry Beckmann contacted me several days later to address their concerns regarding the article. The administration has been criticized for its lack of communication with the student body, but I found that, to the contrary, the women were eager to answer my questions. Our discussion was constructive; however, I worry that their interest in my article was less about the students and more about their image.

I was and still am concerned that the administration allows misconceptions to persist because they don't communicate the facts through the various channels available to them including student government, e-mail, campus forums, etc. I spoke with several students that act as liaisons between the administration and the student body through their positions within the student government. These students, probably the most well-informed on campus issues, weren't giving me the answers that the administration did a few days later. If the most involved student doesn't have all the facts, how can the average student, with little to no contact with administration, ensure that he has accurate information? Even more disturbing, why doesn't the administration make informing the student body their top priority?

For instance, there was no explanation from the Physical Plant or Housing offices in regards to the removal of stoves from campus residences. I reported (incorrectly) that they

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### MARCH MADNESS: IT'S SPREADING



MIKE LOPEZ

HUMOR COLUMNIST

Let me start by stating that I wasn't going to write an article this week, but, fearing the wrath of humor columnist Chet "one article every three weeks" Clem, I decided to put something together last minute. And, needless to say, I was motivated by the one and only thing to write about this week: March Madness.

While there have been no buzzer-beaters to speak of through the NCAA Division I tournaments thus far, it's still been pretty crazy up in Lewiston.

The Madness started early in the week, with local students perusing the brackets with one another at Memorial Commons.

Some, of course, began to act irrationally.

First-year Molly Lanigan filled in the "champion" part of her sheet with Southern Illinois, a #9 seed. Southern Illinois lost its first game. Thus, they will not be the "champion." Lanigan should have known something was suspicious about that pick, because one of the teams she had the Salukis beating was Stanford. Stanford, conveniently, is also not going to be the champion. That's because Stanford isn't a school. Lanigan, for the

record, is blond.

Junior Caitlin Miller was a step above Lanigan on the insanity scale. While looking at the various schools and teams, she became slightly distressed. I asked her why, and she responded with a question, asking, "Murray Street, what is that? Is that a college? Do people actually go there?"

Murray Street, for those wondering, stems from Murray St., which stems from Murray State University. And yes, I told her, people do go there. Miller, apparently, is not one of them. Miller, for the record, is blonde. And also vegetarian (see left).

Senior Christina Doukeris was so excited that she forgot what sport Madness even referred to, simply stating, "This may sound stupid, but what sport is it?" Doukeris, conveniently, is not blonde. I told her it wasn't a stupid question.

The Madness spread down to Boston where I had an interview on Friday. Bracketology on my mind, I was in a chippy manner for the process, and so the following conversation took place:

"How do you see yourself a year from now, and what do you think will be different about next year?" -Interviewer

"Well, hmmm, I guess. Well, for one, it will be 2005, not 2004." -Mike

Silence -Interviewer

Laughter -Mike

Maintained silence -Interviewer

So that went well. After not laughing at my joke nor laughing at my laughter, which would've been polite, my interviewer was still not laughing. I laughed again, this time at the awkwardness I had created. Then I just stopped laughing or talking, as I figured that my interviewer was deep in Madness thought, likely dreaming of a possible Murray Street vs. Stanford match-up.

Alas, the Madness carried over to Gala, where for the first time in my four years I avoided the chocolate-covered strawberries. That, of course, is because I couldn't find them.

I did, however, find a girl I mentioned in last week's article, one so-called "hot curly-haired brunette" on the rugby team. I had never spoken to her before, so naturally I immediately interrupted a conversation she was having with her hot curly-haired friends.

"So, um, sorry to interrupt you (I wasn't really sorry), but did you happen to read last week's article on the women's rugby team?" -Mike

"Yes" -Hot curly-haired brunette

"Well, when the writer mentioned a hot curly-haired brunette, he was referring to you." -Mike

"Oh, haha. Well you can tell the writer that my mom actually works at the same school as his father. I can't wait to tell her!" -Hot curly-haired brunette.

That, once again, went well.

All in all, it was certainly a week worthy of the word Madness. I would go as far as to call it a rather funny weekend up here at Bates College.

Almost, in fact, as funny as Chet's articles the past two weeks.

## BATES RATES

Honors Theses Due



So, you spent 40 hours last week on something you've grown to hate? See, Bates does prepare you for the real world.

Sushi at Gala



Everyone who ate some had "Yokozuna's Revenge" all Sunday.

Friendly Faces at Gala



It was nice to see everybody, especially Carlo Rossi, Jack Daniels, and Donny Orloff.

R.I.P. "Card Error 14"



Now that all Bates students must pay for our copies in the library, Mac Gray stock jumped 5 points Monday.

# Operation Iraqi Freedom: One year later

Two writers discuss their viewpoints on the anniversary of the invasion of Iraq

## PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH



**ANDREW SIMON**

FORUM EDITOR

At the anti-war rally this weekend in Augusta, I stood with an American flag to thank the troops for their efforts in liberating an oppressed people and to show that their noble actions are not going unnoticed. At one point, a young teenager rode his bicycle in front of us with his hand extended into a peace sign. How tragic, how ironic, I thought, that the anti-war left believes that I do not want peace; that I am for perpetual war. How far from the truth.

I believe in peace by other means. Peace through strength, not peace on paper. Not peace where we ignore a brutal dictator who pays the families of Palestinian suicide bombers. Not peace where we wait, hoping for 12 years and 17 United Nations Security Council resolutions to disarm a brutal dictator, allowing a madman to remain in power who used chemical weapons in Iran and on his own citizens; who invaded Iran and Kuwait, who launched ballistic missiles at Iran, Israel, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, and whose troops fired on American and British aircraft patrolling the no-fly zones is not true peace. Inaction encourages further violence and makes true peace unattainable.

Almost one year ago, America and our allies acted, invading Iraq and toppling one of the world's most brutal dictators. We realized that freedom isn't free. Freedom must be defended. Spain, under the leadership of Jose Maria Aznar and the Populist Party was our ally in this fight. Recently, the terrorists have fought back and you can almost see them smiling.

On the eve of Spanish elections, a coordinated attack in Madrid that killed hundreds led to the ousting of the Popular Party and replaced it with Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero

and the Socialist Party, determined to remove all Spanish troops from the war on terror. Some would call this democracy. I would call it appeasement.

When Spain was attacked, their newly elected Prime Minister's response was to remove all Spanish troops from Iraq. Disagreement about the course of action undertaken by America and its allies aside, Spain has let the terrorists believe that their methods will work. Their response was to blame the Spanish government for sending troops to Iraq, not the terrorists themselves. When you do this, you make the world a more dangerous place, both for others and eventually for yourself.

This was perhaps Al Qaeda's greatest success. Their brutal attacks persuaded one nation to abandon the Iraqi people. On 3/11 in Spain the terrorists succeeded where they failed on 9/11 in America. Bin Laden foolishly believed that he could shift American public policy by terrorizing the public. He was hoping for American isolationism to rise up in response to that terrible day. Wrong. United in the wake of such a terrible act, America destroyed Al Qaeda's client state Afghanistan and removed anti-American ally Saddam. Libya has since renounced its WMD program.

Appeasing a brutal, nihilistic enemy will not bring true peace. It will only delay future attacks. As one of the purported terrorists said in a videotape found in Madrid, "You love life and we love death." Bin Laden has said that Spain must be restored to the Muslim nation it once was. The terrorists have proven that no region is exempt from their violence. They have struck in Russia, East Africa, Morocco, the Philippines and America. They have targeted Arab states like Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Yemen. They attacked Muslims in Indonesia, Turkey, and Pakistan. If we don't bring the fight to the terrorists they will bring the fight to us.

Our enemy has decided to fight back by indiscriminately killing as many civilians as possible. Their goal is simple: to ensure that

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## SPAIN, WORLD NOT SAFER



**JAMES LIDDELL**

OPINION COLUMNIST

911 days after the United States witnessed its worse terrorist attack in history, Spain witnessed its own "European version of 9/11." At least 200 Spaniards died, and over 1,500 are estimated injured from a pair of train bombings in Madrid on March 11, 2004. As shocking as these attacks were, perhaps the most significant result of these events was the victory of Spanish Prime Minister Zapatero in elections that took place only three days after the bombings. Zapatero campaigned on a platform marked by promises to remove Spanish troops from Iraq by July 1 without a UN-led force. He was able to secure victory due to the conclusion that the attacks were partially a result of Spain's commitment to Iraq, and, more specifically, their involvement in the pre-emptive Middle-Eastern "initiatives" of the Bush Administration. This drastic turn of events, occurring just days before the one-year anniversary of the brilliantly orchestrated "Operation Iraqi Freedom," has raised many serious questions about future U.S./European relations, Muslim-Western relations, and the underlying premises of the Iraqi war.

Days after Zapatero took office, he made it clear that Spain's allegiances would remain on their side of the Atlantic. Zapatero declared that Spain wanted to heal its wounded European alliances. He also acknowledged that Iraq was a mistake to begin with. However, it was his decision to remove troops that drew the strongest reactions. Many argue that this response to the terrorist attacks is an appeasement to the terrorist's demands and can be considered as a victory for the terrorists. I don't see it this way.

What took place three days after Spain's 9/11 was not appeasement to terrorists, it was

democracy. When Former Prime Minister Aznar sent troops to Iraq, over 90% of Spaniards opposed his decision. The bombings were an eye-opening experience for the Spaniards. They witnessed first-hand the consequences of gratuitously invading an Islamic country on the false pretenses of "a war on terror." Terrorism is not new to Spain. Spaniards, along with many other European countries, know terrorism just as much as the rest of the world. In fact, I think Americans should take note of the Spaniards' reaction to terrorism. Over 90% of the country recognized that invading Iraq was not the next logical step in the war on terror. They put two and two together and saw that invading a country with no proven connections to Al Qaeda was not justifiable retribution for the attacks of 9/11. Furthermore, the attacks in Madrid only reinforce the claim that the war in Iraq was an unnecessary detour from real the war on terror. After all, it was Al Qaeda who caused 9/11, not Saddam. The Bush Administration's absolute preoccupation with toppling Saddam not only increased anti-American sentiment all over the world, but it also took the pressure off of hunting down Al Qaeda. After all, the search for Osama was only resumed in earnest several weeks ago. By taking the attention off of Al Qaeda and letting the empire-building neoconservatives hijack our nation's foreign policy, Islamic militant groups were allowed some breathing room. How much breathing room does it take to blow up a handful of trains in a Western European metropolis?

The attacks that took place last week in Madrid and the subsequent political events have done more than widen the Atlantic divide; they have raised many new important questions about the war.

Let's start with the premise of the Iraqi war. As President Bush has stated many times, "toppling Saddam Hussein has made the world safer." Let's take a closer look at this one. The U.S. invades Iraq and captures Saddam and over 1700 Spaniards are injured or die in a series of train bombings. I'm gonna have to dis-

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## Alcohol creates fine line in sexual situations

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Rohypnol ("Roofies") and GHB are date-rape drugs, but how many alcoholic drinks place an individual in the same category?

Second, why are so many of us scared to come out with it? We live on a small campus, and although Ms. Tufaro made an excellent point when she expounded on how a close-knit campus can make this difficult, it most certainly doesn't have to. Why don't we support each other? Instead, women who have been sexually assaulted are being told, sometimes even by their closest friends, not to talk about it because the backlash will be so hard that it's simply not worth the struggle. Similar to not letting friends

drink and drive, why not stop a friend from drinking so much that they end up in a situation that results in sexual assault? Look out for each other. Don't ditch a friend whom you know is ridiculously intoxicated and leave him or her to wander around campus alone, only to end up in a situation where sexual assault is possible.

Finally, and the most important question in my opinion, is why the myth exists that sexual assault does not occur at Bates. "One out of four women will be sexually assaulted on a college campus" (National Victims Center), and "66% of rape victims know their assailant (rainn.org)." Do we believe that because we live in the Bates bubble we are immune to what is happening to women and men everywhere?

There are consequences for this naiveté and

assumption of immunity: not knowing when drunken hook-ups become sexual assault is dangerous, and *sexual assault does happen at Bates*. We are not immune. We get drunk, we have sex; we enjoy ourselves and like to have a good time. Sometimes we wake up the next morning, happy and satisfied with our chosen hook-up, and sometimes we wake up and feel regretful and stupid about our drunken decision-making. When does this combination of drinking and sexual desire become rape? I ask you, Bates students, to begin questioning yourselves: Where is the line?

-Aliza Luft '06

## VEGANISM TOO OFTEN MISUNDERSTOOD

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According to an agricultural textbook, as soon as their production rates decline, they are simply slaughtered. Chickens are one example that is often pointed to as exemplars of the cruelty animals suffer. In farms, they are often squished into tiny cages, as many as seven on a floor space the same as a vinyl record. They live their lives covered in excrement with their beaks chopped off so that they are not able to peck at one another. Of course, it is easy to reply that business is business, and that chickens are just chickens, after all. All the same, after porveying even a small bit of the literature of the conditions of animals and farms, it is clear that animals certainly are worth sympathizing with.

Finally, there is the idea that by abstaining from eating meat, one can use fewer of the earth's resources and live more sustainably.

Gregory Rosenthal says, "I understand that it takes more farmland to feed an animal that will be eaten as meat than the amount of farmland it takes to produce the same amount of calories from plant foods." Depending on which estimates you listen to, a pound of beef is approximately equal to anywhere from 7 to 10 pounds of pasta, essentially because animals need to be fed. More food means the ability to feed more people, a reduction in our need for water, (the U.S.'s largest aquifer has already been depleted drastically) and use of fewer resources in general, helping to restore our earth's balance. Vegans and vegetarians also argue that, by eating only plant products, they can reduce the amount of pesticides and

fertilizers released into the environment, because less farmland will be necessary.

There are strong counter-arguments to everything I have written here, but the purpose of this article is not to decide once and for all whether vegans have found the real answers to social, health, and environmental problems. I simply hope that, by reading this article, people can understand that there are many justifiable and admirable reasons for leading a vegan or vegetarian lifestyle. As a concluding note, some non-meat-eaters like the way their food tastes just fine. Andy Whitaker '04 agrees, listing among his reasons for being a vegetarian, "the fact that meat tastes like sh\*t."

-Ben Wish '05

## Kerry somehow able to take both sides of the same issue

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heard of any analysis of Kerry's lack of confidence. Yet how are voting records and statements like these any sign of confidence in Kerry's policies?

The conclusion of Milder's letter remarks that despite my frequent contributions to *The Student*, he has no idea why I'm a Republican—a claim that I cannot understand after reviewing my work this year. In this newspaper, I have consistently expressed support for many (for lack of a better word) *conservative* causes such as small government, localized education standards, free trade, tax cuts, a conservative case for freer immigration, and the liberation of Iraq. I have spoken out against several (again, for lack of a better word) *liberal* issues such as protectionism, the federally funded volunteer program AmeriCorps, racial preferences, political correctness, excessive foreign aid, and the conspiracy about a pro-Israel lobby hijacking President Bush's foreign policy. All these issues and ideas are reasons, and more, are why I'm a Republican. I hope that President's successes in the war on Terror and his belief in keeping the American dream strong will bring more young people to join me in this cause.

-Oli Wolf '06

# BEING HEALTHY WILL KILL YOU



**CHET CLEM**

HUMOR COLUMNIST

"Once it gets nice out, everyone who is anyone will be running the three-mile loop. Admiring each other's new shoes from across the street," claimed my friend Matt Gerety recently. Normally, Matt is not one to be misleading, but in this case I disagree with him completely. I will not be there; I do not even know where the three-mile loop is. And, quite frankly, I don't want to know.

It is not that I have anything against being healthy; I just think it is important that everyone realize how dangerous this lifestyle can be. Healthy people die every day.

Take this past Friday for example. The inventor of the PowerBar died of a heart attack suffered at his local post office. Making him one of the few postal related deaths not caused by gunfire or anthrax. He was also the most recent in-shape person to die.

In the late 1970s, Brian Maxwell was the number 3-ranked marathon runner in the world when he started making the PowerBar out of his apartment kitchen. Maxwell was running out of energy around the 21-mile mark, which is when experts say the body starts burning muscle tissue. I am pretty sure I am safe, I do not know if I have run 21 miles combined in my life.

## Inaccuracies frequently go unanswered

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were taken out because of "insurance liability." No matter that this is widely accepted by students, it is inaccurate. So what's the real story? Terry Beckmann, Vice President for Finance and Administration, informed me that the stoves and ovens were taken out of the kitchens because they were illegal according to new safety laws. To replace each stove with the new approved model would cost somewhere between \$50,000-60,000 dollars. It didn't make sense, according to Beckmann, to invest in new stoves, when there may be drastic changes to the houses and dorms as part of the "Master Plan." In my meeting with President Hansen and administrators Vicky Devlin and Terry Beckmann, they agreed that students had not been adequately informed about the stoves. However, they did not suggest any methods of improving communication. I recognize my responsibility to correct the factual errors in my article, but what responsibility does the administration have to provide students with information that affects (quite significantly) campus life?

There are several myths that continue to flourish, creating negative perceptions of the administration. For example, a silly but per-

Here is the thing. I hate running. I have always hated running. As far as I am concerned every homerun should be a walk-off homerun. If you can hit it that far you should be rewarded. Or brought before Congress. One or the other.

As with most cases, there has to be someone out there to blame for running. Cavemen probably thought up the idea while clubbing wool-mammoths. Or more likely, after clubbing them poorly and being chased. But that is a matter of survival. Who thought of doing it for fun? Jim Fixx, that's who.

In 1977, Mr. Fixx published *The Complete Book of Running*, which is credited with starting the running craze in the United States. This book sounds like a real page-turner. Wait, no, it is not. Amazon.com currently lists 735 used copies of the book available for \$.01. Clearly, this is a hard book to put down.

I was going to call up Fixx to complain, but it turns out he died seven years after publishing the book. He had a heart attack. While running. Is everyone seeing the pattern here?

Running causes bad things. According to a recent study by the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, 51.7% of runners experience at least one injury a year. This seems about right. Let's look at runners in everyday life. People who exert themselves in horror movies always end up dead. Not once have I seen anyone brutally murdered with an axe while hailing a cab or riding an escalator. In a study I just completed, it was determined that you have a far better chance of being hit by a car while running than sitting on your couch.

But it is not just runners who are at risk; it is fit people in general. Remember the Atkins Diet? You know, that diet your mom joined that made Thanksgiving taste bad? Dr. Atkins himself died just last year. OK, so the cause of death was listed as "slipping on an icy sidewalk," but maybe he was having a heart attack and his aide pushed him in order to protect the popularity of the diet.

From what I have seen in the news in my lifetime, athletes just seem to be especially prone to problems. Lance Armstrong, cancer. Steve Prefontaine, car accident. O.J. Simpson, murder. Daryl Strawberry, cocaine. Lou Gehrig, Lou Gehrig's disease. Ted Williams, frostbite. Greg Louganis, played by Mario Lopez in a made-for-TV movie. Bad things happen to athletic people everyday.

So what is the solution? Drinking. Whereas running, diets, and athleticism are clearly bad for you, studies have shown that wine can be good for you. Admittedly, these "studies" go on to speak about drinking in moderation, so I recommend you stop reading after the first paragraph. According to webMD.com wine fights heart disease and prevents ulcers, cancer and strokes. Judging from Gala, much of Bates should be in prime health this week. Although it does keep French people alive for extra long, so there are side effects.

So all you exercise-minded people, I have had about enough of your superior attitude. It is time for you to come down off your high horse. And while you are down, how about letting me borrow it: I have a class across campus I need to get to.

sistent rumor is that President Hansen has been house-hunting in Portland. Of more consequence, *The John Galt Press* published on two occasions contradicting reports on Bates's "need-blind" admissions practices, neither of which are accurate. I would hold the journalists accountable for the mistake if it weren't

*"There are many flaws in the existing channels of communication between administration and students."*

such a frequent one. I am concerned because not a single administrator responded to either article to correct the information that Bates has never been "need-blind." This means one of two things; either the administration doesn't read the *John Galt* or they are content allowing erroneous information to stand for fact. While the first case is more likely, both are distressing. Administrators don't need to read student publications cover-to-cover, but they should certainly take the time to read articles that address campus issues, and, more specifically, administrative ones. If they intentionally concealed the facts, that is a

much greater problem than can be addressed in this article.

I believe that President Hansen, Vicky Devlin, and Terry Beckmann are sincerely concerned with the issues that I had addressed in the article. However, when I pointed to the letters in *The Bates Student*, heated forum discussions on the Daily Jolt, and the frequent complaints registered in Bates Student Government meetings to defend my criticism of the administration, they couldn't follow me. They were able, however, to provide the results of an extensive survey of alumni administered by Opinion Dynamics Corporation. Perhaps they should consider spending more of their time trying to understand the current students.

There are many flaws in the existing channels of communication between administration and students. We need to establish our expectations for the administration if we want to hold them accountable. If that means asking President Hansen to be present once a month at Student Government meetings, then let's go ahead and address her. I believe that all three women would be receptive to changes that would enable better relationships with the student body.

## APPEASEMENT WILL EVENTUALLY LEAD TO WAR

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the U.S. fails in Iraq. Iraq would then fall into civil war and any hope of democracy in the Muslim world would be smashed.

Despite their efforts, the war on terror is working. On July 1, Iraq will become the first Arab democracy in the Middle East. The terrorists realize that this will deal a severe blow to their campaign to re-establish a Muslim kleptocracy. Democracy does not sustain terrorism; it rejects it.

Terrorists understand that democratic reforms are the death knell for their vision of Islamic totalitarianism. So, whenever democracy and modernization take hold, they will be there to disrupt it. The road to democracy in Iraq must be backed by the sword.

A 17-page memo obtained by U.S. forces in February written by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi from Iraq to his Al Qaeda buddies reveals that the American persistence is working.

"America, however, has no intention of leaving, no matter how many wounded or how bloody it becomes," Zarqawi warns his comrades. He laments, "Our enemy is growing stronger day after day, and its intelligence information increases. By God, this is suffocation!"

But Zarqawi reveals that only an Iraqi-led security force, backed by a legitimate Iraqi democratic government, will succeed in eliminating his influence. Democracy does not allow for the acceptance of murder. Freedom and liberty will reject a totalitarian dictatorship.

Establishing democracy will be the start of true stability in Iraq. Zarqawi admits, "If, God forbid, the government is successful and takes control of the country, we just have to pack up and go somewhere again, and where we can raise the flag or die, if God chooses us."

That's why we the young man on the bicycle and I might disagree about the correct course of action one year ago, but should agree on how to proceed now. We must ensure the suc-

cess of the Iraqi democracy. Appeasement and withdrawal of troops at this crucial time will only provide a victory to the terrorists.

Fifty years ago, America led a coalition of nations to establish democracy in Korea. At the cost of tens of thousands of lives, we succeeded in South Korea and failed in North Korea. U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld recently wrote that he keeps a satellite photo of the Korean peninsula taken at night on his desk. North Korea is encapsulated in complete darkness, where the entire country of South Korea is ablaze in light.

Today, that fight has shifted to Iraq. History will show that the establishment of true democracy in Iraq will bring about true peace.

When British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain returned home after appeasing Hitler in 1938, allowing him to occupy Czechoslovakia, Churchill's response should be remembered. He noted, "You were given the choice between war and dishonor. You chose dishonor and you will have war."

## DEMOCRACY IN SPAIN, NOT APPEASEMENT

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agree on this one.

Let's also reexamine why we went into Iraq. George Bush and Co. drilled three specific reasons into our heads 1) disarming a dangerous leader who possesses WMDs 2) eradicating a regime that harbors and supports terrorists (most notably Al Qaeda) and 3) Liberating the Iraqi people from a tyrannical dictator. Why is it that only the third reason is ever mentioned today? The answer is: it's the only justification left for the war that hasn't been proved a complete and utter fabrication. The "liberation argument" is unsurprisingly the only argument that Republicans can invoke in defense of invading Iraq. Yet they continue to do so, ignoring the other two main reasons. In fact, these first two reasons are barely even mentioned any more in Bush's speeches. They have vanished, along with any credibility that our country had in the international community. This week, the President of Poland - one of a few European countries, along with Spain, that supported Iraq - told reporters, "They deceived us about the weapons of mass destruction, that's true. We were taken for a ride."

I think the WMD issue remains relatively settled. It is obvious they don't exist, but the Bush Administration will not admit fallibility until hell freezes over. Next, we turn to the Al Qaeda link to Iraq. Not only has there never been one, but recent congressional investigations are unveiling those responsible for this feigned link. During congressional testimony two weeks ago, CIA director George Tenet admitted that on several occasions he had to privately correct Vice President Cheney for statements he made in public regarding an Al Qaeda tie to Iraq. Tenet said he admonished Cheney by telling him that intelligence supporting such a link did not prove conclusive.

In addition, during an interview on CBS's 60 Minutes on Sunday night, President Bush's former Anti-Terrorism Tsar Richard A. Clarke came out and confirmed that there was never a link to Al Qaeda. The CIA, the FBI, and himself repeatedly told Cabinet members this, but to no avail. He also described conversations with the President, in which he was told repeatedly to find Al Qaeda connections. He said that every time he and other intelligence experts checked, they came back empty-handed. President Bush kept telling them to look harder, but time after time Clarke, the CIA, and the FBI found no connection.

This week, both Spain and Poland have acknowledged and spoken out against the Iraqi War. Hopefully, enough American voters will do the same come election day.

## Digitz

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**Transportation accidents a 60-year-old Houston man was involved in during one trip home. The man was first hit by a slow moving train and then later a car slammed into the ambulance that was taking him to the hospital.**

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**Years possible in jail for an Oklahoma woman who accidentally dialed her parole officer and still proceeded to attempt to conduct a drug deal.**

## BCSG budgets passed

by EVAN CARLSON  
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The budgets for clubs and student organizations this year were approved Monday by the Bates College Student Government.

The Budget Committee was presented with written proposals from 72 different organizations asking for a total of \$738,566.40 for this coming year. After interviews, grievances and much deliberation, that number was slashed to a cool \$324,853.50, an average cut of 59% from the original club proposals.

These cuts were based on a number of criteria, the first of which is planning. Each club is required to write a budget proposal requesting funds they feel are necessary for the upcoming year. This is not something to be handled lightly, and a class on how to write a budget proposal was offered and taught by Katie Nolan '06, who is in her second year as a member of the Budget Committee. Another key point that the committee notes is leadership, as clubs are given more or less money depending on how the officers of those clubs succeed in comparison to previous years. Furthermore, the number of members in the club will raise the amount of funds given to club if the enrollment is high. Finally, the funds given to one club can be affected by another club if they have similar events or ideas for the coming year.

"This year was definitely a hard year for us in terms of having to make cuts," said Nolan, "Last year we had more money as we were able to take money out of the accounts of inactive clubs and use that towards funding."

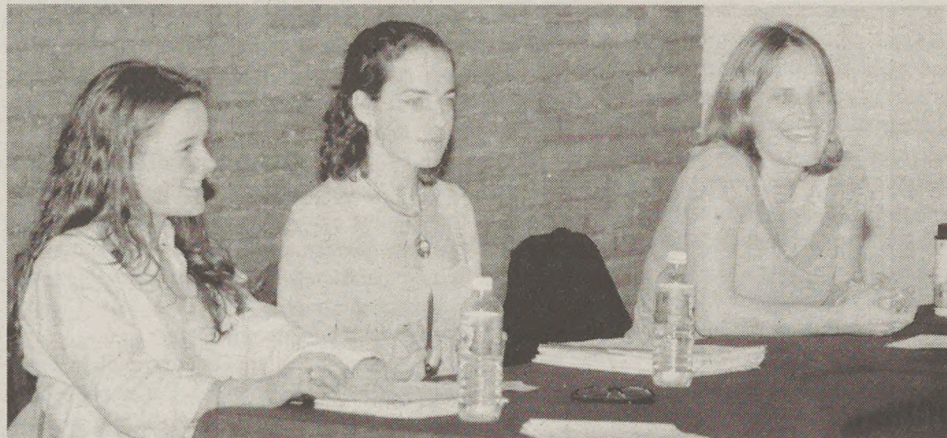
Clubs that have a problem with the new funding are afforded a grievance period. This took place last weekend, and 1% of the total budget, \$5021, had been saved for this particular situation. Jamie Nissen '06, the grievance mediator, heard all the arguments of the various clubs and allotted further funding to each based on the validity of their points.

Despite the fact that there are eleven more clubs this year and thirty-two more clubs since this time four years ago, a number of clubs still received more funding this year than in previous years. Perhaps most noticeable among these clubs was the Bates College Republicans, whose allocation was \$17,489.02, which is more than double that of last year when they were allotted \$8,437. "They have just been really active this past year on campus," Nolan points out. "They have brought some strong speakers to the school and really established themselves as a presence on campus." Meanwhile, the Bates Democrats spent barely any of the \$16,840 they were allocated last year, and asked for no money this year.

The John Galt Press also did well this year as they are planning to increase circulation, as did the Garnet, which was given a dramatic increase in funding in order to produce a hardback anniversary edition. WRBC's funding dropped dramatically as the Chase Hall Committee has had more success historically securing bands and entertainment to come perform at Bates. Although disappointed with the decrease, WRBC did not take advantage of the grievance period as they felt that the money could be spent better elsewhere.

| Club                       | Requested | Percentage Cut         | Final Allocation          |
|----------------------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Amandla!                   | 26,049.58 | 39.6%                  | 15,728.58                 |
| Amnesty Intl               | 4,639.62  | 100%                   | 0                         |
| Ballroom Soc.              | 26,806.5  | 49.8%                  | 13,456.50                 |
| Book Club                  | 960.88    | 100%                   | 600                       |
| Bates Buddies              | 627       | 4.0%                   | 602                       |
| BCLU                       | 10,571.51 | 89.5%                  | 1,106.64                  |
| BEAA                       | 3,947.83  | 61.4%                  | 1,522.83                  |
| CHC                        | 145,000   | 49.9%                  | 72,626.48                 |
| Chess Club                 | 517.5     | 37.7%                  | 322.50                    |
| BCF                        | 15,524.5  | 58.9%                  | 6,387                     |
| Crosstones                 | 1,164.63  | 25.8%                  | 864.63                    |
| Cycling Club               | 1,800.65  | 40.0%                  | 1,080.65                  |
| Deansmen                   | 4,456.59  | 42.6%                  | 2,556.59                  |
| Democrats                  | 0         | NA                     | 0                         |
| Discordians                | 2,062.53  | 59.6%                  | 1,212.61                  |
| Economic Soc               | 7,395.49  | 87.2%                  | 945.49                    |
| EMS                        | 18,842.95 | 25.7%                  | 14,001.60                 |
| EC                         | 25,000    | 89.4%                  | 3,053.26                  |
| Filmboard                  | 10,672.23 | 13.8%                  | 9,197.23                  |
| Fishing Club               | 30,029    | 85.2%                  | 5,334.11                  |
| Freewill Folk              | 19,092.22 | 53.7%                  | 8,847.22                  |
| FFL                        | 7,328.5   | 60.0%                  | 2,928.50                  |
| Garnet                     | 17,895.14 | 32.7%                  | 12,045.14                 |
| Health Sci.                | 4,453.51  | 68.1%                  | 1,918.51                  |
| Hillel                     | 18,500    | 55.4%                  | 8,254.50                  |
| Hindu Aware.               | 1,050     | 59.9%                  | 421.50                    |
| Historical Soc             | 1,108     | 12.6%                  | 968                       |
| IT Club                    | 3,272.31  | 68.1%                  | 1,045.08                  |
| Intn'l. Club               | 3,275.28  | 60.7%                  | 1,787.75                  |
| Italian Club               | 1,071.4   | 29.6%                  | 754.09                    |
| Juggling Club              | 900       | 100%                   | 0                         |
| John Galt Press            | 34,790.15 | 66.7%                  | 11,568.15                 |
| Manic Opt.                 | 2,680     | 47.0%                  | 1,510                     |
| Martial Arts               | 6,135     | 76.1%                  | 1,730                     |
| Merimanders                | 0         | NA                     | 0                         |
| Mock Trial                 | 5,997     | 48.9%                  | 3,063                     |
| Mushahada                  | 10,288.69 | 42.9%                  | 5,878.44                  |
| New World                  | 13,115.24 | 72.7%                  | 3,886.24                  |
| Northfield                 | 1,135.1   |                        | 92.35                     |
| OUTFront                   | 18,675.52 | 44.8%                  | 10,305.52                 |
| Outing Club                | 30,244.02 | 32.4%                  | 20,438.02                 |
| Paintball Club             | 968.32    | 34.8%                  | 631.32                    |
| PEP                        | 1,972     | 98.5%                  | 29                        |
| Psych. Club                | 5,076.31  | 73.3%                  | 1,352.93                  |
| Physics Soc.               | 3,460     | 58.9%                  | 1,423                     |
| Republicans                | 37,795.02 | 53.7%                  | 17,489.02                 |
| Rob. Players               | 11,652.17 | 47.9%                  | 6,672.17                  |
| Sangai Asia                | 10,301.31 | 33.7%                  | 6,829.08                  |
| SEED                       | 4,344     | 68.8%                  | 1,357.06                  |
| Shooting Assn              | 2,040.6   | 13.7%                  | 1,762.04                  |
| Snowboarding               | 4740      | 100%                   | 0                         |
| SASA                       | 115.33    | 100%                   | 0                         |
| Strange Bedf.              | 6,807.95  | 43.6%                  | 3,842.25                  |
| Video Game                 | 6,649.65  | 94.0%                  | 500                       |
| Within Reach               | 510       | 29.4%                  | 360                       |
| WOC                        | 24,750    | 89.5%                  | 2,995                     |
| WRBC                       | 75,605.39 | 62.3%                  | 28,502.63                 |
| WRC                        | 4,702.29  | 47.7%                  | 2,457.29                  |
| <b>Total: \$738,566.40</b> |           | <b>Average: 57.13%</b> | <b>Total: \$324,853.5</b> |

## Should Short Term grades count towards GPA?



Ryan Toussaint/The Bates Student

Members of the Educational Policy Committee: Marie Hemmelgarn (L), Tanya Schwartz (M), and Kate Kolstad (R).

by KYLE EASTON  
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Students have normally felt that Short Term is a relaxing way to finish up the year. After eight months of a demanding academic schedule, many students agree that Short Term allows them to finally be able to learn for the sake of learning, without having to worry about the grades. Since the grade you receive does not count towards your GPA, students believe that Short Term takes the stress away from the academic environment and lets you explore subjects that you might not normally have the confidence or interest to do during a graded period. Regardless of these various aspects, this system could soon all change.

Due to a recent proposal, the Bates administration has considered making Short Term grades matter. Professors complain that students don't take their workloads seriously, and that students' lack of motivation in the classroom results from not having their work count towards their GPA. Yet many students feel that changing the policy and cramming a regular course into a 5-week Short Term period would take away from the entire experience. Students say that they would stress out even more than usual and dread the last few weeks of the year, instead of eagerly anticipate them.

However, nothing has changed yet, and the faculty has decided to let the students be involved in the final decision. Last Wednesday night, a forum was held in Chase Lounge to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed system. Even though almost every student has an opinion on the issue, only 10 students came to express their concerns. Most of them had the general consensus that this, to put things bluntly, was the "worst idea ever." But senior Tanya

Schwartz, a student who is closely working with the faculty on the subject, remarked that "if we don't give input, they're going to do what they want. It shouldn't be so hard to get people to come and talk about an issue that will directly affect them. We should appreciate the fact that we are involved in the decision, and if we have the opportunity to change it, we can't complain about the policies that they make."

Not all students dislike the policy. Those who take "Cell Hell" and other notoriously difficult courses might want their grade to go towards their GPA. Advocates also think that if the Short Term grade already shows up on students' transcripts, it might as well factor into the overall average. Any graduate program a student applies to will see the grade regardless.

Other schools across the country have programs similar to our Short Term, but they are usually earlier in the year. In any case, the earlier scheduling changes the entire feel of the term because students are still in the working mode mindset, while ours is after second semester and right before summer. Whether or not they count these terms towards their GPA has not been verified, but they probably have a little more weight on their grade point average than ours currently does. The only school that has a term exactly like ours is Hampshire College, a school in Massachusetts that is based on very liberal principles. Colorado College in Colorado Springs also has the term system, except it lasts all year (and the grades obviously count).

Many possible alternatives have been discussed, but nothing has been decided. The process is still underway, and if you have any comments you'd like to make concerning the matter, contact Tanya Schwartz (tschwartz@bates.edu).

## MT. DAVID SUMMIT TO BE HELD IN HONOR OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The third annual Mt. David Summit will be the largest Summit yet. The event is scheduled for Friday, April 2 starting at 2:30 p.m. in Perry Atrium.

This annual celebration of student academic achievement will feature over 150 students presenting posters, talks, videos, and a one-woman play. Another 40 students will have photographs on display in three exhibitions, and over 50 students will perform in musical ensembles, including the College Orchestra and Northfield.

The Mt. David Summit gives students from all classes and disciplines the opportunity to share their research, service-learning, and creative work with the community. Presentations in past summits have been superb, and have demonstrated the rich intellectual and artistic lives of Bates students. This year promises to be the best Summit ever.

There are two afternoon sessions for the Summit, from 2:45 to 4:15 p.m. and from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Nearly 100 research posters will be on display during each of the sessions in the Perry Atrium. Poster presenters include students

from the Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Psychology, Neuroscience, Environmental Studies, Mathematics, Political Science, Womens and Gender Studies, and Classical and Medieval Studies departments.

At the same time, concurrent panel discussions will take place in many of the ground-floor classrooms in Pettengill Hall. Short talks will be given by students from the Political Science, Anthropology, Psychology, Sociology, Economics, Spanish, English, Classical and Medieval Studies, History, Religion, Physics, Geology, and Biochemistry departments.

Evening sessions include a one-woman theatrical performance by Saida Cooper '04 in Gannett Theater and an orchestra concert in the Olin Concert Hall.

The Summit is open to all. Students especially are invited to attend part or all of the event.

The Summit schedule of presenters is available on the Summit web site ([www.bates.edu/mt-david-summit.xml](http://www.bates.edu/mt-david-summit.xml)).

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## BATES

On Monday night at 6 p.m. Carma Hinton, a Chinese director, screened a new two-hour documentary, *Morning Sun*, on the Chinese Cultural Revolution in room 104 of the Olin Arts Center. A BBC review calls *Morning Sun* one of "the best studies of Maoism but also a strong contender for the award of most significant documentary about contemporary history." Hinton, who has a Ph.D. in Art History from Harvard, was born in Beijing in 1949. She has also taught Chinese at Wellesley, Swarthmore, and MIT.

## NESCAC

MIDDLEBURY, Vt. — Four top administrative officials at Middlebury College plan to step down from their posts in the near future. President John McCardell plans to step down on July 1. Sally Holland, V.P. for College Advancement, Eric Davis, Secretary of the College, and Dave Ginevan, Executive V.P. for Facilities Planning, have all announced plans to leave the college as well. One of McCardell's reasons is that he fears he soon won't have the energy to continue serving Middlebury as he has been. "The College needs someone who will commit to eight to ten years of another fundraising effort. I don't have the energy or stamina to lead another capital campaign," McCardell said. He assured students, "We have made provisions in every case for transitions in every office." Vice President Holland added, "One aspect about him that makes him so special is that he understands that it's always about Middlebury."

MEDFORD, Ma. — Director Spike Lee recently made an appearance at Tufts University. Though Tufts is located minutes from Boston, Lee still appeared wearing a Yankees jacket and hat. His lecture was titled "An Evening with Spike Lee" and was presented by the Tufts Lecture Series. Lee spoke on a variety of issues, ranging from his own rags-to-riches story to the state of race in modern America. Lee criticized some African-American movies — "Barbershop," for example — which he felt were injustices to the community. "One of the most vile things were jokes about Dr. King and Rosa Parks. I don't see anything funny about that," Lee said of "Barbershop." Lee, who continued to discuss politics and then answered a series of questions from the audience, left with a standing ovation.

WILLIAMSTOWN, Ma. — David Halberstam, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author, was named this year's commencement speaker at Williams. Halberstam's most recent book, *Firehouse*, documents the fleeting moments of a group of firefighters that died on Sept. 11. A Harvard graduate, Halberstam has written for *The New York Times* and *Harper's* among others. Halberstam has received approximately 20 honorary degrees and has made appearances on *Face the Nation* and *Nightline*.

WATERVILLE, Me. — Edward Hackett, who murdered Colby student Dawn Rossignol last Sept., recently pled guilty to the charges brought against him. Hackett was sentenced to life for abducting Rossignol from a Colby parking lot and assaulting and killing her in neighboring woods. Hackett changed his plea because he wanted to go to jail. He pled guilty explaining that he felt he no longer could exist in society without hurting others.

## LOCAL

FARMINGTON, Me. — Cea J. Pitcher, a New Vineyard local, was charged with cruelty to animals. Pitcher shot his dog and left it for dead after the dog allegedly bit Pitcher's nephew and got into a fight with a neighbor's dog. Had Pitcher successfully killed his dog, no charges would have been brought against him because, according to Maine law, a pet owner reserves the right to euthanize his or her own animal. Elwin Churchill, the man who found the dog, plans on keeping it once it recovers, explaining, "This dog and I have a lot in common. I was in Vietnam in '67 and '68 and I still have part of a bullet in my head."

## Catching up with...

## ALYSSA ASACK

by MIKE LOPEZ  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

When Alyssa Asack goes to Bates football games against Bowdoin, she typically roots for the Polar Bears. That, unfortunately, is because her boyfriend plays wide-receiver for the enemy.

Surprising, then, that Asack loves Bates, too. It's like cheering for the Red Sox and Yankees at the same time.

"Oh, I love Bates," she says, almost starting to blush. "I feel like I should've been a tour guide, but I would never have stopped talking about the place."

While she never got to work for Admissions, she has certainly been keeping herself busy in Lewiston. She was a Junior Advisor in Smith last year, in charge of twenty first-year females. This year, she has spent hours a week helping the Senior Gift Committee, organizing the times the various members sit at Commons while also writing a first-semester thesis addressing the role of women in the Civil War.

Additionally, for four years, Asack has been an active member of the artist formerly known as the RA, and through that work, she became a member of the Security Advisory Committee.

"Last week, the parking ticket moved from \$75 to \$50," Asack notes. "We act as liaison between students and security because, for a

while, students seemed unaware of policies that security would enforce every day."

Lastly, she has spent four years as a member of the rugby team, something that allowed Asack to take out a little bit of aggression every fall afternoon.

"I always used to get in trouble for fouls in soccer, and it was so annoying because if you throw an elbow at a girl, they always blow the whistle. So my dad, who had played rugby in college, told me it could be the sport for me. It's a combination of football and soccer, and I get the chance to throw a few elbows here and there."

Her most enjoyable work, however, did not come on the Bates campus. It wasn't even on Bowdoin's.

"I have spent lots of time mentoring teen mothers at the Norwich house in Lewiston,"

says Asack, who grew up in Bridgewater, MA. "There are a lot of people whose lives are shattered, starting with their family issues, and some of them need help to get them back on their feet."

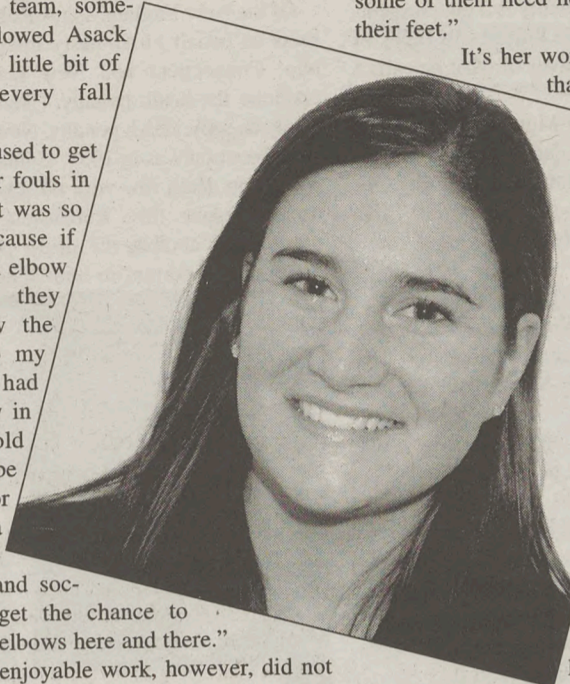
It's her work at the Norwich house that has sparked Asack's dream to

become a family attorney, something she'll hope to further when she goes to law school after graduation.

"I think there's a need for more compassionate attorneys. Lawyers have that negative connotation. I have seen that you can reach people and you can help them, especially those in particularly desperate situations, and I want to keep that going in

the future."

Provided Asack doesn't throw any elbows, I think she'll do just fine.



## Alum discusses foreign policy

## Career diplomat and member of the class of '69 speaks on US-Africa relations

by KYLE EASTON  
STAFF WRITER

"We have a full agenda in Africa," said State Department diplomat Chantal Berry Dalton, delivering a lecture at Bates on Wednesday evening. Dalton, Bates class of '69, was the first speaker to be featured in the Distinguished Alumni in Residence series. A career diplomat, she spoke of her experiences while serving, in various capacities, as a U.S. diplomat to Africa, talking also about what progress she feels must be made in order for Africa to one day realize its full "potential."

Currently, Dalton oversees diplomatic activities in eleven Southern African countries, including South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Botswana. She pointed out that she faces no easy task in the region that she serves, noting that "sub-Saharan Africa is the poorest area in the world, accounting for 11% of its population and just 1% of its GDP."

Dalton spent some time speaking on the tragic impact of HIV/AIDS in Africa, saying that it "is costing Africa a generation of very productive citizens. By 2012, half of the population will be 15 or younger and more than half of African children will be orphaned. That is far more important than trade." She fears that the disease may have the devastating consequence of eroding "Africa's social fabric" as the natural transfer of knowledge from one generation to the next is impeded.

She remains as optimistic as possible, however, seeing the U.S. as a world leader in the fight against the spread of the deadly disease. Dalton thinks that the current administration is doing an "admirable" job in fighting HIV/AIDS, having recently pledged 15 billion dollars to the cause.

Dalton also spoke about the effects that constant war and conflict have had towards "undermining all efforts towards growth."

Africa depends largely upon tourism, which is the second-largest earner of hard currency in Africa. In order for the industry to flourish or even exist, those coming into the country have to feel that they will be safe in doing so.

Dalton does not see trade and foreign investment as the solution, however. What Africa needs, she asserted, are "visionary leaders" that



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State Department Diplomat Chantal Berry Dalton ('69) speaking on US-Africa relations.

are willing to "step up and lead the nation." She believes that South Africa is a key nation in the region, saying that they "must succeed if the rest of Africa is to. Success is in their hands."

"There are some stars out there," she said with an optimistic ring in her voice. "Botswana is ranked with Japan and Denmark in terms of economic stability." She commends them for the leadership and perseverance that they have shown.

"Africa is a continent full of potential" she said ending her talk. "We can't let this continent float away."

Incidentally, Dalton recently learned that she had a new boss: Constance Berry Newman, Bates class of '56.

## BCSG DEBATES FUNDING, SENIOR CLASS GIFT

by TIM AYERS  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

At this week's Bates College Student Government (BCSG) meeting, a seemingly simple amendment presented to the assembly turned into the major issue of the night.

Last week, BCSG President Jamil Zraikat pointed out that the Short-Term Activities Committee, which receives a budget every year, no longer exists, meaning there is no one to allocate the \$3,000 given to them by the college. Zraikat presented a bill that would allow clubs to apply for co-sponsorships from the fund, and the executive board will decide on these co-sponsorships.

Senior Graham Veysey presented an amendment to the bill stating that any money remaining at the end of Short Term should be given to the senior class gift in the name of the BCSG. This immediately sparked a large debate, with many of the members speaking both for and against the proposal.

Several people spoke against the idea, arguing that the clubs could better utilize the money, and Parliamentarian Chris Laconi felt the money should return to the co-sponsorship fund. It was determined that the fund for the gift, which will be a bobcat statue costing around 20,000 dollars, would be allowed to accept the donation, as it would come from within Bates. However, support for the amendment quickly diminished after Tanya Schwartz, the co-chair of the Senior Class gift committee, spoke strongly against the proposal. After a vote, the amendment failed, and the membership tabled the bill until next week.

The other major issue presented to the BCSG was the budget allocated to each club for next year by the Budget Committee. Treasurer Katie Nolan presented the budgets, which the committee had spent more than 40 hours on over the last several weeks. The membership only questioned a few budgets, including that of the Democrats and the fishing club. Nolan explained that the Democrats had enough money left over from this year and did not need any more for next year. Andrew Simon, a member of the fishing club, described the popularity of their events this year, and how they need more money to continue the events next year.

In committee reports, it was reported that the Educational Policy Committee discussed whether professors should know if a student is taking a class pass/fail. Some professors feel it is insulting to not know if a student is taking their class pass/fail, and they are looking for student input on the issue.



## REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ARGUES AGAINST DEATH PENALTY

by EMILY RAND  
STAFF WRITER

Although Joshua Rubenstein feels that everyone should be accountable before the law, he maintains the death penalty is a government-endorsed "form of torture." States in favor of the death penalty are in favor of what he calls a "cut-rate" death penalty.

Rubenstein gave a talk Monday on behalf of Amnesty International entitled "The Death Penalty: Is it Really a Human Rights Issue or Just Another Government Program?" The Bates chapter of Amnesty International sponsored the talk.

"I invited Rubenstein to speak because the death penalty is a controversial issue. I hope Bates students will engage in dialogue on this topic," explained Bill Spierer of Bates's Amnesty International.

"On a more personal level," he added, "I find it troubling that the death penalty still exists in this day and age."

The Northeast Regional director of Amnesty International and an associate of the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University, Rubenstein outlined the dangers of the death penalty and why he and his organization are working to abolish it.

"At Amnesty International we believe that no one should be arrested for their political beliefs," he began, "Moreover we oppose torture in any case and believe the death penalty is a form of torture." Rubenstein urged proponents of the death penalty to question not the penalty itself but how it is actually carried out.

"There are over 20,000 homicides in the US each year; where only a small fraction of those people receive the death penalty, how is the government sorting out the bad from the worst?" Rubenstein asked. Race, he purports, is one of many inherently biased factors our

legal system uses to determine who receives the death penalty and who receives a life sentence.

"Rich, white people are sometimes convicted of murder," he pointed out, "But rich, white people never receive the death penalty."

Of the New England states Rubenstein represents on behalf of Amnesty International, only two, Connecticut and New Hampshire, still condone the death penalty. Neither state currently uses the death penalty, New Hampshire's last execution was in 1939; Connecticut has six people on death row with no scheduled execution. Despite this, Rubenstein stresses that working to abolish the death penalty is still extremely important in both states since, "you



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*Joshua Rubenstein, Regional Director of Amnesty International*

never know when they might decide to use it again." New Hampshire passed a bill to abolish the death penalty in 2000, but the bill was vetoed by Governor Jeanne Shaheen.

Rubenstein acknowledged that many states will be apprehensive to immediately abolish the death penalty since it is so controversial a topic. For that reason, Amnesty International advocates the Innocence Protection Act, an act

that will require DNA testing of convicts, raise the standards for defense attorneys and increase the minimum age for death penalty eligibility to 18 years old.

"We'd rather have states abolish the death penalty altogether, but we'll take what we can get," Rubenstein said in an interview Monday, "States hire skilled lawyers to help them with daily bureaucratic work but when an alleged criminal's life is on the line, they make a point of hiring third rate lawyers." States don't want well-represented defendants when it comes to homicide cases, Rubenstein claims, because it is expensive and slows the system down.

"Congress needs to force states to create a uniform set of standards for public defenders," Rubenstein explained.

Though numerous defendants are wrongly convicted in homicide cases, proponents of the death penalty still believe the legal system works because many of those errors are rectified during the appeals process. To this assertion Rubenstein responded that, "since 1973, 113 people in 25 states have been released from death row because of wrongful convictions. In these cases the system appears to be working, yet these people were released in spite of the system, not because of it."

Rubenstein concluded the talk by encouraging "opponents of the death penalty to work for its national abolition" and for death penalty supporters to "reassess how the death penalty is carried out."

"Keep in mind the story of Susan Smith," he finished, "Mother of two children who claimed 'some black guy' stole her car with her children two children in it. As it turned out, Smith killed her children herself and was sentenced to 30 years. Had the perpetrator actually been 'some black guy', do you think he would have received a mere 30 year-sentence? I doubt he'd be alive today."

## Students mobilize over Iraqi occupation

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to the front of the procession, was largely responsible for starting a number of chants, including: "Resist, resist, show them that we're pissed - resist, resist, fight the capitalists!" and "Hey-hey, ho-ho, we won't die for Texaco."

The procession, led by the Maine Veterans for Peace and their float containing several hundred one-foot crosses (for the American lives lost in Iraq), meandered its way through Augusta, eventually moving along one of Augusta's main roads. The protestors who, according to the march organizers, were 1,200 strong, were soon met by the approximately 125 Republicans. Though there was no physical confrontation the two sides certainly had words.

The Republicans, whose chants of "USA" were eventually appropriated by the protestors, had various responses. A handful of ardent members of the counter-rally respond-

ed by calling the protestors "socialist bitches" and telling them to "go to Canada, you f---s," while others implored the protestors, a number of whom had "Vote Kucinich" signs, to do just that. One Bates student was joined by a few others in his chants of "You like Saddam." Though both sides were verbally aggressive, no physical confrontations occurred and both the rally and counter-rally were successful and, most importantly, peaceful.

Tim Sullivan, coordinator of the march along with Tony Aman, explained what went into the planning for the march. A few months ago, United for Peace and Justice (UPJ) sent out a call to action to members, as well as member groups, of UPJ. When Sullivan, a co-coordinator of the Maine Coalition for Peace and Justice, received the call to action, he faced two choices: either organize a trip to New York City to join the thousands who protested there, or organize a protest in Maine. Sullivan and his co-coordinators decided to host the March for Truth in Augusta. Planning

for the march, which had taken approximately a month and a half, began in late January. "We need to know what people want... they don't want to be funding a \$100 billion war," explained Sullivan.

Alec Maybarduk, a long-time member of the New World Coalition, explained that the point of attending the march was "getting our people really working." In doing so, he explained the club could begin to do what's "important - to change the dialogue on campus." Maybarduk added that the group was trying to maintain support for the anti-war movement from last year, when nearly 200 students participated in a walk-out. "It was an intense atmosphere on campus," Maybarduk noted. Though preparations for the march only began two weeks ago, Maybarduk explained, "we knew we were going to do it for about a year."

United for Peace and Justice seemed to have achieved its goals with millions of protestors gathering worldwide in approximately 300 cities in a total of 60 countries.



Niraj Chokshi/The Bates Student  
*Members of the New World Coalition with other Bates protestors at Saturday's "March for Truth."*



Niraj Chokshi/The Bates Student  
*Republicans held a "sidewalk stand for the troops," a counter-rally to Saturday's peace protest.*

## GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER SCRUTINY

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tionally vague to allow more flexibility.

The goals at Alverno College, in Wisconsin, are centered on an "ability-based" curriculum. The faculty-designed "abilities" expected of Alverno graduates are: communication, analysis, problem solving, valuing in decision-making, social interaction, developing a global perspective, effective citizenship, and aesthetic engagement. According to the Alverno college website, to gauge achievement of these goals the faculty uses "both course-based assessments and integrative assessments which focus student learning from several courses." They "elicit samples of performance representing the expected learning outcomes from a course or program." Students are also asked to take part in a "reflective practice of self assessment" dubbed "assessment-as-learning."

Professor Smedley also brought up Colgate's program, which centers on a handful of interdisciplinary requirements covering a number of branches of education.

The current attempts at reform aren't the first since 1979. Nearly six years ago Dean of Faculty, Martha Crunkleton, spearheaded a discussion on general education reform. However, after two years of faculty disputes, it was essentially tabled. One of the biggest problems was that the committee in charge of putting together the proposal for reform had

*"The real issue is to try to match our curriculum to our goals," Tobin explained. "Not everything needs to be measured in courses."*

little interaction with the faculty. The committee was chosen and then developed its own proposal, not one based on constant discussion. However, the recently-formed coordinating committee is expected to hold a number of faculty meetings to create a more inclusive proposal.

Students have also already begun to participate in the reform process. A number of students associated with the Renaissance House approached members of the Asheville Group. The Asheville Group has also met with this year's Dana Scholars and held discussion with them.

Members of the Asheville Group feel their role is to plant the seed of thought regarding potential reform the requirement. "Our job was to ignite the process within the faculty," Smedley explained. And they've done that. The Coordinating Committee's role is to facilitate the process for another committee - the Design Committee - to create a proposal for a general education reform. The Asheville Group has even put together a website where visitors can add their own comments regarding the proposed reforms (<http://www.bates.edu/Goals-Bates-Education.xml>).

From English majors who could care less about Copernicus to science majors who don't know a thing about Thoreau, there are students in every discipline who, if it were up to them, would focus only on their interests. However, members of the faculty would argue that a more well-rounded education is essential to living in modern society.

As society and the workforce become more integrated, there's a stronger demand for graduates who are well-rounded and can make cross-discipline connections between disparate fields. And, in the words of Professor Ambrose, "you're not going to make cross-discipline connections if you're not taking cross-discipline courses."

## Shadow puppet play adds flare to Olin

by KARA DIETRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Gala wasn't the only event this weekend with multinational flare. Bates presented two free performances of Indonesian shadow puppetry, or wayang kulit, for audiences on Friday night and Saturday afternoon in the Olin Arts Concert Hall. Visiting Fullbright scholar and music lecturer at the University of Otago in New Zealand Joko Susilo adeptly maneuvered the leather shadow puppets as the show's only puppeteer, or dhalang. Bates' gamelan orchestra, the Gamelan Mawar Mekar, and singer Jody Diamond accompanied the performances.

Wayang kulit, which literally means shadow leather, has its origin in the ancient belief that deceased ancestral spirits return to earth at night and can be experienced as silhouettes on an illuminated fabric screen. The interplay of puppets relays traditional Hindu mythology dealing with the eternal struggle between good and evil. The art form origi-



Ryan Toussaint/The Bates Student

Two of the ornate shadow puppets featured in *Bima Builds a Kingdom*, last weekend's shadow puppet play.

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## HIDALGO: A LOSER IN THE LONG RUN



**LOUIS DENNIG**  
FILM CRITIC

I'm giving up. It is official now that every movie released between Christmas break and early May, with the exception of Valentine's Day weekend, is absolute rubbish. This is the time for big movie companies to put out all those films that they've backed, which they know to be mediocre-to-awful, hoping that they can scrounge out a few bucks. Case in point: *Hidalgo*. This incredibly mediocre film is just the right kind of movie to come out at the end of winter. It looks like it's a summer blockbuster coming out early, but it in fact deceives the unsuspecting public with a flashy, exciting trailer, which is just the opposite of this base and boring movie.

The story behind *Hidalgo* is actually a very moving and seemingly interesting tale. An American half-white half-Indian cowboy and his mustang horse, who were once legendary distance racers, have passed their time and are now doing "Billy Bob's Traveling Show" to make ends meet. That is, until a Sheikh invites Frank Hopkins (Viggo Mortensen) and his noble steed on a 3,000-mile race through the "Ocean of Fire" in the Middle East, against 100 of the most amazing Arabic riders on their sacred, perfectly-bred horses. Sounds fun, right? Please note that movie studios have the deception tactic down.

Mortensen, who is very believable, funny, and charming throughout, still cannot save this ultimately boring story. *Hidalgo* begins with Hopkins and his horse in a distance race in America, soundly defeating the only other feasible competi-

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## Anheuser World Select: Predictable What more can I say?



**MATT MURPHY**  
BEER CRITIC

My first run-in with Anheuser's World Select occurred during a visit to Manhattan, while I watched the Yankees just beat the Red Sox in the playoffs (this year, not the past 85 years). I saw a banner proclaiming one beer created by ten brew masters from four continents. Immediately I wondered if the recent micro-brewing explosion hurt Anheuser's market share. No, a quick web search revealed that their United States market share increased to over fifty percent for the first time in the company's history. Anheuser is making more money than ever, so micro-breweries are not cutting into their profits. I then thought about the beer having ten brew masters. Why in America is more always better? I don't find the idea of ten brew masters from ten different countries particularly appealing. It's like the old saying about one too many chefs in the kitchen. Just give me one brew master with a vision. Then the banner explained the beer was made using the finest ingredients, including European noble hops. I assume European noble hops come from fields - off limits to peasants - that neighbor noble hunting grounds only to be used by the King and the occasional magical sword wielding falconer. So right off the bat, I wasn't necessarily impressed. Is the King of Beer the new beer of the elite?

Can beer be the new beverage of the elite? That statement seems like a walking contradiction. I guess the distain comes from the fact that micro-brewed beers cost more. Again this notion that more is better creeps in. Of course, this argument presupposes that one is drinking to get drunk, because quantity is valued over taste. Furthermore, macro-brewers promote their product as the drink of choice for the working man. But sometimes micro-brews offer better value. A pitcher of

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## Mona Lisa provokes frowns



**LOUIS DENNIG**  
FILM CRITIC

This week to Olin comes a film disguised as a charming, powerful Julia Roberts romantic comedy that is in fact a cheesy Hallmark Hall of Fame made-for-T.V. movie. *Mona Lisa Smile* takes an excellent idea for a story and produces a very slow-moving plot that an audience can't really care about.

Apparently, the idea for *Mona Lisa Smile* came from a picture that the writers found in a very old newspaper clipping. It featured a Wellesley girl in the kitchen with her husband who in one hand has a book and in the other a spatula, looking perfectly done up with her spotless apron and flawlessly done hair. This picture spawned the idea of a movie about the smartest women in America who believe that their only purpose in life is to be married, but are instead taught by a progressive new professor that there is much more to life than that.

This seemingly uplifting and inspiring plot, mixed in with the impressive acting talents of Kirsten Dunst, Maggie Gyllenhall, Julia Stiles, and Roberts, should have made *Mona Lisa Smile* a sure-fire hit. It's too bad this week is full of deceptive movies (see *Hidalgo*). It isn't even that the acting is bad in *Mona Lisa Smile*; the entire film is simply very poorly executed.

Roberts walks into her first Art History class to find that the Wellesley girls are really as smart as they have been made out to be. All of them have already read the entire book and can name every slide that Roberts throws at them. This, while seemingly unrealistic considering I haven't witnessed every student in every class having read the entire textbook before class has started here, does give an interesting character trait to the girls of Wellesley.

Roberts finds the beginnings of her quest to empower these women by trying to get Stiles, one of her brightest students, to apply for law school at Yale. However, she insists that after she gets married to her sweetheart from Harvard, "then I'll be married," and nothing else.

This setup is truly interesting, and there

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## At Bates and in the Area

### Wednesday, March 24

- 12:00 p.m., Garcelon Room: the video *Fundamental Order of the Universe* will be shown.

- 5:00 p.m., Muskie Archives: the second annual Celebrate Women at Bates dinner will take place.

- 7:00 p.m., Chase Lounge: Dr. Vandana Shiva will give the lecture "Beyond the Global Supermarket, towards the Earth Democracy."

### Thursday, March 25

- 9:00 p.m., Silo: the final Village Club concert of the semester will take place.

### Friday, March 26

- 8:00 p.m., Olin Concert Hall: the Bates College Choir will give a concert.

- 8:00 p.m., Schaeffer Theatre: the Modern Dance Company will give a performance.

### Saturday, March 27

- 4:00 p.m., Schaeffer Theatre: the Modern Dance Company will give a performance

- 8:00 p.m., Olin Concert Hall: the Bates College Choir will give a concert.

- 9:00 p.m., Ronj: singer/songwriter Ryan Nugent will perform.

### Sunday, March 28

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## RJD2: A LASTING IMPRESSION



**BERNIE HERLYN**

MUSIC COLUMNIST

You won't find a single MC on RJD2's upcoming sophomore release, *Since We Last Spoke*. That is not to say that it is not a hip-hop album. And it's not to say it's a typical hip-hop album, either. It is to say that the underground producer crafts sonic landscapes that defy categorization, along the lines of DJ Shadow or Dan the Automator. Pigeonholing RJD2's music misses the point of his eclectic style and his goal to push boundaries. It is important to note that *Since* should not be seen as a hip-hop instrumental album. It should be seen as a producer's nonlinear instrumental arrangements and heavy sampling that never go in one direction. Groups such as N.E.R.D. are known to mix rock and hip-hop, yet RJD2's musical collages take on a form all their own.

Guitars and keys find their way onto almost every track of the album. The opening title track blends an infectious piano loop with synthesizers and distorted guitars. An upbeat track, it is reminiscent of Dan the Automator's collaboration with Prince Paul; Handsome Boy Modeling School. But where those two producers focused largely on hip-hop, *Since* starts off with a rock song immersed in diverse samples. "Ring Finger" is produced in a similar style, yet it adds more bleeps and synthesizer experimentation, and even a guitar solo.

On "Since '76," one of the album's highlights, RJD2 forays into ska and even

a hint of salsa. While one would be hard-pressed to imagine an MC flowing off of this track, the bass line still enables the track to retain a hip-hop feel.

Towards the middle of the album, RJD2 begins to guide the listener on an entirely different course. "Making Days Longer" is a slow ballad, juxtaposed with a drum beat and a recorder. It is also one of the few tracks with vocals, yet they take a backseat to the producer's collage. "Someone's Second Kiss" and "All of You" follow in a similar fashion, yet the latter is practically an R&B track with enough of RJD2's style added in to make it his own original creation.

"Iced Lightning" leads the listener on a journey into funky bass and a quick drum beat to remind the listener that, while *Since* is not a hip-hop album per se, it still keeps certain elements of that particular genre.

*Since We Last Spoke* has something for all kinds of music fans. While hip-hop fans hungry for an instrumental album of a "traditional" hip-hop producer like DJ Premier or Alchemist may be disappointed, RJD2 injects enough diversity in his effort to warrant attention from fans of all musical genres. He sometimes mixes several different styles on one track, as in "Clean Living," one of the album's highlights, further solidifying his endeavors into making his music indefinable and mysterious. While the second half of the album goes in an entirely different direction than the first half, making it seem disjointed at times, RJD2 still maintains enough consistency and originality to enable us to consider him one of the most inventive and creative producers making music today.

## VILLAGE CLUB SERIES

*Ellis Paul*



Ryan Toussaint/The Bates Student

The amazing Ellis Paul, wowing the audience at last Thursday's performance



**MEGAN RICHARDSON**

ARTS EDITOR

The Village Club concert last Thursday night was by far the best of the year. The extraordinarily talented Ellis Paul, a Maine native and world-renowned folk singer, performed for an enthusiastic and appreciative audience last week, showing his skill as a musician, as well as the ability of Bates students to recognize great talent when they see it.

Paul started writing and singing folk songs while he was a student at Boston College. He was quickly recognized as a natural performer, and it did not take long for Paul to gather a following. Over the years he has experienced a lot of success. Many of his songs have been heard on popular television shows and movies, such as MTV's *The Real World* and the Farrelly brothers' comedy *Shallow Hal*.

The project that Paul is probably most proud of, though, is his involvement with the Woody Guthrie revival. Paul put music to one of Guthrie's unknown songs, "God's Promise," which he performed at the show last week, and which brought tears to the eyes of many audience members. Paul informed us that Guthrie wrote the song during a period of frustration, when he was ill and no longer able to play his guitar. The song is one of hope and inspiration, and Paul sang it whole-heartedly.

Paul's songs were surprisingly catchy and his voice was shockingly beautiful. He sang loudly and clearly, sometimes without the use of his microphone. He occasionally sang more softly when it matched the mood of the piece, but he was always audible and the lyrics were always clear. Some of his songs, such as the travel-story "3000 miles" and the chilling love song "She Was," were filled with knowledge and had a truthfulness to them that comes with experience. The

ballad "Maria's Beautiful Mess" was lovely and seemed like the description of a real event. One definitely got the impression that Paul knew what he was talking about.

There were other songs that had a more personal nature. "The Speed of Trees" was about settling down when the right person came along. His family is expecting a baby this summer, and he sang a song that was written for the anticipated new family member, talking about how we wanted to fix all of the world's problems before the baby entered it. It was beautiful and sweet, but also filled with frustration at the war, hunger, and violence that are so abundant in the world today.

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Between songs, Paul was friendly and natural. He talked about growing up in northern Maine and dying to get away from it, and also about his recent desire to return. He joked about the frigid Maine winters and told some funny tales concerning the writing of some of his songs, such as "She Was." Paul

apparently wrote the song with some of his friends during a car ride, and they ran into some trouble with one of the verses in the song, and experienced some difficulty in coming up with a title. This made the song more entertaining when we heard it, having heard the history behind it. He never seemed like he was trying too hard to impress the audience, which was great, because the audience was definitely impressed anyway.

The performance overall was fantastic. It is rare that one recognizes a song written by the performer during a Village Club concert, but there was definite recognition last Thursday. When Paul began singing "Sweet Mistakes," from the *Shallow Hal* soundtrack, it was instantly recognized. Paul gave a great concert last week, and when he left the stage, we wanted him to come back. Last week's Village Club concert was certainly one to remember.

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## Viggo Mortensen's new film a flop

HIDALGO

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tor without much trouble; this is not very exciting. *Hidalgo* goes on to take a good 50 minutes to actually get to the race, and still there isn't really a conflict going on.

There is, of course, the added bonus of cliché characters, like the rich British snob on Mortensen's boat to the Middle East who asks if he has ever killed "one of those red Indians," not realizing that Mortensen is one himself. Or the pointless tuxedo character, complete with top hat and single-spectacle-attached-to-chain. He is a pointless character who tells Mortensen of the race and then promptly disappears for the entirety of the movie. Oh, and let's not forget the beautiful rich British woman who owns one of the horses, wants to sleep with Mortensen (he is still the king, of course), is strong-willed, and fears nothing. The term "complex character" does not enter into *Hidalgo* often.

An interesting sub-plot would have been Mortensen fighting with the Indian blood inside him, telling him to get back to his roots, but the problem is that, throughout the film, he seems to have already embraced these roots. Therefore, his character doesn't really have any conflict within himself besides showing his own willpower and the will of his horse. Another issue with Mortensen's character is that he and the horse don't seem to have much of a connec-

tion, and the movie would have had a lot more heart if he and the horse had been as close as, say, Mortensen and his horse in *Lord of the Rings*.

Some conflict finally occurs when the Sheikh's daughter takes interest in Mortensen and sneaks into his tent to talk to him about America. Unfortunately, when the Sheikh's guards catch her with an infidel, as they label Mortensen, she is sentenced to be lashed and Mortensen is set to lose his manliness.

Enter the vindictive nephew of the Sheikh trying to steal his uncle's prized horse and, in the process, kidnap his daughter. Mortensen agrees to save the day by bringing the daughter back before nightfall. In exchange for doing this he gets to *not* lose that which makes him a man. Unfortunately, this little interlude is as close to a conflict as we get, and its only purpose is really to provide some extra action sequences, which aren't even that impressive.

At the beginning of the race, all of the horses fly out of the gates looking like they're going to run each and every one of the 3,000 miles. Believe me, the stampede was one of the few impressive visuals in the entire film. Once they're out of sight from the crowd, all the horses begin trotting along as Mortensen says to his horse, "See, it was all just an act." Yeah, kind of like the trailer that made this movie look worth a trip to the theater.

## This week in Olin: *Mona Lisa Smile*

MONA

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is a plethora of conflict going on throughout *Mona Lisa Smile*, with Roberts' love interests, Stiles figuring out what she wants to do with her life, Gyllenhal dating older men, and Dunst going into a marriage and realizing that it wasn't the right thing to do. The amount of conflict is almost ridiculous in a good way, but none of it strikes an emotional chord, which makes the movie feel entirely too flat.

The most touching story in this film comes surprisingly from a plotline that isn't filled with an A-list star. Ginnefer Goodwin, who plays the trio's not-as-twig-thin-as-everyone-else friend, falls in love with a nerd from Harvard in a truly endearing story line. The audience can really care about her because she feels real. Stiles feels too rigid, Dunst too rebellious, and Gyllenhal unfortunately isn't spotlighted

enough, because she's brilliant.

It's as if the movie suffers from having too many conflicts so the audience is not able to focus on one or another. We are never able to truly delve into a character. The film feels as though it's moving at a snail's pace through the story. It's as if nearly every scene could have been cut down somewhat, especially when dealing with the usually outstanding Marcia Gay-Harden, whose character is the quintessential "women must be good housewives first" teacher. Her character is so overly rigid that it is a pain to have to watch any character interact with her.

*Mona Lisa Smile*, done with no-name actors on the Hallmark Channel with an hour cut to it would have probably been the perfect tearjerker for everyone's grandmothers. Unfortunately, that's not where it was released, and this week Olin has to suffer for it.

## Indonesian shadow puppetry

PUPPETS

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nated in Indonesia and is a well-loved form of entertainment there and, more recently, in the United States.

The flat, leather puppets are the focal point of the show, though they remain behind a back-lit cloth during the performance. They are crafted using young buffalo hide that is sun-dried, treated, and delicately carved in a process that takes years to complete. The refined heroes with tiny waists and impossibly long arms, the big-nosed, pop-eyed giants, and the heroines with skirts that extend forward rather than trail behind them are defining characteristics of wayang kulit.

The dhalang manipulates all of the puppets' limited movements, controlling only their hinged arms separate from their bodies. Susilo held them with thin sticks and used his wide range of vocal dexterity to give the puppets their own distinct sounds, speaking for each character in different pitches and tones. Diamond's singing and the gamelan's playing added musical richness to the performance.

Bates is unique and lucky because of its impressive collection of about 250 puppets on permanent loan. We are also fortunate to have a relatively new gamelan set, consisting of musical gongs, drums, and xylophones. The puppets and music combine in complimentary ways to set the mood of the show.

The performances this past weekend, called *Bima Builds a Kingdom*, were about the title character, Bima, and his adventures in the magic forest. He fought giants, fell under a magic spell, and was eventually freed by an ogress. Mixing a little seriousness with comedy, the story delighted the mixed-age audience.

Traditional performances in Java and Bali usually last all night long. However, the Bates performances were each only about an hour and a half long. Bates held similar performances last year by puppeteer Sumarsam, a native of Java and adjunct professor of music at Wesleyan University.

Gamelan Mawar Mekar will perform next month in the Bates' World Music Weekend. For more information, contact the Olin Arts Center at 786-6135.

## World Selects a disappointment

BEER

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Gritty's Scottish Ale or Geary's HSA, with alcohol contents of approximately 7%, gives the most bang for the buck at the Pub or the Goose. Since *The Student* is still reviewing my request for a weekly beer stipend, I can see how drinking microbrews gets expensive. At the same time, I hope that seven dollars for a six-pack, World Selects' price, remains feasible for most students.

**Presentation:** I was immediately aghast by World Selects' green bottle. Beer, like its sibling milk, spoils in direct sunlight. Beer ideally comes in dark bottles. So while the transparent green bottle may create an implicit association with Heineken, it does nothing for how the beer tastes. On the positive side, when these bottles are thrown into the ocean, they have the potential to create some exquisite sea glass. I only condone littering in this rare case. At the same time, Anheuser states the beers are best 110 days from their birth date, so maybe Anheuser is not worried about shelf life.

**Taste:** World Select is a pilsner, so this beer is trying to remain crisp and clean. It achieves its taste goal, but falls short of wowing me with something new. It tastes slightly toasty and smells like malt. It seems that the ten brew masters sat around a table and cloned Heineken. This beer lacks distinction. One sip and you realize that you've tasted this before: when it was called Heineken. Throw me a bone, big man. Give me some new hops, malt, or yeast.

Thus, this beer is quite agreeable if you enjoy macro-brewed pilsners like Heineken. I would personally choose Maine's very own Casco Bay Pilsner over this any day of the week. For an expensive six-pack, I would stay clear of this beer. It has lounging appeal, but with all the hype surrounding it, World Select is a disappointment. Thankfully, World Select seems like a beer targeting the imported pilsners and not micro-brewed beer. Next week, look for my review of Shipyard's non-alcoholic Eli's Root beer as I make a last-ditch attempt to expand my audience.

## Editor's Movie Pick of the Week:

### *The Sting* (1973)

A George Roy Hill film  
Starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford

#### The Plot:

Henry Gondorff (Newman) and Johnny Hooker (Redford) are two conmen who team up to get revenge on the life of a dead buddy and make a lot of money off a rich criminal banker in the process. The two come up with an elaborate setup to win big, and the surprise ending is one of the greatest of all time.

#### The Lowdown:

As usual, Newman and Redford are fantastic together. There are plenty of hilarious scenes where the two men do outrageous things to trick the enemies and get what they want. This is a fantastic gambling film, and the fun ragtime music throughout is perfect for the '30s setting. If you liked *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, or gambling movies such as *Rounders*, I highly recommend this film.

#### Quotations:

Johnny Hooker: "I gave him the breakout just like you said."

Henry Gondorff: "And?"

Johnny Hooker: "'S good. He threatened to kill me."

Henry Gondorff: "Hell, kid, they do't do that, you know you're not getting to 'em."

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# Question on the Quad

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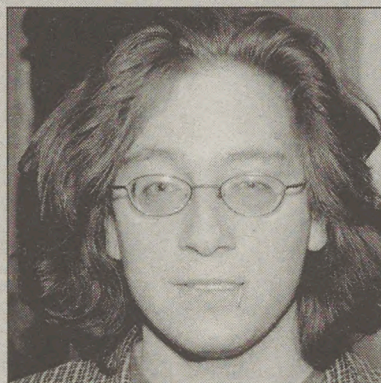
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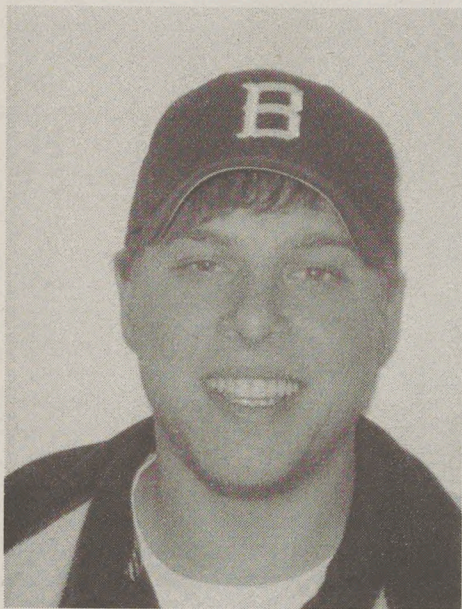
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# Bobcat of the Week



## CHARLIE "CHUCK CHUCK" ENGASSER

Charlie Engasser helped the Bates baseball team to a 2-3 start this past weekend behind dominant offensive and defensive performances. Engasser started off the season with a four hit, four RBI performance to lead the Bates offense to a 13-8 victory over Nichols College.

"Obviously we were happy to win that first game," said Engasser. "All of our hitters got in there and did the job."

Chuck Chuck wasn't done there. He continued his success while batting cleanup for the Bobcats in each of their five games. Engasser went 13-19 for an astounding .684 batting average, driving in six runs in the process.

Engasser's defense was equally impressive, throwing out 3 of 4 attempted stolen bases, and handling the pitching staff well.

"Chuck delivered time after time for the team this week, he's a great player and he's having a great year thus far," said teammate Ben Megrian.

# BASEBALL FALLS SHORT AGAINST RAMAPO



Photo by Steve McKenna

The baseball team went 2-3 in Florida, including a heartbreaking 6-5, 5-4 double-header loss to Ramapo College. They now turn their attention toward the home opener scheduled for Sunday.

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them in their loss to Macalester, but they came up short both games, losing 6-5 in eight innings and 5-4 in seven. In both games Ramapo took an early lead over the Bobcats, only to see Bates fight its way back into the game.

The Bobcats had opportunities to win both games, but they were unable to provide the timely hitting that was needed. Ramapo scored three runs in the top of the eighth, and a Bates rally, highlighted by a Maxwell two-run double, fell just short. After Maxwell's double turned the contest into a one-run game, the Bobcats reloaded the bases, but were unable to capitalize, grounding into a double play to end the game.

Leading the Bobcat offense were Maxwell, who went 3-5 with a double and two RBIs, and

Engasser, who went 3-4. Maguire, Miehle, and Worrall '06 who went 3-4, Yamada (2-3) and Peterson all contributed a pair of hits as well.

In the final game of the pre-season Florida trip, Bates once again had the opportunity to win late in the game. Kyohei Yamada '05 scored in the top of the seventh to make the score 5-4, but with bases loaded and two outs, a foul pop fly dashed the Bobcats' chances of victory. Recording the loss was Marco Charmella '05, who put forth a bold effort pitching a complete game, while allowing only 4 runs. Charmella "pitched a great game," according to Maxwell.

The Bobcat offense was paced by Adam

*Ramapo scored three runs in the top of the eighth and a Bates rally, highlighted by a Maxwell two-run double fell just short.*

McKenna (2-4). Bates returns to Maine with a 2-3 record, which, according to Maxwell, is "nice to get, but we should be 4-1. We just left so many people on base, but we're excited that we're putting the ball into play and playing pretty good defense; we're just disappointed in our record."

The Bobcats begin their northern schedule with a home game this Sunday at noon, when they square off against the University of Maine, Presque Isle. The game is contingent on both the weather and the condition of Leahy Field.

# A THREE SPORT STAR

## MAXWELL Continued from p. 14

ter than the team we had our freshman year and I think that this is a testament to how hard our team has worked to get better."

With the bat in his hands he continued to produce, leading the team in hits (30), finishing with the Bobcats' third highest batting average (.288), coming in second in both RBIs (13) and runs scored (19), and going a perfect eight of eight in stolen base opportunities.

Maxwell started this season 22 hits away from becoming the all-time Bates hit king and eight back of the career mark for doubles.

By the time he graduates, Maxwell will hold records for most games played and most at-bats in school history.

In the season opener down in Clearwater, Florida, Maxwell belted a solo home run and

tallied three RBIs, going 2-for-5 in a win against Nichols, while making several spectacular plays in the field. On the final day of the Florida trip he led the way offensively with a 3-for-5 performance, knocking in two runs in a losing effort as Bates fell to Ramapo in a one-run game.

Although Maxwell is still unsure of his future plans, he does want to continue work in the sports field.

"I would like to work for a professional sports team at some point, but I am finding that it is a difficult field to get into," said Maxwell. The experience

Nate has had as a two year captain, and a four year starter will surely translate into success for him in whatever endeavors he plans to pursue.

"Besides Nate being a great baseball player he is a great person," said Vandersea. "It is a pleasure to coach him every day."

*"Besides Nate being a great baseball player he is a great person. It is a pleasure to coach him every day."*

*-Coach Vandersea*

# Duvall shines

## TENNIS Continued from p. 16

Gastonguay.

Unfortunately, Duvall's efforts would not be enough to save the Bobcats. The difference in age and experience proved fatal and Bates dropped the match to Middlebury 6-1.

"Every player on the team left it all on the court so that is all I can ask," said Gastonguay. "We are very ready for MIT and Tufts and look to add two more wins. These are both very strong squads and they will be hard-fought matches. The guys are looking forward to the challenge."

Three days later, the Bobcats traveled to Cambridge, Mass., where they took on the MIT Engineers. After losing to the Engineers earlier in the season at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Team Indoor Championships, Bates was hungry for revenge.

At the day's end, however, the Bobcats came up on the short end of a 5-2 score. The two shining points for Bates were Hoverman's victory over Derek Tsu in fifth singles and Greg Little's defeat of Mark Egan. In first singles, Boe-Wiggard faced a tough opponent in first-ranked Evan Tindel and lost 6-3, 6-3.

"MIT was tough," said captain Blake

Wayman. "They had a Division I transfer come in to play number two [Rifat Perahya] that hadn't been eligible to play before until the date they played us."

Bates left Massachusetts with a 1-6 record on the season and at the heel of a two-game losing streak. The next day Bates hosted the Tufts Jumbos for their fourth match in six days.

Bates' Wayman set the tone by overcoming Jon Bram 7-6, 6-4 in third singles. He teamed up with Tristan Beach for an 8-6 win at second doubles over Jon Rubenstein and Sean McCooey. Boe-Wiggard snapped a two-match losing streak with a convincing 6-4, 6-2 win over Rifat Perahya in first singles.

"Tufts was an awesome match," said Wayman. "They're a very good team and we took care of business the way we can the rest of the season."

The Bobcats finished their six-game stretch with a 2-2 record. Despite the season's record of 2-6, the players remain confident.

"I was really pleased with how everyone played, and I expect similar results in the future," said Wayman.

The Bobcats will now enjoy more than a week's rest before they take on rival Bowdoin on Mar. 31 in Brunswick, Maine.

## Veterans Stadium: An incredibly ordinary Philadelphia story



**ADAM SOULE**  
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Over the past week as I caught news of the planned implosion of Veterans Stadium, in Philadelphia, slated for Sunday morning, and I couldn't help but laugh and say to myself "good riddance."

Veterans Stadium has been home to the Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies since 1971. However, it is also home to one of the worst playing fields in all of sports, (not to mention it is one of the least appealing ballparks in the entire country).

How do I know?

I visited "The Vet" for the first and last time about four years ago for a Phillies game with a friend of mine. My friend, who had been to the Vet a few times prior to that game, warned me that Veterans Stadium was no Fenway Park or Camden Yards.

I remembered thinking to myself: how bad could it really be?

As we approached the stadium, I could see what my friend was talking about. It was quite the eyesore. Surrounded by seemingly endless parking lots, a stadium rose up that was incredibly... ordinary. It lacked both the new-age design of a Safeco Field and the old-time baseball charm of a Wrigley Field; in other words, the qualities that make ballparks some of the most revered pieces of sports architecture.

Maybe it was the fact that since I was a kid I had been spoiled by visiting Fenway Park in Boston nearly every summer. Fenway is one of baseball's most storied and historic parks, and although I might have been biased at the time I thought that the Vet was just plain ugly.

The stadium's interior was almost as bad as its exterior. It was a complete circle with no unique fixtures or landmark. The only good thing about the place was that the concourses were spacious and the visibility of the field was good. Oh yeah, and the fact that we were able to sit almost anywhere we wanted due to a low fan turnout that night.

The highlight of that trip was definitely not the ambiance of the Vet but it was the fact that Atlanta Braves right-fielder Brian Jordan threw me a ball during batting practice.

Quite the collectable.

A strange thing happened on Sunday though as I saw a replay of the Vet's implosion on TV and read interviews of people who had been a part of the stadium's history.

As I read about grounds workers who had been working there since the park's opening and for some of its greatest moments, including the Phillies World Series Championship in 1980, I felt as if my prior reaction and thoughts were somewhat unjustified.

Due to my New England-based allegiance, the Vet didn't really mean a lot to me. For the people that worked in the stadium for the last 30 years, and the baseball and football athletes who found spots glory on the Vet's field, I'm sure it meant something indescribable.

It would be like someone from Philly laughing at the demolition of the Boston Garden, which was the home of the Celtics and Bruins for nearly 70 years before its destruction in 1995.

I realized that it isn't the size or beauty of the arena that counts, but the memories that fans and players have of the great contests that take place inside the walls. The Vet might not have been the most unique or esthetically pleasing sports venue, but, just like the Garden, it had its own history that will no doubt live on.

# Senior Spotlight

NATE MAXWELL



Photo by Steve McKenna

Nate Maxwell prepares to bat against Macalester College last Friday afternoon.

## Captain gears up for successful season

by AMY WEBB and LYNN WORTHY  
SPORTS EDITORS

When Newport, Vermont high standout athlete Nate Maxwell was looking at schools to continue his athletic success, it was mostly football and basketball, sports for which he'd recently earned all-state honors, that he was being recruited to play. He came to Bates expecting to join those two teams, but it was the sport that he'd received his third All-State recognition for that he decided to participate: baseball.

Just three innings into his career as a Bobcat, an injury to an upperclassman gave Maxwell a shot to repeat that success in college. Through his on-field successes as a rookie in 2001, he quickly earned the respect of his teammates.

In his first year he batted .310, led the team with seven stolen bases, and finished up the season second on the team in hits (trailing Bates' only All-NESCAC selection, senior Ben Bines). Maxwell played in 29 of the team's 31 games and

started in all but three of these appearances.

"Nate plays the game the way it should be played," said coach Craig Vandersea. "He takes full responsibility for his performances. He is one of the top athletes that I have been around in my entire coaching career."

The following season Maxwell dispelled any thoughts that he would fall victim to a sophomore slump by improving in nearly every offensive category except stolen bases (he still lead the squad in 2002). As a sophomore he started all 31 games for the Bobcats leading the team in hits, RBIs, and stolen bases, while finishing second in total bases and carrying a .314 average at the plate. The leadership Maxwell showed both on an off the field in his sophomore year led his teammates to vote him as their captain for his junior year, a title he retains this year.

"Maxwell is a great player to have in your lineup because he can bat leadoff, or bat cleanup and do each equally well,"

said teammate Drew McKenna. "He hits for average, power, and he runs the bases really well. He's such an intelligent player, he always knows what play to make, and he makes sure that the rest of us do too."

The offensive numbers had been there for Maxwell in his first two seasons, but in the second half of last season his defensive play got raised another level. Over the last 17 games of the season he committed only three errors from his shortstop position. He finished with a team-high in assists en route to recording a career best fielding percentage of .908. His defense was even more impressive than the numbers speak as many balls that would have been hits if another shortstop were playing, Maxwell turned into a dazzling out.

"The most important thing about the time I've played Bates baseball is that our class has put Bates baseball on the map," said Maxwell. "Our team is so much bet-

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## CAN TIGER GET OUT OF THE WOODS?

by NOLAN MACHERNIS  
STAFF WRITER

*Unbeatable.*

That was the word fans and fellow PGA Tour players once used to describe Tiger Woods.

Last year, Tiger was the favorite to win every event that he entered. Certainly, when the majors came around, he was supposed to beat Mike Weir (2003 *Masters*), Jim Furyk (2003 *US Open*), Ben Curtis (2003 *British Open*) and Shaun Micheel (2003 *PGA Championship*).

Admittedly, Tiger was recovering from knee surgery and suffering through the switch from respected Titleist to Nike equipment.

However, who is Shaun Micheel?

Indeed, 2003 was a disappointing year for Woods—garnering millions in endorsements, winnings and being named the PGA Tour Player of the Year. These are just bonuses for Tiger. What he wants is his name on every major trophy several times over, Jack Nicklaus style.

Wood's play so far in the 2004 season has been somewhat less Tiger-like.

There have been 12 PGA Tour events to

date, counting the Bay Hill Invitational (March 18-21). Tiger has played in just 5 of the events, winning the WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship which earned him a humble \$1.2 million. Tiger placed fourth in the Mercedes Championship, tied for 10th in the Buick Championship, tied for seventh in the Nissan Championship and will appear to be very low on the Bay Hill Invitational leaderboard.

What does all of this mean?

Well, for starters, it means that Tiger is *still* playing at a very high level for anyone. He has won 20% of the events that he has entered to date and he is placing relatively well in the others.

The bottom line is that he is still ranked #1 in the world.

And what is scary is that he can resume his domination of the Tour at any time that he chooses. Yet, what happened to the dominating seasons he's had in the past where he would have won 2 or 3 of those 5 events entered?

I argue that Tiger's play is not becoming any less dominating, although that *may* be a factor. I argue that other players are simply becoming better. They witnessed last year

that Tiger is not invincible and can be beaten. They have gained a confidence and swagger that has been absent in past years.

Stuart Appleby, John Daly (yes, John Daly), and Mike Weir have all defeated Tiger in the 3 events that Tiger has not won, to the hour.

As of Sunday night, it appears as though Stuart Appleby will also win the Bay Hill Invitational. These are not no-name players. Appleby and Daly are guys who have been in the shadows since Tiger roared onto the tour in 1996. Weir has recently become a force on the Tour with last year's win at the *Masters* in Augusta.

As the commercial says: "These guys are good."

Look over your shoulder, Tiger. The rest of the field is closing the gap. Begin your preparation for the majors because the big boys are coming out to play.

However, this time it probably won't be Shaun Micheel and other lesser-known players on top of the leaderboard. This time it will be Vijay Singh, Ernie Els, and fan-favorite lefty, Phil Mickelson.

Will Tiger roar in 2004? Stay tuned.

# LAX DROPS BALL

by SARAH SPRAGUE  
STAFF WRITER

On Sunday, the Wesleyan women's lacrosse team won a daunting uphill battle, coming back from a 3-1 deficit in the opening 20 minutes to defeat the Bobcats by a final score of 11-5.

The Bates started out extremely strong, holding Wesleyan to a 3-3 draw going into halftime. The second half belonged to the Cardinals, who netted six unanswered goals and held the Bobcats to two offensive scores.

This was the Bobcat's second overall loss in the season, both defeats coming at the hands of NESCAC opponents. Their record now stands at 3-2.

Although the game did notch another 'L' in the results column, the team made huge strides forward in their performance since their first conference loss against Williams last week.

Leading the offensive attack were senior Lori Jessup and junior Erica Nason, who both netted two goals in the loss. Junior Katie Carroll pick up one score for the Bobcats.

Although the score doesn't show it, the defensive end was almost impenetrable, especially in the first half.

"The first half was great because the confidence level was really high, which led to

stronger defense," said Jessup.

Senior Samara Khalique added, "Defense was on the MONEY ... we shut them down."

While junior goalkeeper Liz McNamara made some key saves, it is important to understand that the term defense does not simply include those designated "defenders."

Unfortunately, by the time the Bobcats got their momentum back in the second half, the Cardinals had already scored six unanswered goals. This hill proved too steep for Bates to climb.

According to Jessup, "I think that it was that stretch that really hurt us because when we did get the ball down on offense, we didn't always make the smartest plays, which resulted in turnovers instead of goals."

The Bobcats will have their next chance to improve upon the two-game losing streak when they play the University of Southern Maine on Tuesday, Mar. 23 at USM.

Although this is not a conference game, it could be a crucial turning point for this team. At this point it is a matter of putting all the strong parts together to create the win.

Jessup remains confident.

"If we play the next game the way we played the first half [against Wesleyan] and keep the opposing team to a minimal number of goals, I have no doubt we will come away with a win."



Ryan Toussaint/The Bates Student

Erica Nason (21) and Carrie Smith (9) look to advance the ball for Bates.

## ALL-NESCAC WINTER TEAMS



**Erik Baker**  
Sophomore  
1-meter diving  
3-meter diving



**Kara Seaton**  
Junior  
1-meter diving



**Ramon Garcia**  
Senior  
Basketball  
Second Team



**Nicole Sparks**  
Junior  
50-yard breaststroke



**Brian Gerrity**  
Junior  
Basketball  
Second Team



**Vanessa Williamson**  
Junior  
100-yard butterfly  
200-yard butterfly



**Zak Ray**  
Freshman  
Basketball  
Co-Rookie of the Year



**Olivia Zurek**  
Junior  
Basketball  
First Team

## ALL-ACADEMIC

**John Bauer - So.**  
Swimming and Diving

**Todd Bretl - Sr.**  
Swimming and Diving

**Katherine Creswell - Jr.**  
Indoor Track and Field

**Lauren DuBois - Sr.**  
Basketball

**Elliott Linsley - Jr.**  
Basketball

**Jenny Loring - Jr.**  
Squash

**Stormont Fisher Qua - So.**  
Swimming and Diving

**Matt Harrington - So.**  
Swimming and Diving

**Kara Seaton - Jr.**  
Swimming and Diving

**Olivia Zurek - Jr.**  
Basketball

## NCAAs: As good as it gets?



**GARY DZEN**  
SPORTS COLUMNIST

It doesn't get any better than the NCAA tournament.

With all due respect to the Super-Bowl, the NBA playoffs, and the World Series, March Madness has a leg up on every other sporting event in America (which is lucky for the NCAA, because the college football BCS has no competition for the worst).

Nothing captivates us quite like the tourney. I read somewhere that American business loses five billion dollars during the month of March due to lack of productivity by their employees, whose focus turns from their companies first quarter numbers to their favorite team's half-time scores.

Now I don't know about 5 billion dollars, but I do know that I haven't cracked open my calculus book since Thursday. Luckily, I talked to my professor, and he assured me not to worry. He did express concern to me about his brackets however, hoping that picking East Tennessee State wasn't going to be a mistake.

I ran into a bit of a dilemma on Saturday night. UConn was playing Depaul at eight, which was prime time for pre-Gala festivities. Luckily, my understanding girlfriend let me watch the first half and skip the pre-party, and I was able to call my friend from Gala to make sure my team was doing ok. I can imagine that similar calls were being made from dinner parties and ballet recitals all across the country.

It's always interesting to see what people's favorite teams are. There are some people who cheer for teams from their home states. I am a big UConn fan for example, having followed the team since I was a kid.

But for those who hail from South Dakota or some other place without a strong team, the decision of who to root for becomes difficult.

Many people take the bandwagon approach, deciding, not a day before March 18, that Duke has been and always will be their favorite team. Yesterday for example, a girl on my buddy list's away message was, "I hear the Terps are playing, go Maryland!!!" Maryland lost yesterday. So today, it's: "Go Vanderbilt. Kick some NC State butt." You get the idea.

Others go by some other factor, such as mascot (Gamecocks), cool team name (Gonzaga), or the ultimate cop-out, the team they chose in their bracket.

No matter who you root for, there is no

denying the excitement of the tourney. The first weekend is the best in my opinion, with the likelihood of a team you have never heard of dominating some national power.

This year has been no different, as Nevada, Pacific, UAB and Manhattan all came out of nowhere. Xavier has also surprised people, although the experts at *The Student* knew it all along (see last week's article). In the end, however, I believe the best four teams are going to be teams you have heard something about.

At this point in the tournament (I know it's cheating now) I am picking four teams that I feel all have a chance to win it all.

The first of those teams is UConn, and not just because I happen to root for them. The Huskies are the most talented team in the country, with Okafor, Gordon, Anderson, Brown, and Villanueva all capable of scoring 20 points. UConn also has a hall of fame coach in Jim Calhoun, and the easiest remaining bracket with Stanford gone from the Phoenix region.

Another team to watch is Duke. They are the Yankees of college basketball, and are the team everyone else loves to hate. Still, the Dukies have the best shooter in the country in J.J. Redick and the best coach in the country in Coach K. In addition, Luol Deng has proven that he can be a star, although his name is not nearly as fun to say as his cousin's, former UConn player Ajou Ajou Deng.

Georgia Tech, although not very impressive in beating BC, is still a very dangerous team. They are very quick and athletic, as shown by their wins over UConn and Duke early in the season. They will go up against a very strong Nevada team, but should advance and run through a weakened bracket with Kentucky out of the picture.

My final team to watch out for is Pittsburgh. Watching Pitt is like watching an old man swimming laps; it's not particularly pretty, but at the end of the day he gets the job done, and could still kick your ass in a race. Pitt has the best defense in the nation, and Chevy Troutman, Jaron Brown, and Carl Krauser are all experienced tough guys that will be a tough out for any team.

These are the four teams to watch, but what do I know? I picked Kentucky to at least make the final, and they were beaten by UAB. If there is anyone on the planet not affiliated with UAB who picked them over the Wildcats I want to shake their hand. Better yet, I want to see the rest of their bracket. Odds are, they are just as wrong about the other games as everyone else, which is what makes March Madness so fun to watch. Sit back and enjoy the ride.



# Bats light up under Florida sun

Charlie Engasser sparks Bobcat offense with four hits and four RBIs in season opener



Photo by Steve McKenna

Charlie Engasser connects on another hit for Bates during their spring training trip to Florida.

by **DUSTIN JANSEN**  
STAFF WRITER

The Bates baseball team kicked off its 2004 season with a drubbing of Nichols College, winning 13-8 on opening day in Tarpon Springs, Florida on Mar. 18.

The Bates offense led the attack and a strong outing from rookie pitcher Griffin Finan '07, who closed out the game by pitching the last five innings and only allowing one hit, and two runs. According to senior captain Nate Maxwell, Finan pitched a great game.

"He spotted his ball well and kept the Nichols hitters off balance. He did a great job of shutting them down."

Nichols scored first with a solo HR in the top of the first, but Bates answered right back with a run of their own. Nichols scored again in the top of the second to put themselves ahead 2-1, but it was the last lead they would enjoy all day. Bates scored six runs in the bottom of the third and never looked back.

Maxwell and Charlie Engasser '06 led the potent offense; Engasser had four hits and four RBIs while Maxwell was 2-5 with a solo home-run and three RBIs.

Other notables were Drew McKenna '04 and John O'Neill '04, who both went 3-5, adding to the total 17 hits Bates pounded out throughout the game.

On Friday, Bates took on Macalester College in a double header at Jack Murphy Stadium, the former Spring Training Complex of the Philadelphia Phillies.

The doubleheader ended with both teams taking home a victory. Bates grabbed the first game of the doubleheader, winning 8-0 behind a dominant shutout performance by Mike Kinsman '05.

Kinsman gave up only three hits and struck out five over the course of seven innings.

Providing the power offensively was O'Neill, who was 3-3 with a pair of doubles, and a solo home run. Engasser (3-4), Matt Peterson '04 (2-4 two RBIs), and Rob Maguire '04 (two-run double) helped in leading the attack.

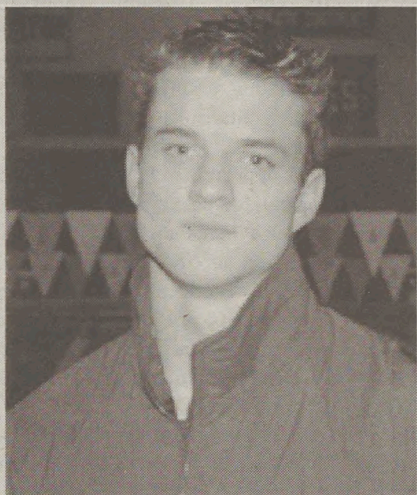
Despite the Bobcats producing 21 total runs in their first two games, the second game of the doubleheader was quite the opposite, losing to Macalester 8-2.

Taking the loss was John Ribas, but efforts by McKenna, who went 2-3 with an RBI, and both Engasser and Owen Mische also 2 for 3, were not overlooked. Maxwell summed up the game by saying, "We were bad. We didn't do the things needed to win."

Going into Saturday's doubleheader against Ramapo College, the Bobcats were hoping to remedy the lack of production that plagued

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## Erik Baker earns All-America honors with fifth place in 1-meter diving event



Last Thursday night Erik Baker earned his first career All-America honors at the NCAA Division III Men's Swimming and Diving Championships hosted by Principia College in St. Louis, Missouri.

In the 1-meter diving event, the sophomore earned 373.35 points in the preliminary round and 414.10 in the final for fifth place. The event was won by the Merchan Marine Academy's Joel Meyer, who was more than 20 points ahead of the field at 479.30 points. Baker earned 14 team points for his effort.

On Saturday, Baker added to his All-America performance with a 20th-place finish in the 3-meter diving event. Baker tallied 333.10 points in the preliminary round, falling just seven points shy of moving on to the consolation final.

"Erik did a terrific job," said swimming and diving coach Dana Mulholland. "This was a rewarding ending to a highly accomplished season in which Erik was undefeated in dual meets. It was especially satisfying because after qualifying, he missed the 2003 NCAA's due to illness."

## TENNIS SPLITS FOUR OVER SIX

by **MIKE SPRINGER**  
STAFF WRITER

The men's tennis team began their spring season with a bang, competing in four matches in six days against nationally recognized squads. The Bobcats finished the week with a split, defeating Hamilton and Tufts while falling to Middlebury and MIT.

On Mar. 13, Bates traveled to Middlebury, where they first faced the Hamilton Continentals. With their usual level of competition coming against nationally ranked teams, the Bobcats knew a defeat against the non-ranked Continentals would be a great disappointment.

"The pressure was on us to do what we were supposed to do - win convincingly," said coach Paul Gastonguay.

The Bobcats did just that by handing Hamilton a scorching 7-0 defeat. Bates showed great strength and promise through every position.

William Boe-Wiggard took first singles for Bates by defeating Varun Vasudeva 6-4, 6-3. Captain Sam Duvall swept second singles 6-3, 6-2. A hopeful sign for the team was when Michael Hoverman and Rob Weller, playing as doubles partners for the first time, stepped up and stole third doubles 8-0.

"The team was up to the challenge and they came up strong," said Gastonguay.

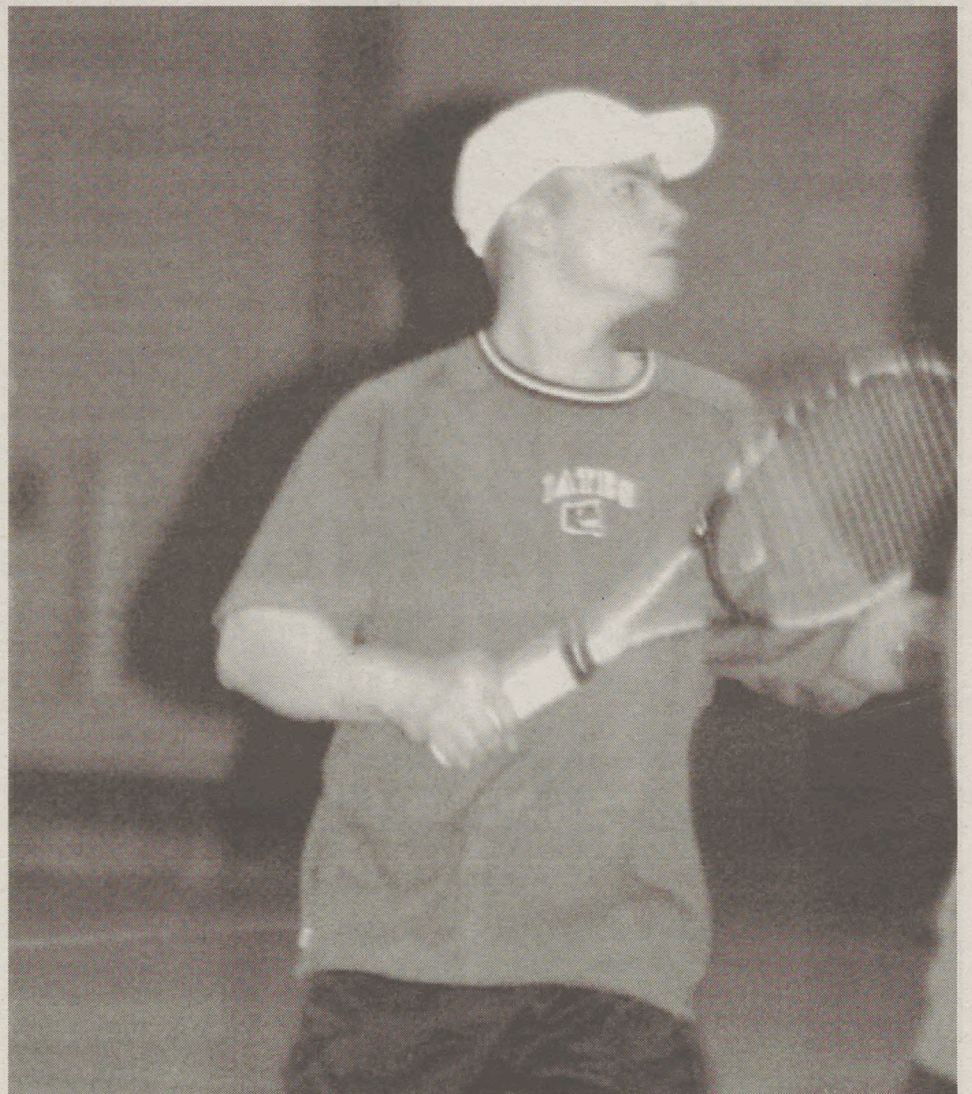
The following day, the Bobcats squared off against the Middlebury Panthers. Last year, Middlebury defeated Bates 4-3 in the NCAA Sweet 16 and concluded the 2003 season ranked fourth in the nation. It was sure to be a heated rematch.

"Middlebury essentially has the same team that they did last year when they defeated us in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA championships," said Gastonguay.

The Bobcats, on the other hand, lost three seniors and entered the match a little younger and less experienced than the higher-ranked Panthers.

The match featured a pair of surprising upsets.

The first one was not in favor of the Bobcats.



Ryan Toussaint/The Bates Student

Men's tennis started their spring season taking on nationally-ranked NESCAC opponents.

Boe-Wiggard, entering his first singles match ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in the nation, fell to 15<sup>th</sup>-ranked Nate Edmunds 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

The second upset of the day was in Bates' favor. In second doubles, Duvall pulled out a thrilling comeback to defeat 10<sup>th</sup>-ranked Brian

Waldron 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

"Sam Duvall won the biggest match of his career thus far and proved to everyone else in NESCAC and across the country that he is one of the nation's premiere players," said

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