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Students' Activism Disturbed on Quad

by CAITLIN HURLEY
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On Nov. 6, as seniors Ryan Conrad and Julia Plumb slept in the tents which they had set up on the Quad, they were accosted during three separate incidents, all of which happened between 12:15 a.m. and 3:45 a.m. Both students say that they are sure that the incidents were perpetrated by Bates students, who they assume were drunk. Both students agreed that the perpetrators were men and Conrad said that there is "no doubt in my mind that it was Bates students."

According to Conrad and Plumb, there were four people sleeping on the Quad on Saturday night, which was a lower number than normal. Conrad said that the number varies nightly, but estimated that it is usually around eight people and that the number is expected to grow substantially on Thursday night, when they hope to foster discussion about their cause. The project is sponsored by the Hunger and Homelessness Committee.

During the first incident, the perpetrators ripped a chunk out of the tent's rain fly and ripped the guidelines from the tent. The second time, the attackers weren't able to make it close to the tents, as Conrad began screaming when he heard them approach and they ran off.

During the third and final incident, the perpetrators lifted the tent that Conrad and Plumb were sleeping in off the ground and caused even more damage to the rain fly. The tent, which belonged to Conrad, incurred \$140 worth of damage throughout the three incidents. Both students reported the incidents to Bates College Security later that morning.

At another time during the night, a Razor scooter was thrown at one of the other tents set up on the Quad.

When describing the incident, Conrad said



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Students will be sleeping outside for the month of November to raise money.

that it was "very analogous to the bullshit homeless people experience everyday," while Plumb added, "They experience harassment and have no social network."

In describing their goals related to their reasons for sleeping on the Quad, Conrad said that they wanted "to create a space where people can reflect on the accessibility to warm and safe housing." He pointed out that they do not intend to recreate homelessness. Conrad further explained that they were "not trying to romanticize or emulate homelessness." "We want fewer homeless people, not more," said Plumb.

Their second goal is to raise money for the Visible Community project, which is fighting the city's Heritage Initiative.

The Heritage Initiative plans to tear down

850 low-income housing units and build a four-lane highway and an office building in its place.

Thus far, only students have been sleeping in the tents on the Quad, but the Hunger and Homelessness Committee, which initiated the project is expecting some members of the community and a few Bates professors to join them.

Conrad and Plumb say that for the most part, Bates students who understand the intention of the project have been supportive, while students who do not know much about it have criticized them.

If you have information regarding who may be responsible for the attacks, you can contact Conrad or Plumb, so that the perpetrators can be held accountable.

Financial Aid Cut for International Students'; Enrollment Affected

by ALI MORRIS
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

As a strong advocate of multicultural experiences, Bates encourages activities that strengthen international relations. A college with a relatively large number of international students, Bates seeks to achieve the college's goal by incorporating global perspectives into the college's classrooms. While every student is a vital member of our community, the international students are especially valued for the diversity they contribute to campus. Different cultures and backgrounds help develop a sense of worldwide awareness and understanding that only comes from direct relationships. Yet, despite the multiple benefits of our international community, if the school is not careful the number of international students could soon diminish.

In fact, it already has.

Due to cutbacks in the college's expenses, international funding has been one of the major expenditures affected.

The topic was first discussed openly last Monday at the student government meeting in an effort to gain students' awareness on the issue. As an international student, President of the BCSG (Bates College Student Government), Jamil Zraikat took the issue close to heart.

"The issue arose when international students who are on financial aid found out that they will no longer be offered international student loans as promised to them in their admissions

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Campus Reacts to Re-election of President Bush on Nov. 2

by JAMES BOLOGNA
NEWS WRITER

The results of Tuesday's presidential election, in which President Bush was re-elected to a second term in the White House, sparked various sentiments on campus among the student population. Although all four of Maine's electoral votes went to John Kerry, the 2nd District (and its one electoral vote) was greatly contested, and Bush was able to carry enough states to win his "last campaign" and four more years in Washington.

Across campus, students reacted to the news on Wednesday that Senator John Kerry had conceded the election to President Bush.

"I had many people come up to me after John Kerry conceded and said they cried that day," said President of the Bates College Democrats, William McElhinny '07. "These kids cared so much about this election."

On Wednesday evening, the Coalition of Progressive Students (COPS) had an "emergency meeting to save America," which over 50 students attended to discuss what to do next and how to cope with the outcome.

"I had prepared a lot in case Kerry had won, but we had no plan in case Bush won, so I called this meeting because I was feeling directionless this morning," said Will Armstrong '07 at the meeting. Sarah Sherman-Stokes '05 added that "so many people plugged into this

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Students Share Fellowship Experiences

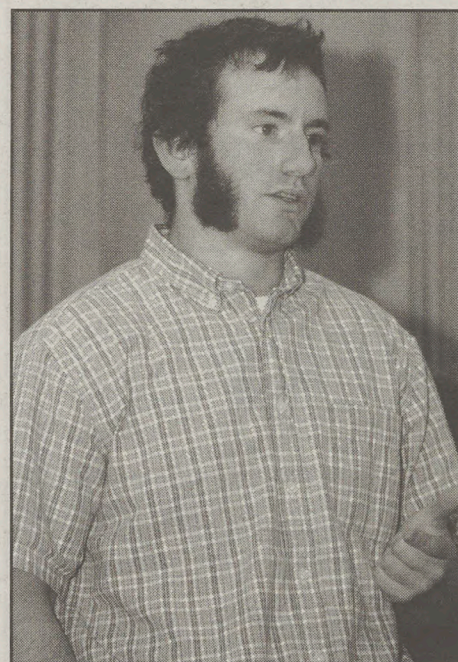
by EMILY RAND and
REBECCA KILBORN
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NEWS WRITER

This past week, four of the five 2004 Otis fellows presented their individual experiences participating in the Otis Fellowship program. Whether it was exploring mining in Mongolia, living on a lake in Russia, or hiking the Appalachian Trail, the students told inspiring adventure stories that testified to the continued success of the program. The fellowship was founded to honor Phil Otis '95, who lost his life in rescue mission while working as a climbing ranger. Each year, the fellowship students dedicated to achieving the personal relationship with nature that was so central to Phil's life.

On Wednesday, Nicholas Martin '05 presented his project entitled, "Mining in Mongolia: How Do the Herders Fit In?" Martin spent his summer exploring the impact of the Ivanhoe mines in Mongolia on the traditional, nomadic people who live in the surrounding areas. Martin spent much of his time in the village of Khangbogd, where he worked with village residents to determine the role that nomadic herders play in Mongolia's developing economy.

"By visiting the mine and talking with herders I was able to understand the effects that the mine is having on a much deeper level," Martin said. In addition to speaking on the trip, Martin screened a film that he had created and edited to give the audience a better sense of his experiences.

Also speaking Wednesday was Brian Wilmot '05, who discussed his summer spent in the Lake Baikal region of Russia in a presentation



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Otis Fellow Nicholas Martin.

titled, "How Individuals, Governments, and NGOs Balance Environmental Preservation and Economic Growth". Wilmot's fellowship provided him with the opportunity to explore the ways in which individuals, governments and NGO's balance environmental preservation and economic growth.

Wilmot cited the most pressing of these issues to the region as over-fishing, logging, and the pollution created by a local paper mill. While all of these problems arise from economic demand, the inhabitants of the area are beginning to understand that their actions may

have adverse consequences on the economy they are trying so hard to foster. The picturesque lake is a hotbed of tourism and a popular vacation spot.

"People are beginning to realize that if they ruin the lake, they ruin the economy," Wilmot said.

The final presentation, entitled "The Appalachian Trail: A Run in the Woods," was given by Colin Hollister '06 and Pete Keays '06 on their experience hiking the Appalachian Trail, which spans 14 states from Georgia to Maine. Unfortunately, Keays was not able to complete the trail due to an injury received on the trip, however Hollister completed all 2167 miles of the trail, a feat that took him 112 days.

The two speakers divided the hikers into two general categories: the people who embarked on the trail because they were adrift between stages of life; and those people who were hiking the trail because they wanted to alter aspects of their lives and achieve a deeper meaning.

"We were quite an anomaly along the trail because we didn't fit into either of the categories...but we were all a part of one great family," Keays said.

The two learned different lessons from their respective experiences. The leg injury that Keays endured forced both to face different sets of challenges. For Hollister, the biggest challenge was to continue alone, knowing no one and having no one to motivate him. "I was worried about proceeding alone, and honestly didn't know if I would be able to finish."

Keays, for whom hiking the trail had been a long-time goal, when an injury forced him to

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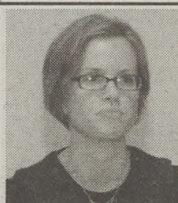
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DON'T JUST VOTE

On Nov. 3, after John Kerry gave his concession speech, the 2004 presidential election officially ended. Since the Democratic primaries, the

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American people have been bombarded with one of the longest, most aggressive campaigns in recent U.S. history. And then, 286 electoral votes later, it was over.

Thousands of people across the country mobilized, committing their time and energy, as well as their passion to the election of Senator Kerry or President Bush. At The Student, a number of our staff worked actively on the presidential campaigns or for non-partisan and partisan organizations.

This fall, Bates was the center of a lot of political activity. The College Republicans and Democrats hosted a number of important political figures and actively recruited volunteers to work for the candidates. Close to 900 students at Bates chose to register and vote in Maine. The Bates community demonstrated a political energy that was truly inspiring.

Nov. 3 was the quiet after the storm. For a large majority of the Bates community, the re-election of President Bush fostered feelings of disillusion with the political process. The political pundits along with the rest of Kerry's base struggled to identify where the Democrats had failed. And, for the thousands of volunteers who invested their time and more importantly, their souls into his campaign, the disappointment was profound. While many joked about moving to Canada, Kerry directed his supporters to continue "our fight."

Now that the goal of re-electing Bush for a second term has been actualized, Republican's face the challenge of sustaining their energy and passion. Many Republicans may choose to sit back for the next four years because of their comfortable majority in the House, Senate, and Executive branches. This would be a detriment to their party's vision and goals.

The presidential race provided Republicans and Democrats with a clearly, defined objective. Now that Nov. 2 has passed, the structures that organized millions across the nation and thousands on this campus have evaporated.

The causes that Batesies fought for, however, are as urgent today as they were on Nov. 1. The commitment, energy, and passion that we saw throughout this election season is still needed. Democracy sustains itself only if we are all active participants.

LETTERS

IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE ON THE LEFT

To the Editor:

The outpouring of anger, resentment, and feeling of disenfranchisement on this campus is probably indicative of how Democrats are feeling nationally, but Bush's victory might bring some unexpected benefits. The Left (usually an ill-defined term that encompasses anti-authoritarians, anarchists, communists, socialists, some libertarians, progressive religious groups, anti-racists, peaceniks, environmentalists, and those who believe democracy is unsuccessful), despite its variety, remains a fringe movement, but Bush's victory has already bolstered its ranks. Every voter that laments the election of W. and vows opposition to his politics can no longer claim to be a democrat. The cornerstone of democracy is accepting the will of the majority; and sad as it may seem, the majority voted for W. If you don't like it, there are two options: suck it up and deal, or join those who don't believe in democracy to begin with.

What pushed me away from the Democratic Party long before I realized that representative democracy was a sham was its ineffectiveness and inability to stand up in a crisis. The Democratic Party doesn't take to the streets to protest unjust policies, outsourcing of American jobs, or preemptive imperialism. The Democratic Party supports the PATRIOT Act, endorses NAFTA and the gives the President \$87 billion to kill Iraqi civilians. This week, I have heard and seen privileged white boys vowing civil disobedience, well-mannered girls advocating revolution, and people of all types rejecting the election of George W. Bush. This should be a wakeup call to the Democratic Party; instead, they've chosen a new Senate Minority Leader who opposes abortion. Where can angry Americans turn? Why, to the Left. Maine voted for Kerry; progressives were successful here and throughout the Northeast. Yet we're stuck with Bush.

The plan of the Democratic Party is to win the Senate back in 2006. Nice idea, but that's two long years away. The plan of the Left is to do whatever it can to stop this administration, whether it's in disenfranchised communities or on the streets, whether it's shutting down the School of the Americas or feeding the homeless, whether it's being civilly disobedient or growing organic food to combat Genetically Modified Organisms and genetic patenting. Pick the style of dissent that's right for you.

So thank you, George W. Bush, for bolstering the ranks of the Left, for alienating thousands of voters and radicalizing them, and for educating half of America about the failure of democracy.

See you on the streets.

-Will Armstrong '07

PRESIDENT BUSH EARNED SECOND TERM

To the Editor:

The worst fears of most Batesies have come true; President Bush has been re-elected. Not only is Bush's 2004 win legitimate, but it is also deserved. It is refreshing for those of us who have felt alone and alienated here on campus as a Republican or Bush supporter.

The approval of the war in Iraq has been slipping, yet President Bush fared much better this year than he did in the 2000 election, winning the popular vote by more than three million votes; this is a clear sign of Bush's ability as a leader and the faith that Americans have in him to solve America's problems both here and overseas.

Throughout the campaign, Democrats cried that Americans can have more of the same by re-electing Bush or that they can make a change by voting for Kerry. The result of this election shows that voting for a hypocritical candidate with no platform such as John Kerry was much riskier than voting for President Bush.

The people of America have spoken, and in my opinion the correct candidate was chosen. If you are truly sad about this election just look on the bright side, the Red Sox won!

-Stuart Siddons '07

AN ANALYTICAL LOOK AT OSAMA BIN LADEN

To the Editor:

I'm writing this letter in response to John Mulligan's letter published last issue titled, "Rejecting Bush and Bin Laden." While I agree with some of the points made by Mulligan, such as his argument that John Kerry would pursue a more effective and sensible war on terror, I have strong reservations with his superficial analysis of Osama Bin Laden's latest "bad home movie." Furthermore, to declare that "this most recent tape means nothing," is to wholly disregard the meaningful content of Bin Laden's message.

Instead of settling for the media's "frenetic rehashing of two or three sentence fragments," every American citizen should read the complete transcript of the tape to understand what Bin Laden really has to say. Now, don't get me wrong, I am not trying to legitimize the man who plotted the death of 3,000 Americans, nor am I attempting to rationalize his radical brand of militant Islam. I am merely arguing that we need to spend less time blindly hating our enemies, and more time trying to understand the central issues they exploit to generate widespread hatred of our country.

As Middle East expert Shibley Telhami explains, "The policy issues that Al-Qaeda seeks to exploit are central. The majority of Muslims are not moved by Al-Qaeda's real agenda, but by the issues it exploits." Therefore, it is absolutely essential to understand the central issues that Bin Laden uses to gain support in his jihad against America. Only when we understand what breeds terrorism can we begin to successfully reduce it.

Bin Laden cites several specific motivations for attacking America, some more substantive than others. However, his invocation of the "inflexible American-Israeli alliance" and the endless casualties of the Arab-Israeli conflict as a central motivation for the attacks holds enormous significance.

The reality is that this wasn't a principal motivation of the September 11 attacks. Even a cursory review of Al-Qaeda and Osama Bin Laden makes clear that Bin Laden has only recently started exploiting this issue for support in the Arab-Muslim world. Al-Qaeda has always viewed Palestinian leadership suspiciously, disdainful of what Al-Qaeda perceives as the Palestinians self-ish concentration on their own struggle, and refusal to focus their attention on the broader Islamic struggle in places like Afghanistan and Chechnya.

So what do Bin Laden's most recent remarks mean? Well, first and foremost, they illustrate the absolute necessity of solving the Arab-Israeli conflict and bringing peace to the region. As long

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HOMELAND FUNDAMENTALISM



BRIAN WILMOT

OPINION WRITER

Many of us are still in shock, some sad, some angry, and some still crying as a result of Tuesday's election. Many spoke of moving to Canada; a few wanted to hide under their beds for the next four years. But that will not do. Running away does not change America—it gives America away.

We decry the fundamentalism that plagues other areas of the world, but we are experiencing a fundamentalist revolution right here at home. It is veiled in expensive political ads, slick politicians, and "promises" to unite America. As New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman wrote, "...Mr. Bush's base is pushing so hard to legislate social issues and extend the boundaries of religion that it felt as if we were rewriting the Constitution, not electing a president."

I have always thought this country stood for equal opportunity for all, and the idea that if you put your mind to it you can shape your own future. Even if we as Americans disagreed on tax policy or healthcare policies, it was a function of the methods and means being used to achieve the same greater end—prosperity and peace for all. Now I see that many do not share that same vision of America.

We have a war within America—a war of values. The real issues aren't healthcare, taxes, social security or education. These are just vehicles for the spread of a particular set of values that the President and his supporters advocate; values that fall along extremes of black and white,

rich and poor, rural and urban, educated and uneducated, evil and righteous.

There is a crusade going on in America, and if we run, our interests will be ignored and forgotten. America used to be a beacon of hope for the persecuted around the world, the first true democracy in a sea of imperialism, injustice and inequality, but these values that many fought so hard for are being abandoned at the stroke of the President's pen.

This is a call not only to Democrats, but to all who agree on the basic tenets of our society. We want freedom of privacy in our personal lives, the freedom to speak our minds, and the freedom to have a fair and equitable justice system. We can work together to support these values that make the discussion of means possible.

President Bush calls for new cooperation to reduce the partisan divide. Cooperation should not mean sacrificing the values we hold dear. When we acquiesce on judicial appointments, social policy, civil liberties, and armed conflict abroad, we are abandoning our values. Fundamentalists don't acquiesce, and neither should we.

We are the generation that will be forced to deal with the consequences of this war of values, and the current politicians do not and will not represent our interests. Those of us who are politically inclined should run for office. Others should join school boards, get involved in union organizing, or go to city council meetings and make your voice heard. You don't have to devote your life to politics, but politics can and will define the future of your life. This election is only the first battle, so we can't let the enthusiasm we've all shown in these last few months subside. The fundamentalists have been screaming for years; it's time we fight back with action.

JEWISH VOTERS SWING TO THE GOP



JEFF KOTZEN

OPINION WRITER

As the President woke up on Nov. 3 and read the final election results, I believe that he thanked the Jewish community for their growing support of the Republican Party. Even though Jews compose only two percent of America, a disproportionate number of them live in battleground states won by the President, such as Florida and Ohio. Although Jews have traditionally supported Democratic candidates, since 1992 there has been a 100% increase in the Jewish Republican vote. The 2004 results indicate the President received 25% of the Jewish vote, a 32% increase from 2000. Moreover, no other ethnic, religious, or racial group increased support for the President by this large of a percentage.

In this election there were powerful reasons for Jewish people to vote for President Bush and equally powerful reasons not to vote for John Kerry.

For most Jews, there is a constant awareness in the post-Holocaust era that the Jewish state is essential to the security of the Jewish people. The United Nations, the world's left, and most of the Islamic world deny Israel's right to exist peacefully and securely within their borders.

President Bush is not only the most pro-Israel President ever, but also the most pro-Jewish. His recent signing of the Global Anti-Semitism Awareness Act is the latest example of his support for Jews. Bush vetoed a number of outlandish U.N. resolutions against Israel, and defended Israel's right to build an anti-terror fence. While Israel's premier Ariel Sharon was slandered in Europe, President Bush called him "a man of peace." Additionally, at the Republican convention last summer, the President only chose to single out one country, "our good friends Israel."

It is for these reasons that major Jewish Democratic figures voted for and even campaigned for the President's re-election. Former congressman and New York City Mayor Ed Koch, a liberal Democrat announced he would vote for a Republican president for the first time. Leading liberal journalist, and Al Gore's mentor, Martin Peretz, Editor-in-Chief of 'New Republic,' a magazine which has never endorsed a Republican candidate in its 80-year history, wrote, "President Kerry would be a disaster for Israel." Even Joe Lieberman, Al Gore's demo-

cratic running mate in 2000, hinted that Bush might be better for Israel.

When John Kerry looks back at the election results, he will probably regret not standing up for the state of Israel. His campaign pronouncements were unacceptable and deplorable from a pro-Israel and pro-Zionist point of view. It is for this reason that Kerry did worse among Jewish voters than any presidential candidate before him.

Kerry continued his trend of "flip-flopping" by attacking the structure of the anti-terrorist fence in Israel by calling it "another barrier to peace," then accepting it as "a legitimate act of defense." In a statement to the Council of Foreign Relations, he announced that his envoys to the Middle East would be James Baker and Jimmy Carter, both men have publicly demonstrated and voiced hostility towards Israel. Once pro-Israel supporters criticized Baker and Carter, Kerry said that his speechwriters had put in the names without his consent. This is not to mention Baker's ties to Saudi big business, and Carter's connection to the late president of Syria, Hafez Assad, not exactly a friend of Israel.

To John Kerry and Democrats alike, peace in the Middle East is based on Israel's concessions, not Arab democratization. The Democrats' policy of pressuring Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East, to lower its defenses, will only lead to the death of thousands of Jews. I have no doubt in my mind that if John Kerry were elected he would have picked up where Bill Clinton left off: bullying Israel into territorial concessions.

What ultimately buried Kerry in his Presidential coffin with many Jewish voters was his foreign policy as a whole, and his illegitimate way of looking at the United Nations, as the defender of International law. Israel loses every single fight at the U.N. Recently, the head of the United Nations. Palestinian refugee organization defended having members of the Islamic radical group Hamas on his staff. Hamas is the group responsible for the murders of hundreds of innocent Israelis, including both women and children.

By contrast, President Bush believes that becoming "popular" in the United Nations, will compromise America, both morally and physically. President Bush has a realistic view of the illegitimacy of international institutions such as the U.N. and ICJ and will always stand behind Israel. President Bush has recognized that Palestinian terrorism towards Israel is tied to the "global war on terror" in which the United States is fighting.

It is for these reasons that George Bush received more Jewish votes than any previous President. As for the future, the trend of Jews

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LETTERS

CHC SPENDING NOT EXPLAINED

To the Editor:

A political charge was felt on the Bates campus in the months leading up to President Bush's re-election. As treasurer of the Bates College Republicans, I witnessed the uglier side of this—especially during the unjust witch hunt of the Republicans' spending when the Bush twins visited Bates. People initially criticized the Republicans for holding a school-funded closed event. People were upset because the school has a low endowment and understandably didn't want their money spent on a closed event. Then, when it came out that the Bush campaign would pay us for their visit, we were persecuted for soliciting money from an outside source. This is also not true. In my opinion, it is not soliciting if people call you and offer money. We were forced to endure a long trial and in the end it all disappeared. Why? Because the Republicans did nothing wrong. I am writing this to resolve the Republican "scandal" and to address more pressing areas of alleged misspending.

Because of the low endowment, Bates has recently embarked on the largest endowment campaign in school history. Compared to its peers, Bates' endowment embarrassingly ranks in the bottom tier for NESCAC schools.

On that same note, I went to the Matt Nathanson concert that the CHC sponsored on Friday November 5. While Matt was great, I was disgusted to see so many people working "security" for this concert wearing t-shirts given to them out of the club's budget. I don't feel that the atmosphere surrounding the concert warranted that much security. There were so many people working "security" that many didn't have any specific tasks and just sat there doing absolutely nothing. There were eight people standing outside the doors before the concert, but only two of them were collecting ticket money and another two were checking our tickets. Inside wasn't any better—"Security" was sit-

ting on the stage doing a whole lot of nothing and others were milling around in the seating area. They had a security staff that was large enough to work a Black Eyed Peas concert, not the laid back Matt Nathanson event. After the concert, I approached a CHC member about the security and she explained that it was just a bunch of people that wanted to get in for free. After thinking that I would like to get in for free, she said "well, they help set up." Let me emphasize that the concert was in Olin Concert Hall. I feel that this frivolous spending is a significant problem that our campus should address, especially after wasting time on a witch hunt.

Does the CHC really have such a lack of club participation or membership that they have to pay people roughly \$20 to help set up the event (they do not have to pay the \$10 admission fee and received a shirt that I would guess costs about \$10)? No. Every other club that brings in entertainment or speakers has to undergo the same tedious work that the CHC does. I think the fact that blatant overspending of money in some groups is overlooked but scrutinized over for others is unjust, and other people should be outraged too! Our endowment is actually being misspent and people sit and watch without blinking an eye!

During our judicial meeting, the club's past history from five or six years ago was brought up! But what I am so angry about is the fact that the CHC club is not being submitted to the same investigation as the Republicans. They have a misspending history; they have brought themselves into debt and then were upset by the low budget they were given in 2003-2004. They even had the audacity to petition the Budget Committee to take away student money before the budget process occurred so that they would be exempt from spending regulations—the petition did not pass. I recognize that the CHC is an

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BATES RATES

Traveling Abroad



More Americans our age will have the opportunity to do this in the next 4 years. Unfortunately, it will be in Iraq.

Ohio



You made a really bad mistake last week. What? We're talking about the Bengals uniforms.

The Release of Halo 2



If you're not going to leave your room for 24 hours it should be because of the snow.

NHL Lockout



At least the Bruins won't be around to disappoint us this year.

DEMOCRATIC SOUL SEARCHING



JACOB JOHNSTON

OPINION WRITER

On Nov. 2 George W. Bush defeated John Kerry and the Republicans solidified their control over both the United States House and Senate. During his second term, President Bush will attempt to enact sweeping changes to the Constitution, the Supreme Court, social security and the tax code that will last far beyond the next four years. His success or failure will depend largely on the willingness of the Democratic minorities in the House and the Senate to oppose President Bush, and on the level of activism maintained by liberal grassroots organizations over the long term. The silver lining of this election lies in the realization on the part of the Democratic Party that their failure to win the presidency must be addressed with a change in strategy, not just an assignation of blame and in the rededication of liberal activists.

Following Al Gore's defeat in 2000, there was a tendency within the Democratic Party to blame the loss on voter fraud, Ralph Nader, or on Gore's inability to mobilize the liberal base. These factors allowed Democrats to set aside their defeat as an aberration and to continue implementing the same political stratagems. The good news for Democrats is that now there is no one and nothing else to blame. While controversy about electronic ballots has recently emerged, this presidential election was largely free of the scandal and voter fraud that tainted the results of the 2000 election, Ralph Nader's candidacy was not a significant factor in the outcome, and the liberal base volunteered, contributed, and voted in record numbers.

During the next four years, the Democratic Party will recognize the necessity of pursuing new strategies, including reaching out to rural voters, contesting traditional red states, and creating a centralized get-out-the-vote organization within the party. The notion that the Republican Party represents the interests of lower-class Southerners, who voted overwhelmingly for Bush, is false. The plan for a second Bush term includes the privatization of social security and the possible implementation of a national sales tax, each of which would be a blow to the lower-class wage-earner. In order to compete nationally, Democrats will address their weakness in the South by emphasizing their strength on economic issues, on social security, and on healthcare. Another weakness in the Democratic Party that has been exposed is the lack of a centralized get-out-the-vote organization similar to that in the Republican Party. During this election, Democrats relied too heavily on 527s like MoveOn and ACT, which led to an inefficient use of funds and volunteers. In 2008, Democrats will have a message that will appeal to the Southern voter, and will be able to capitalize on this appeal with a highly-centralized, well-organized, party system.

In order to ensure that the next four years do not usher in a permanent leap to the right in American politics, there must be a high level of dedication and commitment on the part of the individual liberal. Due primarily to strong antipathy toward President Bush, activism among liberals and especially among young people was extremely high during this campaign. Many media pundits and Democratic officials have expressed worries that Kerry's loss will lead to a loss of interest in politics and in the political process and to an increase in cynicism among these activists. This will not be the case. They will remember how they felt on Wednesday morning, and they will do everything in their power to ensure that they never feel that way again.

THE CHALLENGES THAT LAY AHEAD



NATE WALTON

OPINION WRITER

"The American people have spoken." With these words, President George W. Bush unofficially began his second term of office by declaring victory in the contentious 2004 presidential election. The election last Tuesday was historic in a number of ways. The election turnout was the highest since 1968, with some 60% of registered voters participating in the electoral process. President Bush earned more popular votes than any other presidential candidate in history, including President Ronald Reagan in his 1984 landslide victory. He is the first candidate to earn a majority of the popular vote since his father's victory in 1988. Nearly \$1 billion was spent by each of the major campaigns and outside groups during this election cycle, by far the highest amount in American history. Now that President Bush has received a mandate with a convincing Electoral College win of 286 votes to Senator John Kerry's 252, many Americans are wondering what policies to expect from a second Bush term.

The most immediate and pressing challenge in a new term for President Bush will be to stabilize Iraq and ensure that the democratic process continues to proceed there. Ten days after the President is inaugurated, Iraq will hold the first democratic elections in its history. Removing cities like Fallujah from insurgent control will be essential to this end and as this issue is being published that military effort is underway. President Bush will likely continue an aggressive stance against global terrorism, which may include instituting sanctions against Iran if that nation continues to flaunt international nuclear regulations and pressing the six-party talks against North Korea aimed at eliminating that nation's development of nuclear weapons. And perhaps the most important challenge of a second term will be reigniting the Middle East peace process so that a peaceful resolution between Israel and the Palestinians can again become a hopeful possibility for stability in that region of the world.

On the domestic front, President Bush has an extensive agenda that he will likely pursue eagerly due to the strengthened Republican majorities in both houses of Congress. The President feels strongly about education reform and he will likely pursue establishing accountability standards in the nation's secondary schools similar to those established in elementary schools through the No Child Left Behind Act.

The most controversial aspect of his domestic agenda will likely be Social Security reform. The Social Security program is strong enough to ensure that today's seniors and the "baby boom" generation will receive their benefits. The program's future after that point is skeptical and it is widely viewed that it will run out of money. President Bush feels strongly that Social Security reform can be accomplished in part by allowing younger workers the opportunity to invest in personal retirement accounts. The only other solution, which he strongly opposes, would be to dramatically increase Social Security payroll taxes. The President will also attempt to restart consideration of his comprehensive energy policy that will promote affordable, reliable, and secure energy supplies by increasing conservation, investing in new technologies, and exploring new domestic sources of energy. And finally, President Bush will likely continue to pursue the most important parts of creating an "ownership society" by expanding the health care savings accounts that allow workers to own and control their own health care and supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs and expanding home ownership through policies that promote spending and investment and oppose tax increases.

This year's presidential election was a spirited debate of ideas and philosophies that marked a turning point in American political history. The gradual shift rightward of the American political map begun during President Ronald Reagan's two terms of office and the "Republican Revolution" of 1994 has been cemented with the

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THE TRUTH ABOUT THE YOUTH VOTE



ERIN BERTRAND

OPINION WRITER

Over 150 Bates students volunteered for political campaigns and get-out-the-vote organizations on Election Day and the week before. Over 40 volunteered on campus with an initiative organized by students working with the New Voters Project and Envirocitizen, groups concerned with mobilizing the youth vote. They worked to make sure their friends and peers were aware of their rights and their responsibility to vote; they ran through dorms and the library, checked off names outside the Armory in the rain, and called students all day long. Some of you found this irritating or even unnecessary, but to those of us who had worked all year for this day, it was infinitely rewarding. I can't thank enough those of you who participated; you certainly impacted the way Lewiston and the 2nd District voted. Thank you for your patience with our inexperience in organizing, and for your dedication on a less-than-pleasant day, and with sometimes less-than-pleased friends and peers.

Through the hard work of students and college staff, things went smoother than could have been imagined at the Armory on Nov. 2. Reports from the polls said that there were fewer problems with Bates students voting than there were with the general population, which, according to poll officials, is something that has never happened before. By our estimates, over 80% of Bates students eligible to vote somewhere in the United States did. This is something to be proud of.

Indeed, the trend was national. As cited in the Chronicle of Higher Education on Nov. 5, the Center for Information & Research on Civil Learning & Engagement reported that at least 20.9 million people ages 18 to 29 voted on Tuesday, an increase of 4.6 million, over 2000. Overall, over 51.6% of 18-29 year olds voted this year, while 42.3% did in 2000, as was reported in the Boston Globe on Nov. 5. Our age bracket is finally waking up from its slumber, a trend of decreasing political participation that started 16 years ago. Even though the mass media and the general press played down the youth vote this year, saying that we did not turn out in the numbers anticipated, we have in fact begun to engage and participate. Even so, the youth vote still comprised only 17% of the total. Clearly, we can do better than this.

On Election Day, as the many student volunteers traveled around campus and back and forth from Commons to the Armory, other students gave them many reasons justifying their desire not to vote. The most commonly cited justification was that enormous flaws in "the system" exist; that it is unjust and therefore not worth people's time and effort to participate. This was also the hardest reason to argue with. To me, the most discouraging thing about this election, aside from its outcome, is the fact that it seems to have once again been decided by the enormous flaws in our electoral system, flaws that originate in our willingness to let for-profit corporations accountable only to their stockholders and boards, our willingness to let political parties, of whichever persuasion, have control, directly and indirectly, of the way our elections are run. These flaws do not, in my opinion, mean we should give up. It matters too much.

As some of us struggle with how to understand this election and its outcome, we must keep the positive in mind: there is a trend here, a trend of increasing political participation by our generation. Another small bit of consolation: we, as 18 to 29 year olds, did not elect George W. Bush by a margin of 54 to 46.

Let us not lose this momentum of participation. Let us take our frustration with the outcome of this election and with the system that created it and build upon this trend. It is possible; it is, dare I say, imperative. Let us also take another lesson from this election: voting, though important, cannot be our only say, can "not be the only way we seek to make our voices heard.

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41,000

Cost, in dollars, of a 2.4-pound Italian white truffle sold at auction in Italy. The buyer, New York restaurateur Francesco Giambelli, called the bidding "very aggressive."

500

Minimum distance, in feet, that any T-shirts displaying a political candidate's name must remain from any polling station in Louisiana according to state law. Last Tuesday, the law prompted Jefferson, LA resident Debbie Dupeire to remove her Bush-Cheney '04 T-shirt and vote in her bra.

150

Different types of soil found in the state of New Jersey, one of which may soon be designated the "official state soil" by the New Jersey state Assembly.

300

Number of children attacked by monkeys outside a Hindu temple in Gauhati, India in the past three weeks. The Rhesus monkeys have turned violent in response to their shrinking living space.

51.6

Percent of eligible voters aged 18-29 that turned out to vote in the election last Tuesday.

284

Cost, in dollars, of a one-way airline ticket from Portland, ME to Toronto, Ontario for those Bush-haters who wish to leave the country today.

Dark Days Ahead



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OPINION WRITER

The polls closed last Tuesday and Bush was declared the decisive winner early Wednesday morning. Bush won both the popular vote and the Electoral College by more than I would like to admit. After voting for Kerry and every other Democrat on the ballot, I was devastated by the conservative takeover of the federal government. Clearly, there will exist no balance of power in Washington, especially when in the coming four years the Supreme Court is revamped with neo-conservative judges. Granted, I must give Bush or perhaps the people running his campaign, Karl Rove and company, the credit for running a very successful crusade against the Democrats.

Bush's cronies aggressively asserted their ideals in an effort to instill fear in the average American, and clearly they succeeded. They ran on the platform of fear, misconception, and enforced concepts from The Bible and The New Testament, and in doing so have effectively divided the country in half.

Originally, I was led to believe that the people in the "red" states had different values than those in the Northeast, northern Midwest and the West. Now I feel like those people not only have different values, but also that they have been greatly deceived, showing the naïveté and ignorance of the electorate. I'm not saying that all people in the "red" states are stupid, but a majority of them were uninformed enough to be tricked into voting for Bush and other Republicans, because they voted for a man whose policies do not mesh with their needs and interests. Let's examine what principles they did or did not vote for.

First and foremost they voted for the same men who led us into an unsuccessful campaign in Iraq. Not only that, but they voted for the same leaders to continue to push our self-interests on people who do not want our [Bush's] ideals imposed on them. Iraq is clearly neither better nor safer as dozens of people were killed last Saturday alone. What is the rationale behind trying the same tactics over and over again in a losing effort? Not to mention, our effort in Afghanistan continues to come up empty-handed. At this point we need to finish

what we started, but we need new leadership with new ideas and we cannot do it alone.

Second, and possessing greater importance domestically, is the idea, or rather, right, of choice. The Republicans, backed by conservative right-wing religious groups, believe solely in the right to life, or the right not to be able to choose. It's not the fact that the party's values favor the right to life, but that they are against the right to choose, which extends far beyond abortion. They are against the use of stem cells for research as well as gay unions. No one is forcing anyone to be gay, nor are they forcing anyone to use the cells that would be discarded (a more pc term for thrown away), but shouldn't we have a choice? Why should the government have the final word on these issues, which are more morally than politically relevant? Is anyone actually getting hurt over this? They can choose to bomb Afghanistan and Baghdad and kill thousands, but we can't decide if we want to use stem cells to try to cure Parkinson's and Alzheimer's. Choice is the ultimate characteristic defining freedom and liberty, and they are trying to restrict our use of it.

I would imagine that Bush's crusaders did not inform the "red" states about how they squandered an enormous surplus and turned it into an even greater deficit that will be forced onto our generation to pay off. Perhaps the fact that the money that funds social security will soon be drained to nothing as health care and prescription drug prices increase has evaded their information packets. Maybe they left out the fact that the eloquently titled No Child Left Behind Act is vastly underfunded and that children are in fact being left behind.

Needless to say, I feel passionately that the majority of Americans made a devastating decision last Tuesday. It will have less of an effect on our parents than it will on our children and us. The world continues to become more hostile towards our actions and we are clearly not making any new allies. The nation seems to be drifting to a type of contemporary authoritarian government where choice will become illegal and the dictates have their origin in Biblical law. The scary thing is that we have not even begun the next four years with these tyrants in our new authoritarian government. The rest of the civilized world wanted Kerry and the Democrats in power, why didn't we?

TWILIGHT OF THE SOUTHERN DEMOCRAT



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OPINION WRITER

If there was one lesson learned this past Tuesday, it seemed to be that the Democrats cannot afford to ignore the South. Every state in the Old Confederacy plus every border state went to Bush by a minimum of eight points, and most by more than 15. This seems to raise the question: if the only Democrats to win the Presidency in recent times have been Southerners, why didn't the Democrats nominate one in the primaries?

In the aftermath of 2000, the election situation in the South was actually quite good for the Democrats. They controlled eight out of 13 governorships, and they controlled the state legislatures of all but two states (Virginia and Florida). While John Kerry began his unofficial run for the Presidency, many members of the Democratic party set their hopes on Governor Roy Barnes of Georgia.

Barnes was the popular governor of a major state, one which holds 15 electoral votes. Georgia has produced one of the last two democratic presidents. Barnes began raising large sums of money over the course of 2001 and 2002, while simultaneously inviting senior Democratic officials to Atlanta in order to tell them that the only way the party could win in 2004 was with a popular Democratic governor. Zell Miller, to whom Barnes served as Lieutenant Governor, began to organize a national campaign for him.

The plan was to announce Barnes' Presidential campaign the day after he won a landslide reelection victory over an unknown state Senator. Barnes thought so little of his challenger that he failed to actively campaign at all, and made the triple blunder of alienating the teachers union (by calling them greedy), African Americans (by calling the black senate president a drug dealer), and some rural whites (by taking down the confederate flag) all in the two weeks before the election. On Election Day, he lost by a 51-46 margin, and Sonny Perdue became the first GOP governor since reconstruction. Not only that, but Senator Max Cleland also went down to defeat along with the Democratic majority in the state senate.

This was not unique to Georgia. Democratic Governors lost in South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, and Kentucky. The Democrats also

lost control of the state house in Texas for the first time since the Civil War; this led to a new round of redistricting. Deprived of leadership, the only Southerner left to take up the race for the White House was the inexperienced John Edwards.

With five democratic seats up in the South, the question in 2004 was whether the elections would be a cleanup operation for the Republicans or whether the Democrats would put up a fight. To give them credit, the Democrats did an amazing job recruiting candidates, while many Republican candidates proved to be "loose cannons." Luck however, was not on the Democrats' side.

Good candidates running bad campaigns cost them seats in North Carolina and Louisiana (Chris John's Senate campaign stands as one of the worst in recent memory). John Kerry's poor performance cost Democrats their seats in South Carolina and Florida, while an Oklahoma Democrat, Brad Carson, lost because of a single colossal blunder. A woman had accused his opponent, Tom Coburn of sterilizing her without her consent. When Carson decided to use the statement in an ad, Coburn retaliated with the best ad of a recent cycle.

COBURN: "I'm Tom Coburn, and I approved this message."

HASKINS: "I'm a contributor to Brad Carson, but when I saw his ad smearing Tom Coburn, I had to come forward. I was the lawyer in the case, and what Brad Carson is saying is completely false. The patient's own mother testified that Dr. Coburn did what he was asked, and saved her daughter's life. The judge threw this out of court twelve years ago. There was no fraud, no cover-up. I told Brad Carson this. He ran the ad anyway. And that's unforgivable"

After this, Carson was dead.

The Democrats' Senate losses were not inevitable, nor were their other losses but that doesn't make them any less devastating. The Democrats were massacred in the Oklahoma House (they lost 13 seats which is the same as losing 57 seats in the US House) and the Georgia Houses, and their bench strength is almost non-existent.

The Democrats fought the good fight, but they were swept and their short term prospects look grim. There were some bright spots however. The Democrats gained seats in the Texas House for the first time since 1972, and they held onto the rest of the legislators.

But there is one huge ray of hope, Phil Bredsen and Tennessee, but that deserves its own article, which I intend to write.

UNDERSTANDING MIDDLE AMERICA



NICOLE SCOTT

OPINION WRITER

Post-election reactions and conversations on this campus stunned me and several friends. The underlying assumption that this campus made was that those states that helped re-elect George W. Bush are the pitfall of the United States and that these states are ignorant and in need of "education." Many people were shocked at the number of states that voted for Bush. This showed me that many Bates students and New Englanders are completely ignorant when forming their perceptions of the West. Let me offer a little western perspective.

A complete lack of understanding of the conservative ideology is one of this campus's major problems. Growing up, I understood the Republican Party to be about state rights, a group that was pro-small business, holding an ideology that was about true American individualism. I came to Bates, where the only things people had to say about the Republican Party was that they were wealthy, self-indulgent, uncompassionate bigots or that they were just plain rednecks. Student and Faculty denial of conservative ideology and complete alienation of Republican principles on this campus is just

plain ignorant.

Many students and faculty here claim that since most of these country folk can't be wealthy, they must just be ignorant and not know any better, so we need to educate them. Ever since coming to Bates, I have consistently heard students and professors in and out of the classroom say how we need to "educate" these ranchers, farmers and country folk. Just because they may lack the same formal education that many of us have, does not mean that they are not aware of current events, or what is best for them. If anything, we should envy their education to a certain degree. We sit within our Bates Bubble, reading a variety of academic journals and discussing how we are going to change the world to make it a better place. While having our intellectual debates and drinking chai, many of our fellow US citizens are out in what we like to call the "real" world. They see and experience a different world than we do. This, however, does not mean that they are completely unaware of issues that are troubling our country or fellow citizens; there is more than one way to be educated, and it doesn't always involve a \$40,000 bill every year.

In a recent conversation with my father, a Republican of humble roots well-versed in politics, he made a very interesting point that I wish to address. Many people from the West read the

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New York Times, the Washington Post and other such periodical sources that pertain to issues outside their own region, but how many people from the East Coast read alternative sources that pertain to issues going on in the "hickville", if you will, such as The Rocky Mountain News or The Denver Post. I have had a few discussions with fellow students from the West, both Republican and Democrat and they agree that most students from New England remain rather ignorant about western states. How can you

judge these people for voting for a candidate that stood up for many of their issues if you don't even know or understand their issues?!

Subsequently, my dad sent me an article that he found in the New York Times this past week by columnist David Brooks. Brooks basically discusses what I am trying to say to you in perhaps a more eloquent manner. He discusses the incorrect interpretations of this election by many liberals and why Bush won in middle US America. One point that really illustrates what I am trying to say is that how "...some coastal and university town liberals talk about how conformist and intolerant people in Red America are. It makes you wonder: why is it that people who are completely closed-minded talk

endlessly about how open-minded they are?" It seems pretty clear that this applies to Bates. Taking Brooks' point a step further, we can also ask ourselves why it is that a group of people who work so hard to break the crude stereotypes of society, also tend to make such illegitimate stereotypes about an entire ideology.

Most people, liberal and conservative alike, want the same things: peace, health care and social equality. Where the people and organizations tend to differ is how they want to execute programs to address these issues. Most of Bates doesn't realize this because they are too busy bashing and stereotyping the Republican Party.

Additionally, just because the majority of the states and people voted for Bush doesn't make them all homophobic warmongers. People have to pick their issues. Personally, I didn't like either of the candidates this year, but when I went into that voter box, I had to pick a candidate that I felt would be the better (of the options) for our country. There is great plurality in conservative ideology and not all Republicans tend to agree, just as it is for the Democrats or any other political organization.

To those who feel sorry for our country and our people, and are ashamed to be an US American, it is you I pity. You have the incapacity to understand or comprehend people who do not think like you. They did not vote for who you wanted, so you proceed to call them ignorant or hicks. Democracy worked, it is time we accept this election and focus on uniting a much divided country.

Election 2004: A Tragi-comic Odyssey



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Hello again. I have returned. I have quieted my sobs, repaired my shattered dreams, and contemplated becoming religious in order to face the next four years. And I have many a story about this election.

I'm not real fond of George W. Bush. My feelings are actually more along the lines of hoping that he chokes on his own ego and dies. But saying something like that might get the interest of Homeland Security. So we'll stick with strong, seething hatred.

In September, I went to a protest in Bangor when Bush spoke at the airport. A few hundred people lined the streets outside the airport, since, now here's a shocker, the speech was not open to just anybody. A few Bowdoin kids were discovered to be Democrats, and quickly removed. Apparently open-minded people aren't allowed to go to Bush speeches and learn where he stands. Shocking.

Anyway, we held our signs, and people drove by and cheered. A few roared by in their SUVs, with one hand holding their cell phone and the other flipping us off. Stupid kids, we don't know anything about how badly they needed their tax break. How else will they pay to put gas in their Hummer?

That weekend Bowdoin hosted the Maine College Democrats' Convention. All of the Republicans from Maine colleges, all 20 of

them, protested outside, yelling the pleats right out of their designer chinos. When Governor Baldacci left, they chased his car. I won't make an analogy between them chasing democracy and little kids chasing the ice cream truck. That would be mean.

(That Friday night, at a Democrat party at Bowdoin, I struck up a conversation with a kid who happily informed me that no, he wasn't a democrat. In fact, he was a Republican, sent by the college Republicans to stir up trouble at the party. He seemed, however, to have had enough to drink that he kept forgetting to stir up trouble.)

That same weekend, John Edwards spoke at the Lewiston Armory. I worked at the handicapped entrance with a kid from the Lewiston High School, whose knees would buckle every time some friendly, certainly non-handicapped person breezed through our entrance. When he recovered his voice, he would tell me, a Maine resident for barely a month, that I had just met the Attorney General, or the ex-Governor, at which point I would thank God that the grumpy handicapped people had not tripped him, even though he was the umpteenth person to be allowed to enter, and they were the handicapped ones. ("Hey! How come they get to go in?" "They're the Secret Service." "So?")

It should come as no shock that I took part in the Bush Twins protest. I actually would have been interested to hear them speak but, alas, I'm a New World kid, and not too hot on war, screwing over the poor, and homophobia, and therefore did not make the coveted list.

I put up info sheets on Question One, I wrote a column on Question Two.

On the Saturday before the election, I

worked for America Coming Together. A kind soul, one oblivious to my driving skills, kindly offered her car to get my partner and me to our designated canvassing location. We rattled around Auburn, up and down the same few roads, making several highly legal U-turns, in search of a road that an exasperated cashier informed us we were already on. Then we embarked on our mission: to tell the kind residents of Auburn where their polling locations were. The kind residents of Auburn were, for the most part, not home. Or they had large dogs.

And then it started raining. I get a little excited about fabric softener, which became quite evident when I became soaking wet. Several of these kind residents restrained their dogs and opened their doors to find what appeared to be a drowned hamster, wearing glasses and engulfed in a cloud of fabric softener, who rather pitifully handed over a polling location card and shuffled away, sneakers squealing.

In a flash of brilliance, I again volunteered for Americans Coming Together on Monday night. From 8:30 to midnight, flashlights in hand, attractive orange vests on our backs, we strode the streets of Lewiston, hanging up polling location door hangers, like some kind of stealthy, political trick-or-treaters.

And then it was Election Day. And in a show of dedication and four hours of sleep, I worked for the Maine Water Dividend Trust, collecting signatures for a petition. Poland Springs, the corporation that would, (oh no!) actually have to pay for the water they sell if the referendum gets enough signatures to go on the ballot next year, sent a representative to sit next to me and

try to convince people not to sign the petition. It was a bit awkward. Just a bit.

Wednesday was a day of mourning. Mourning and amazement at the new level of idiocy and cruelty of the American people. Not only did you, America, elect George W. Bush, you outlawed gay marriage in 11 states. (New US Motto: "Land of the Free...white, straight, conservative, rich, manly men. Free to squish the rest of you like bugs.")

Who were we kidding? The good people of the US don't care that Bush sent over a thousand Americans to their deaths in Iraq, they don't care about the deficit, the unemployment rate, they don't care that they reelected a former coke-head who dodged his generation's war, but feels entitled to give our generation one. What do they care about? I'm not entirely sure. (Although many say that the anti-gay-marriage ballot questions sent thousands to the polls, who just happened to also vote for Bush when they were there. And they say Americans have no values.)

Did anything good happen on November 2, 2004? Well, the Palesky tax cap didn't pass, so Maine's economy won't die for the sake of giving rich tourists a tax break. And the only prayer request received at the Trinity soup kitchen on Election Day was "Vote for Kerry." And the pizza at the Democrat's Election Night party was yummy. (It's the little things from now on. Sure, the country's going to hell. But Commons had good cookies today.)

So, to conclude my election escapade stories; to all you disgruntled liberals out there...I feel your pain. And to all you Bush-punching-bag companies...expect record sales.

YOUTH MOBILIZATION IN THE ELECTION

BERTRAND

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We must work through our communities, our schools, our choices in profession, and even through our choices about what to eat for lunch. Let this trend towards political participation become a trend to engage in our communities, participate in our local democracy, and work for the change we know this country so desperately needs.

BUSH DESIRES THE JEWISH VOTE

KOTZEN

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voting Republican will only continue to get stronger. Republicans demonstrated that they have become the pro-Israel party. According to the National Republican Jewish Coalition, younger Jews aged 18-49 are more inclined to vote Republican than the traditional Democratic senior citizens whose base continues to shrink. Finally, statistics show that the Jewish community is becoming more religious, and the Orthodox community represents a solid base of support for Republicans.

WHERE DID THE MONEY GO?

TROPINO LETTER

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aberration among clubs in that its sole function is to provide entertainment; however, they should still be held accountable when using our money. In case you didn't know, all the club money comes from the same pool. So why is this so-called equality-seeking campus not subjecting each club and organization to the same scrutiny when we are told we have so little to spend?

-Tiffany Tropino '05

ROOT CAUSES MATTER IN THE MIDDLE EAST

LIDDELL LETTER

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as this conflict continues, the roots of despair and frustration that breed terrorism will continue to fester.

Furthermore, Bin Laden's remarks show the growing trend of Arab governments' and non-state terrorist actors' predilection for exploiting the conflict for political gain. Saddam Hussein did it in 1990 to rally support for his invasion of Kuwait, and Osama is doing it today to rally support for Al-Qaeda. As long as this conflict continues, powerful regional actors will continue to exploit Palestinian suffering to rally their constituents against what they perceive as the "America Israeli conglomerate" that has been occupying their lands and oppressing their people for the latter half of the twentieth century.

Whether or not one agrees with this perception is irrelevant because it is a reality in the Middle East. Therefore, it is in America's, Israel's, and well, the rest of the world's, best interest to eradicate this perception and the recruitment powers it inherently possesses.

So who cares what Osama says? After all, he is just a big evil terrorist who is becoming increasingly marginalized. This may be true. Many top Al-Qaeda leaders may soon be caught, seriously crippling Al-Qaeda's power to plan and carry out attacks. However, the issues that Al-Qaeda exploits and the hope Bin Laden gives to much of the Muslim world is not likely to dissipate any time soon.

The Bush Administration's failure to consider the central issues that breed terrorism have left Bin Laden more popular, not less. Over half of the population of Saudi Arabia has a favorable view of Bin Laden's leadership. Moreover, Bin Laden is the second most admired leader after Jacques Chirac in Egypt.

In Pakistan, our closest ally in the war on terror, Bin Laden is so popular that the pro-Taliban, anti-American party MMA is now the third largest party in Pakistan's Parliament.

Until the United States is willing to tackle the central issues that breed terrorism, these unsettling trends are only likely to grow stronger.

-James Liddell '06

BUSH CONFRONTS THE NEXT FOUR YEARS

WALTON

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decisive victory of President Bush and the Republican Party on November 2. They now have the opportunity to pursue an agenda around

the world and at home that was endorsed by a majority of the American people. It is likely the hope and wish of all Americans that both parties work well together in a bipartisan manner to accomplish great goals on their behalf.

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Students Participate in Presidential Campaigns on Election Day

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ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

By the looks of Lewiston on Nov. 2, it would have been hard to believe that only 17 percent of those who voted were college students and young people according to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement. For many Bates students, the idea of not voting was unfathomable, as activism and involvement have historically been central to our institutional identity. It's therefore no surprise that the majority of eligible Bates students voted on Election Day, which has been speculated to have directly affected Kerry's victory within the 2nd Congressional District in Maine. But many students took their commitment to caring beyond the act of casting their vote and spent days before and on Nov. 2 working at local campaign headquarters, speaking to community members and in some cases traveling to work in battleground states, all in the hopes of ensuring their candidate a place in the White House.

Larry Handershan '05, a former officer of the Bates Democrats who has been politically active throughout his time at Bates, left Maine just days before the election to work for the Kerry campaign in Pennsylvania, one of the key battleground states where Sen. Kerry won. Handershan spent the past summer canvassing for Kerry in Washington, D.C., and "learned a lot from the young and motivated" people with whom he worked. It was through his connections with the DNC that he was able to work

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Advice For A New Administration

Campus discusses the future of the Middle East and South Asia

by LOUIS DENNIG
NEWS SECTION EDITOR

Two days after the presidential election came to a close, students, faculty and members of the community gathered in Chase Hall Lounge to attend a panel discussion on foreign policy entitled, "Comments for the New Administration: The Middle East and South Asia Revisited." The panel was led by Matt Nelson, assistant professor of political science, and included Jamil Zraikat '05, James Liddell '06, Rakshshan Zahid '07, Aarjan Dixit '07 and Joko Susilo, Fulbright scholar and Mellon Learning associate.

Although the panel was scheduled regardless of the outcome of the Nov. 2 election, Matt Nelson addressed the Bush administration directly.

"What are the issues that matter, and how should we encourage the Bush administration to address them? How can we engage in the process of change, as it were, from within without resorting to war?" asked Nelson. "What would a 'dialogue' with the people of the Middle East and South Asia look like?"

The purpose of the panel was to elevate the level of debate on campus and "make it a bit more nuanced."

"In particular, I'd like us to move beyond the current pattern of talking 'about' Muslims and their neighbors. Instead, I'd like us to think about the best way to exchange ideas 'with' Muslims and their non-Muslim neighbors," Nelson said.

Nelson went on to discuss how United States farm subsidies have created "mind-boggling" poverty in the Middle East. According to

Nelson, the U.S., Europe and Japan spend \$350 billion a year in farm subsidies, while Pakistan spends nothing.

"American subsidies make it very difficult for farmers in other parts of the world to compete. In fact, even where the price of labor, and

competitive rates," said Nelson. "The price of American goods is simply too low."

Zraikat, from Amman, Jordan spoke next, and addressed American policy in the context of authoritarianism and democracy.

Zahid, who is from Pakistan, discussed U.S.



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Students and faculty discuss the role of the U.S. in the Middle East.

inputs, is extremely modest—say, places like India, Bangladesh or Pakistan—many farmers find that their costs cannot be reduced to levels that would allow them to sell their goods at

relations with the Pakistani dictator, President Pervez Musharraf. Zahid pointed out that while the U.S. has adopted a policy of promot-

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election because they didn't have healthcare, they plugged in because they had no job, they plugged in because their kids had bad schools...we didn't win, but it was darn close because of all these people who plugged in."

Christopher Laconi '05, editor-in-chief of the John Galt Press and president of the Bates Civil Liberties Union, considers himself liberally minded and voted for Kerry. "I think Bush has not turned out to be a conservative in the sense of Goldwater and Reagan," Laconi said.

"He has not practiced fiscal restraint, spending is out of control, and the fact of the matter is that he is not very conservative at all," he continued. Laconi went on to explain that he saw in John Kerry the opportunity for a "divided government" which would keep government spending in check.

"I think in his second term, Bush will drift even farther away from the party of Reagan and Goldwater, a party that represented what was

great about America, they now have become too beholden to the religious right," Laconi said.

McElhinny explained that going into election night, everyone in the Democratic campaign had a general "feeling of excitement" but that as the night drew on more and more people shuffled out of the party in the Silo.

"We knew as soon as the polls closed we had some serious problems, and almost immediately people were leaving," McElhinny said. "Everyone now just feels hurt."

On Sunday, the Office of the Chaplain offered a retreat from 2-6 p.m. at 136 Nichols Street for "people dealing with emotions about the election."

Oliver Wolf '06, President of the College Republicans, noted, "everyone I've talked with was very excited" that the president won a second term.

"President Bush won the youth vote in Maine 50% to 48%, a five percent jump from the 2000 election, and I think the reason is because everyone who voted for Bush was

enthusiastic, students in Maine who voted for Bush over Kerry admired him as a leader," Wolf said.

Laconi argued that it is true that there is an "upsurge in the right among the youth voters, but they are very different from Bush. They are much more culturally 'liberal,' supporting things like gay marriage."

Wolf, predicting what he expects from Bush's second term as president said, "I think we are going to catch Osama Bin Laden, the economy will continue to grow and become more stable."

He continued, "I think he is going to take steps to reduce the deficit. President Bush inherited a recession, then 9/11 happened and we lost 3,000 people in one day. I think it was natural for a deficit to occur," he said. Wolf pointed out that Reagan spent into deficits "that never had an adverse effect on the economy."

"Decades from now we will look back on Bush as the first president to change the whole threat from terrorism."

RA Discusses Budget Committee, New Website

by EMILY RAND and ALLISON MARSHALL
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The RA convened Monday night in Skelton Lounge to discuss the budget committee forum and student life. First, committee members announced the creation of a new RA website by the end of this semester and that the RA bulletin board outside commons is going to be redone.

Jamil Zraikat, president of the executive council, then told the assembled members that the Dean of Students had not responded to the RA's request for students studying off campus to have access to announce e-mails.

Zraikat also thanked members for the recent successful round of committee appointments with over thirty positions filled.

Vaibhav Bajpai then made announcements for the budget committee. Bajpai said that the forum on club budgets will not occur due to scheduling conflicts, but expressed his hope that the forum would be held sometime before finals.

Members then discussed various concerns of the physical plant, such as the issue of charging damage to the floor and not the entire dorm, and improving relations with custodians. RA members also asked whether or not the physical plant could look into getting a better smelling soap for bathrooms on campus.

Next, the minutes from the Dean's Advisory meeting were announced. During the meeting, noise complaints and off-campus standards were discussed.

Next Wednesday, Security and the Deans will meet again to further discuss these issues. Finally, members concurred that trick or treat and the Halloween dance were a success, and the festivities took place with no arrests or hospitalization. The RA also agreed that the controversial "beer garden" was also successful.

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financial aid packages. The international student financial aid package consists of a grant, campus employment, and an interest-free loan to be paid back after the student finishes his/her education."

According to Zraikat "the promise is that, providing they can still prove their need, the amount of money that the family is expected to pay every year would remain constant regardless of any increases in the tuition."

Yet, due to the college's current financial crisis, this promise has no longer been kept since Bates is now asking for an additional \$1500 from parents. Instead of portioning out this

amount of money through loans like it has done before, Bates has added it to international students' tuitions. Some students never pay loans back and others take a long time to finally pay it all off, so the college has decided to no longer provide a loan option. As a result, many international students have found themselves in a dire situation.

"The issue here is not only that the college did this at all after bringing those students to Bates with a commitment to fund their need, but it is also in how the college did this. Students did not find out about it until in the summer or on arriving to Bates when they found out that there is an extra \$1500 committed by their accounts to the college," said Zraikat.

Zraikat continued, "Many students found themselves having to double their on-campus work hours to cover at least part of that increase, while some have adapted well to them but others have found it very difficult to pay any part of the additional charge."

Possibly because of this policy change, only 15 new international students came to Bates this year compared to 35 students last year. In some cases, a few returning international students who found out about the new increase were forced to withdraw.

If the college wants to maintain a diverse student body, the new policy changes may have to be reversed. As Bates undergoes a major readjustment, the money it fundraises will primarily be directed towards financial aid.

Speaker Discusses Marijuana Dangers

by DAVE SCOTT
NEWS WRITER

On Thursday, Nov. 4, Jim McDonough, a substance abuse counselor from the Bates Health Center gave an informational talk about the effects of marijuana use.

McDonough began the meeting by stating his motivation for organizing it.

"I am not trying to talk people out of using marijuana, because it is here to stay," said McDonough. The meeting was organized to educate students on the "knowns and unknowns" of the implications of marijuana use so that students can assess their opinions of the drug.

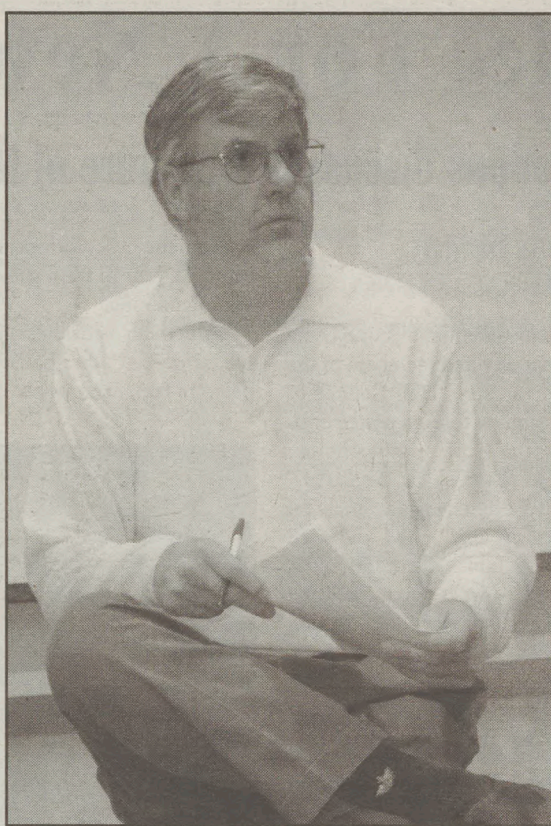
Over the course of the meeting, McDonough introduced several pertinent facts about marijuana use. Marijuana is a psychoactive organic drug, that derives its stimulant and depressant properties from a component called THC. The drug has only been a mark of youth counterculture since the early 1960s, and previous to this it was used to enhance spirituality in ancient cultures. There are only three different strains of the drug, some of which are much stronger than others, so different highs can vary in their intensity and sometimes can cause hallucinations. However, with normal use the drug stimulates appetite and either stimulates or depresses activity levels depending on a user's environment.

Beyond discussing the uncontested facts of marijuana use, McDonough also presented

information from several studies, which show the repercussions of marijuana use. There is a strong correlation between marijuana use and short-term memory loss. This drug has been shown to impair a user's tracking abilities, and therefore, driving while under the influence of marijuana can be hazardous. There is no conclusive evidence that marijuana use causes cancer, but it can cause emotional problems and dependency, in which case treatment may be necessary.

McDonough emphasized that the personal implications of marijuana use do not take

into account other legal implications of possessing this controlled substance. On campus,



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Substance abuse counselor Jim McDonough.

Bates security and the deans reserve the right to search a student's room if the student is suspected of possession. If marijuana is found in a student's possession, the dean's office outlines no immediate action other than referring the individual to counseling. Depending on circumstances, the deans office may involve the Lewiston authorities. In this case, unless the individual has a prescription for the drug, various misdemeanor or felony charges will ensue.

If students have any questions concerning marijuana use and dependency counseling, contact Jim McDonough by e-mail jmcdonou@bates.edu.

Students and Faculty Propose Middle East and South Asia Foreign Policy Change

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ing democracy in the Middle East, if Pakistan was allowed to carry out a free and fair election, it would elect an anti-American administration.

Dixit, who is from Kathmandu, Nepal, discussed the Human Development Index, which provides a rating for countries in terms of literacy, life expectancy and GDP. "The Human Development Index for most of the countries in South Asia is very, very low," said Dixit.

"Unfortunately, approaches to nation building in the past have had a heavy managerial and technocratic focus. In other words, development has been dominated by an overbearing 'top down' approach, dictating policy prescriptions and acting completely outside the local and specific contexts of these countries," Dixit

said.

Dixit discussed that some U.S. policies have had negative repercussions in South Asia.

Development initiatives from the U.S. can be extremely alienating and, in many cases, they fail, sometimes disastrously. They are not tailored to the local context, and they are often environmentally damaging and terribly insensitive to local needs and aspirations.

Mellon Associate Susilo related an anecdote from sitting in on a Pakistani meeting of government. Susilo said that some of the representatives were saying, "We hate Americans, we must kill Americans and we must refuse to use their products." But even as they preached against the American products, Susilo said other members of the government were typing on Microsoft Word. The panel closed with a question and answer session.

Otis Fellows Discuss Experiences Abroad

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pull out. "The first week that I was home was the most excruciating of my life. I slept outside at night, and locked myself in my room during the day," he said. After the initial anguish, Keays was able to take a more positive view of the experience and view it as a learning experience.

All of the presenters completed their journeys with an appreciation for the new perspectives on life that the fellowship program had enabled them to experience.

"The independence that the Otis Fellowship allows and encourages makes every encounter and experience an adventure," Martin said.

Senator Kerry and President Bush Supporters Volunteer Time and Energy on Election Day

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outside of Maine throughout the election process.

"When it became clear that Maine and New Hampshire were going to go for Kerry I felt the need to go elsewhere," said Handerman. "I decided if I was going to work, I might as well work in an exciting swing state where I could really help to make a difference."

Handerman went to voting locations to answer questions and assisted in poll-checking and canvassing, during which he went door-to-door to help get people out to vote who might otherwise have stayed home.

"I really think we made a huge difference," said Handerman. "We talked to an estimated 85 percent of the people in our precinct. Some of the other precincts talked to upwards of 100 percent of their voters, so I feel that these things show the results of volunteering and the effects it had in a state like Pennsylvania."

Oliver Wolf, the president of the College Republicans, also felt that volunteering and personal involvement with the community made a difference. Wolf organized on-campus phone banking and community canvassing and encouraged the approximately 170 members of the College Republicans to take advantage of the early voting option offered in Maine, in order for there to be as many members able to

volunteer as possible on Nov. 2. Though President Bush did not win any of Maine's four electoral votes, Wolf says that the youth support for Bush was greater than that of Kerry, and found this to be directly affected by college student involvement around the state.

"Our goal was to win Maine and re-elect President Bush and we did this by meeting our goals of phone banking and going door-to-door on campus and in the community," said Wolf. "Students at Bates were one of the largest group of volunteers in the state and [the College Republicans] were the ones who really made the race a competitive one in Maine."

Many Bates students chose to volunteer on campus before the election to sway other students to vote for their candidate. Both the Bates Democrats and the College Republicans increased voter turn-out through on-campus door-to-door campaigns, where volunteers spoke to students about their candidate choice and reminded them to vote.

Nate Earle '07, a registered independent and Kerry supporter, helped in these efforts on Election Day because he felt he could make a difference in his candidate's success.

"I decided to go door-to-door and talk to people because I wanted to do anything I could to help out the country and the local community," said Earle. "I thought it was important to ensure that everyone voted and had a voice."

For some students, their experiences with

volunteering have inspired them to remain involved with the political scene in the local community.

"It was an absolutely amazing experience," said Brandon Shields, the vice-president of the College Republicans, who volunteered in the weeks before the election and on Nov. 2. "I am extremely happy with the results of the election, said Shields. "I really hope to get involved with local and national campaigns in the future."

Despite the active involvement of Bates students during the election, Handerman feels that still more could have been done to affect the outcome.

"Bates students are aware of what needs to be done," said Handerman. "They tend to talk up a good game about getting involved but then often don't. A lot of people think you can just work on Election Day and then give yourself a pat on the back, but even though they have helped in that one day, they could have been doing a lot more earlier. If the young people around the nation had voted and been more involved, Kerry could have easily won this election."

Knowing this, Handerman still feels that Bates made a difference on Nov. 2.

"I think Maine is changing and it is changing because of the students that are here," said Handerman. "Students are getting out into the community and talking to people and are really affecting and benefiting the state as a whole."

NEWS IN BRIEF LOCAL

KITTERY, Maine— A Vermont man took home the top prize in a lobster-eating contest by devouring 19 of the crustaceans in 35 minutes. Barry "Tink" Giddings of Chester, Vt., won the Weathervane Seafood Restaurant's third annual lobster-eating competition. As the newly crowned Lobster Maniac of the year, Giddings, 50, won a trip aboard a working lobster boat out of Kittery and up to 100 pounds of the day's catch.

Source: Portland Press-Herald

PORTLAND, Maine — Regular gasoline is now averaging \$2.06 a gallon in Maine, according to AAA's daily price report. Gasoline is averaging nearly \$2.07 in Bangor, about \$2.05 in Portland and over \$2.02 in Lewiston. AAA says the price of gas nationwide is about two dollars a gallon — or six cents a gallon cheaper than in Maine. A year ago, regular gas was averaging about a \$1.57 in Maine.

Source: AP

BANGOR, Maine— A Florida-based company is planning to open a methadone clinic in one of the city's busiest shopping areas, setting off concerns among neighbors and city officials. When the clinic opens, it will be the second methadone clinic in Bangor and the fifth in Maine. The company plans to serve 250 to 300 clients at its Bangor clinic and it will operate six or seven days a week, depending on state regulations.

Source: AP

MAINE— Maine's prison population increased by 5.9 percent between 2002 and 2003, more than twice the rate of growth in prisons nationally, a government report said Sunday. The Justice Department also reported that the number of women in state and federal prisons is at an all-time high and growing, with the incarceration rate for females increasing at nearly twice that of men. There were 101,179 women in prisons last year, 3.6 percent more than in 2002. That marks the first time the women's prison population has topped 100,000, and continues a trend of rapid growth.

Source: AP

AUBURN - Gov. John Baldacci and his cabinet will spend the better part of the next two days in a retreat at the Hilton Garden Inn planning the future of the state. This is the second Baldacci cabinet retreat. The group met last November in Bangor. The retreat is scheduled to begin about 8 a.m. this morning and continue into the evening.

Source: The Sun Journal

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BRUNSWICK, Maine— Bowdoin was recognized as being one of the colleges that received the most Fulbright grants for 2004- 2005, with four students receiving Fulbright awards. Fulbright grants are awarded to 1,000 American students every year. The grant encourages cultural understanding as it allows students to complete projects all over the world.

Source: The Bowdoin Orient

MIDDLETOWN, Conn.- On Wed, Nov 3, the day after the election, 200 students gathered in front of the Wesleyan library for an anti-war rally organized by a college club called WesPeace. According to the organizers, the rally would have taken place regardless of who won the election since the war will persist no matter who is in office.

Source: The Wesleyan Argus

AMHERST, Mass.- Former commissioner of the Food and Drug Association and alum of Amherst College, David Kessler came to speak to Amherst students about the "tobacco war" and discoveries the FDA has made concerning the hazards of tobacco products. In one study, the FDA found that "light cigarettes" actually had a higher percentage of nicotine than any other cigarette.

Source: The Amherst Student

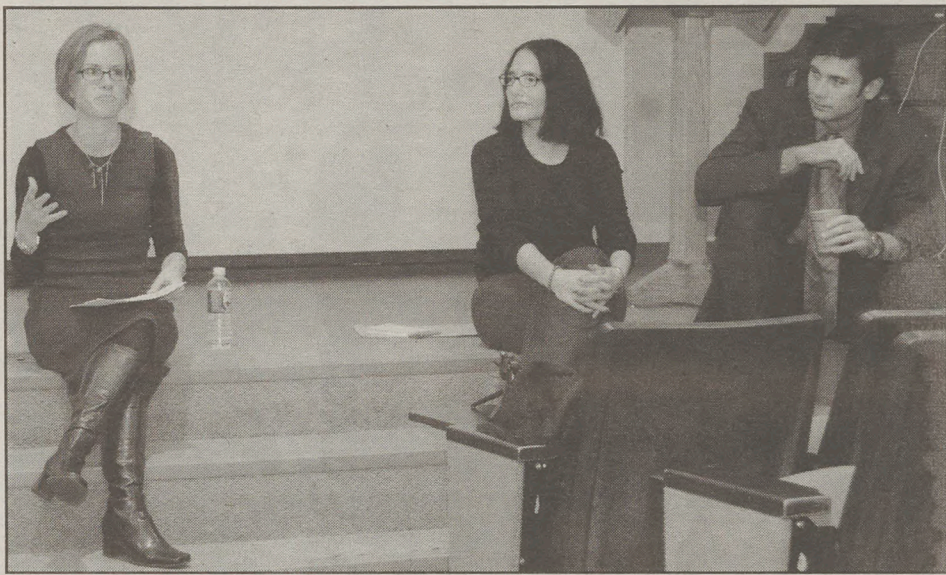
Scholars Discuss Marsden Hartley's Life

by NICOLE SCOTT
ARTS WRITER

If anyone has been to the Bates College Museum of Art, they would notice that, besides the photography exhibition and "Videodrome II," there is an exhibition entitled "Marsden Hartley: Image and Identity." This exhibition may seem a little odd in comparison to the more contemporary exhibits being shown as well, but its theme resonates with much of the modern art, thought and story of Hartley's life. Over this past weekend, a panel of scholars got together to discuss some aspects of Hartley's life and career in a symposium sponsored by the Museum.

Hartley was born in 1877 and spent his childhood in Lewiston. For most of his life he traveled and lived in a variety of places including Nova Scotia, Mexico and Europe. He returned to Lewiston for his final days and died in 1944. His works are diverse and reflect some of the techniques and ideals of cubism, German expression-

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Scholars discuss with the audience and amongst each other about many different aspects of Marsden Hartley's life.

"BLUE LEAVES" GIVES A GRIPPING PERFORM-

by ANDREW WALENGA
ARTS WRITER

What do a gorilla mask, a jar of peanut butter and a brillo-pad dinner have in common? Not much, until you throw in three nuns and some food-induced orgasms. John Guare's dark comedy, "The House of Blue Leaves," incorporates all these elements, plus a whole periodic table more. Performed this past weekend in front of a full house at Gannett Theater, this semester's theater department production was, in a word, gripping.

In the past, director and professor of theater Paul Kuritz has had more trouble connecting with a Bates audience than Zell Miller. This time, however, the audience had no choice but to be totally engrossed by the detailed, intelligent fast-paced show. The story revolves around Artie Shaughnessy (Kevin Weiler '05), a middle-aged New York zookeeper trying to make the career transition to Hollywood songwriter. Artie, upset by his wife Bananas' (Alexandra Hughes '07) tragic slip into insanity, has taken a mistress, Bunny (Emmy Spencer '08). The trio eagerly awaits the Pope's historic 1965 visit to New York, hoping that a Papal blessing is the panacea they need, but, Artie's son

Ronnie (Brandt Miller '08) has other ideas. Also thrown into the mix are Billy Einhorn (Samuel Leichter '08), Artie's friend and Hollywood producer, deaf starlet, Corrina (Anna Stockwell '08), and a trio of nuns (Amber Harris '06, Tamara Wyche '08, and Maggie McCally '08).

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Weiler, in partial fulfillment of his senior thesis, demonstrated the most emotional range of his entire Bates career as he depicted Artie's struggle with his family and himself. Not only did Weiler bank on his impeccable comedic timing, musical talent and charisma, but he showed himself capable of embracing the more difficult emotions of love, pain and self-doubt. Weiler's presence was dominating onstage, but his performance does not take attention away

from his peers. Balancing Weiler was Alexandra Hughes, playing mentally unstable (and appropriately named) Bananas. Hughes was spectacular as she delivered some of the play's darker lines ("I tried to slit my wrists with spoons"). It was almost impossible not to stare at Hughes while she sat quietly, lost in her own world. At times she showed glimpses of sanity, only to have them quickly overtaken by the shadows of depression. Similarly, first-year Emmy Spencer showed that she was up to the challenge as she played the Fran Drescher-esque character, Bunny. Somewhat constrained by the obnoxious character, Spencer did well to avoid attempts at adding serious emotion to her character, making her performance an excellent example of how such stereotypes should be played. Contrasting the bipolar family is the always monotonous and cynical Ronnie, played by Brandt Miller. The character worked well in the context of the play, but Miller needed to deliver his dialogue with more confidence and clarity. Anna Stockwell, as the secretly deaf Corrina, is marvelous and gets the biggest laugh of the evening from one of her lines: "Unitarian." Finally, Samuel Leichter demonstrates a clever under-

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Way To Go, Ohio

by MATT HEFFERNAN
MUSIC COLUMNIST

Ohio's favorite MC, Blueprint, has just released his first instrumental album and wow. That really is the only word for it, wow. You might think it would be hard for an MC to come out with an amazing instrumental album, but Blueprint's new release Chamber Music surpasses all expectations. If you are a fan of Blueprint already you know him from his collaboration with noted DJ, and Ohio native, RJD2. Soulposition, with RJD2 on production and Blueprint on the mic sold over 15,000 copies of their EP Unlimited, released in 2002. Whereas RJD2 has become one of the premier DJs in the underground Hip-Hop scene his partner Blueprint is coming into his own with "Chamber Music." Way to go Ohio.

"Chamber Music" is one of the more experimental albums of the year so far. He has not allowed the conventional parameters of rhythm and melody hold him back in his artistic vision. Most of the tracks on Chamber Music flow fluidly into a strangely discordant feel. He has used an interesting mix of instruments and drum machine rhythms to create a musical world unlike anything we've seen in a long time. On tracks like "Mission Statement" and "Mr. Hyde" Blueprint proves that he is as good in the studio as he has proven to be on stage while touring

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New Spiraling Release is Uplifting and Unique

by MEGAN RICHARDSON
MANAGING ARTS EDITOR

The wildly creative and extraordinarily talented band Spiraling returned to Lewiston last Sunday night to give its second performance here at Bates. The band, whose first CD "Transmitter," was a huge success, recently put out their second CD, an equally unique and enjoyable, though short, collection of songs.

Consisting of only four tracks, "Challenging Stage" is a quick peek into the talent and creativity that Spiraling has to offer. The first track, "A Face for Radio," has a much harder sound than most of their other work, but it is pulled off perfectly and I would not be surprised to hear this attitude-filled song played on any modern rock station.

The second track, "Ah, Sugar," is a funny commentary on the bad qualities of addictions. Sung in the style of a love song, it complains about rotting teeth, the inability to sleep and other side-effects of eating too much sugar, as well as problems with nicotine and alcohol - it's entertaining, but also rather eye-opening.

The fast-paced third track, "Texas is the Reason," is a high-energy song with a quick beat and a catchy tune. It slightly resembles '80s classics, but in a good way - it's filled with fun and energy.

The last song, "You Can't Get There," sounds a lot like the songs on the first CD, with long musical sequences between vocals. It's a nice, soothing track, and it perfectly showcases Spiraling's style.

Spiraling's ever-changing sound and unique style make it a great band to listen to. If you didn't check them out at last year's Gala or at last Sunday's concert, you're truly missing out. Both of their CDs are available online at www.spiraling.net. If you're looking for something new and uplifting to listen to, I'd recommend checking them out.

"Anchorman": Enjoyable Slapstick Comedy

by DAN COHEN
ARTS WRITER

You don't get many exceptional comedies these days, and "Anchorman" is not an exceptional comedy. It is, however, a fantastic offbeat and slapstick piece of work from one of the top comedic performers of our generation, Will Ferrell. Ferrell, who also wrote the film, is not as impressive as Adam Sandler or Jim Carrey in their prime, back in the golden comedic era of "Happy Gilmore" and "Dumb and Dumber." The film itself does not compare to these masterpieces, but at a time when the slapstick genre is dying out, I strongly recommend this film, because there are moments that bring you back to the golden era and jokes that are worth watching over and over again.

The film takes place in the 1970s, a world where males dominate television news. The channel 4 news in San Diego is reputed to be the best news network and is led by the number one anchor in town, Ron Burgundy (Will Ferrell). Ron is accompanied by his eccentric fellow egos: field reporter Brian Fantana (Paul Rudd), sportscaster Champ Kind (David Koechner), and weatherman Brick Tamland (Steve Carell). The team lives a good life of news, women and awards, but their world is turned upside down when Veronica Corningstone

(Christina Applegate), a female news anchor, comes and joins the team. Ron instantly falls in love with Veronica, which splits the delicate news team apart. Soon though, Veronica and Ron compete for the job they love, and try to get rid of each other for the sole possession of Anchorman.

The acting in the film is on and off. There are some hilarious performances, and others that I would like to forget. The one-liners and sharp dialogue are what keep this film afloat, and some, as you can imagine, do it better than others. Will Ferrell does his job as Ron Burgundy, and I cannot remember a bigger ego in a film than Ron Burgundy. A classic example of Ferrell's genius is when he is crying in a phone booth and screams out, "I'm in a glass cage of emotion." The way he delivers this line is perfect and the moment well acted, but Ferrell did not carry the film alone; it was up to the supporting cast to back him, and back him up they sometimes did. Burgundy is not even the best character in the film. That title belongs to Steve Carell's Brick Tamland, the weatherman. Why is he so funny? Let's just say he's not all there. For instance, when Ron and the gang talk about times they were in love, Brick claims he loves the lamp in the room. Other characters were less successful and weakened many parts of the film. Sportscaster Champ Kind was awful, grop-

ing for laughs with his goofy accent and big cowboy hat. The actor David Koechner tries too hard and is at times so bad that I almost laughed out of sympathy.

There is one scene that makes the price of admission worthwhile. Ron and his boys get in a gang fight with the rival news team led by none other than Vince Vaughn, known as Wes Mantooth in the film. The fight doesn't end there. Other rival news teams get in on the fun, where some excellent cameos come out of nowhere. The gang fight ensues, with medieval weapons and random violence. I literally fell out of my chair.

Even with all its great one-liners and beautiful slap stick humor, however, the film has a lot of dead air. It is not consistently funny like Ferrell's effort in "Old School". I guarantee a big laugh every twenty minutes, but you will have to sit through a lot of predictable jokes and punch lines that just don't work. There is even a scene involving an animated sequence that is completely out of place and simply not funny.

But even so, it is one of the best comedies I have seen a while. The DVD will be released in December, so be sure to see it. If great one-liners are not enough, it has one of the best performances by a dog in any motion picture I have ever seen.

"Guardian" Explores Worldwide Problems Through Poems

by **MARISSA CORRENTE**
ARTS WRITER

The second half of the semester is upon us all and that means one thing: crunch time. Who can spare precious time to sit down and read for fun? This time of year, there's barely time to glance at a weekly book review, and when you do, you mentally add the book to your "Read Later" list. Well, this week's book doesn't have to fall under that category. In fact, it can easily be read during those moments when free-time comes fleetingly your way. This week's review examines Cleopatra Mathis's book of poetry, "Guardian."

Published in 1995, "Guardian" explores familial relations and emotions. Divided into two sections, the first, "Guardian," has a much more personal connection to Mathis. This portion includes thirty-one poems, some of which are very personal experiences, such as the birth of her child, while others are reactions to more world-wide events. She confronts the issues we tend to ignore because they make us uncomfortable, and forces us to deal with problems, such as abuse and neglect, or even bloodshed. For instance, in her poem, "Mother's Day, 1993: Hearing We Will Bomb Bosnia" Mathis writes moving lines that evoke her emotions as a mother learning about this world-wide event: "No wonder you turn, horrified and hating/your cowardice, from the magazine, the cover picture/ of the dead child. You can't look at it:/ the shrouded head, the bloody mouth/ exposed and slack, then the brief, unchildlike clothing/ and below that, exposed,/ as if nothing in the world were wrong,/ the tender arc of the belly/ Oh that familiar part of the child, the body/ a mother kisses. A nation of mothers." The second chapter is titled, "The Art of Exile" and is broken down into three subsections, "Exile," "This World," and "Lessons." Exploring the story of the creation, Mathis takes Adam and Eve and still continues her familial themes. She uncovers the creation from a completely different point-of-view, oftentimes making Adam and Eve contemporary figures. In some of her poems such as, "Earth," Eve could easily be any woman. She writes, "You see a woman of a certain age,/ not old, yet seeing every sign/ of how the world will age her./ More and more, you'll find her in the garden/ but not for onions or potatoes./ She wants blooms, color,/ a breaking in the earth's disorder." Mathis pours personal insight and wisdom into all her poems, which makes them all the more eloquent and striking. The experiences Mathis writes of in "Guardian" whether they are personal, well-known events, or biblical stories, she finds a common thread making these poems unique yet universal. So give yourself a much needed break and pick up "Guardian." Or if the idea of more reading really isn't appealing to you right about now, stop by Chase Hall Lounge this Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 8 p.m. for a poetry reading with the author, Cleopatra Mathis.

"Incredibles" Contains the Perfect Ingredients for a Family Movie



<http://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/incredibles/photos.php>

The Incredibles, preparing to beat the lights out of their opponents.

by **JENNIFER LEE**
ARTS SECTION EDITOR

"The Incredibles" is a phenomenal undertaking by Pixar as computer animators experimented with light, skin, hair and fabric for a full-length feature revolving around people rather than toys, aquatic life or monsters like their past hits. "The Incredibles" is, in fact, Pixar's first full-length animated movie entirely composed of human characters. Featuring the voices of Craig Nelson ("Coach"), Holly Hunter ("The Piano"), Samuel L. Jackson ("Pulp Fiction") and Jason Lee ("Chasing Amy"), the film mixes all sorts of genres such as comedy and action. This movie is an uproarious adventure to watch with family and friends.

With all the innovations of computer technology, it seems hard to believe that computer animators have difficulty developing believable, physical characteristics of human beings, such as smooth muscle movements, flopping and bouncing hair, skin that stretches and glows naturally in accordance with light and body movements, and clothing that moves independently of the body. According to a supervising animator for the movie in the movie's production notes, part of the difficulty comes from the fact that "we spend our whole lives watching other humans and we know right away when something, even the smallest little thing, isn't quite right."

Director Brad Bird made Pixar's job harder by asking computer animators to maintain an abstract look with the skin, meaning absolutely no pores or hair follicles. However, according to Rick Sayre, the film's supervising technical director, "creating simple skin that didn't look fake was really hard. It's one of those cases where simplicity was complex." The depiction

of hair was yet another difficulty these computer animators dealt with since "it's so multi-layered and made up of millions of strands that have friction against each other and a sense of cohesion. It breaks apart and re-forms in response to how the head is moving and how the wind is blowing. The trouble comes from all the layers wanting to pass through each other and how you keep that from happening as it interacts with arms, shoulders and other solid objects."

Don't be fooled. The film gives the overall impression that Pixar had an easier time developing "The Incredibles" than their past films, but this is simply not true. This movie is Pixar's greatest challenge, and it is amazing to see how effortless these skilled animators make it seem.

Now, meet Bob Parr, a superhero with super-human strength, agility, durability and leaping ability. The average civilian is only familiar with his alias, "Mr. Incredible." On the day he gets married, Parr foils a suicide attempt and almost stops a robbery, when an obsessive, but smart fan impedes his efforts and asks if he could be his sidekick. Insisting that he only works alone, Parr rejects the boy's offers, which will come to haunt him in the future. As soon as he gets married, Parr and other super heroes experience a rise of lawsuits and unpopularity as civilians start to complain about injuries sustained by the victims and damages incurred to the city during the super heroes' life-saving efforts. Super heroes, like Parr and his family, are forced to relocate through a government program and live the full-time lives of their secret identities. Parr now has three children of his own, is grossly overweight and is stuck in a dead end job, until he receives a mysterious offer from an unknown source to relive his glory days by putting his

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Recording Industry Needs to Focus Attention on the Quality of its Music

by **BERNIE HERLYN**
ARTS WRITER

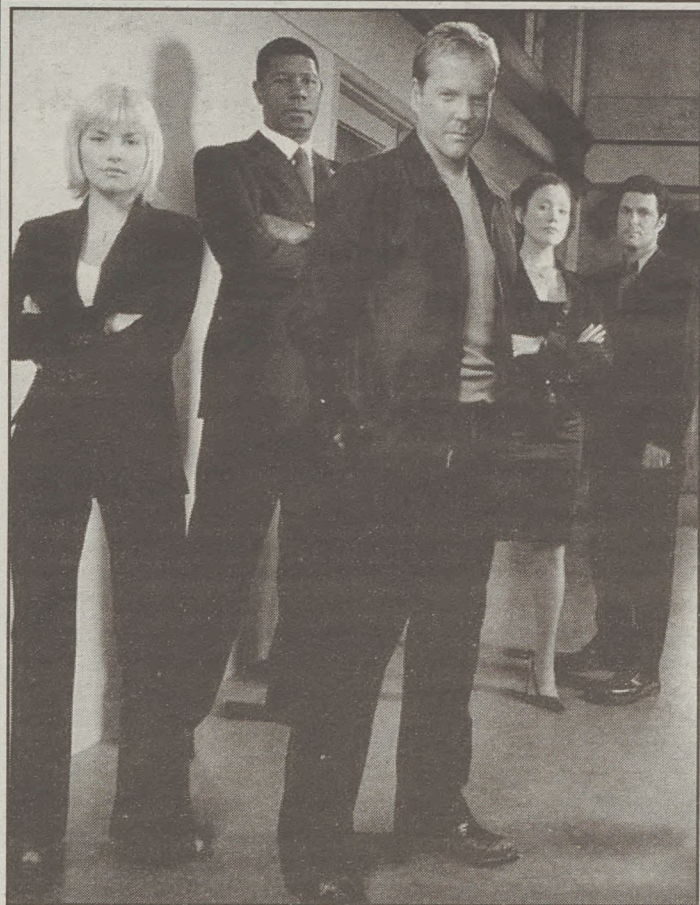
Anyone with a little technological know-how can download Eminem's new album, *Encore*, from the Internet. A curious fact, considering the album is not officially released until November 12. Even more curious when you consider that the original release date was November 16, now bumped up because of piracy. How did we get to this point, where an album is available weeks before its release date? The easiest scapegoat is ruthless piracy, and the people who revel in getting their hands on music before anyone else, but this is a cop-out. There are always two sides to every issue, and the music industry is just as responsible for digital piracy. Those who believe otherwise, including the industry, are only placating themselves.

And they are in denial, too. As lamentable as illegal downloading is, the music industry has only superficially tried to stop it or, better yet, embrace it. Many companies have put out services where users can legally download songs for 99 cents each (Walmart, that bastion of low prices, is even selling them at 88 cents each), yet most of the big record labels have been wary to go down this path. They have not accepted that not everyone buys an album to look at the pretty pictures or graphics. With this in mind, they need to put less emphasis on profit and more on making their artists' music successful, in every sense of the word. There are still many top artists who have declined to allow their music on services such as Apple's iTunes, whose service alone has had hundreds of millions of downloads since its inception.

What, then, should they do? This writer does not claim to have the answer, and neither does anyone else, but the fact remains that going to such measures as fining downloaders (which they have already done) or threatening jail time have ultimately failed. Studies have shown that downloading rates have insignificantly decreased in the past year, and a study by the Harvard Business School claimed that file-sharing did not have an effect on decreased CD sales.

Through empirical data, Harvard showed that it takes 5,000 downloads to reduce sales of an album by one copy. Using those estimates, CD sales would have decreased by 2

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Editor's Television Pick of the Week:

"24" (First premiered Nov. 6, 2001)

Cast: Kiefer Sutherland, William Devane, Alberta Watson

TV Listing: Fox network. Two-hour season premiere will start on January 9 at 8 p.m. Episode 2 will continue the series in its new time slot on Monday, January 10 at 9 p.m.

Plot: Kiefer Sutherland is Jack Bauer, an agent working for the government's Counter Terrorism Unit (CTU). Each season is meant to take place on one crucial day in a 24-hour period. Each episode reveals what happens in one hour of the day and everything is revealed to the audience in real time. The first season revolves around the presidential election of the first viable black candidate. Bauer investigates an assassination attempt on the candidate's life while figuring out where his daughter disappeared to. The second season starts eighteen months after the conclusion of the first season and Bauer is called to stop a nuclear bomb set to explode somewhere in Los Angeles. In the third season, the brother of a druglord captured by Bauer threatens to release a biological threat unless the United States does not release the druglord.

Lowdown: It goes without saying that the first season is helpful to watch in order to understand the following seasons, but seeing the first season is not absolutely necessary since the storyline changes each year. This series combines action, thrills and intricate plot developments that are often unexpected and ingenious. The layout of the show also gives everyone a refreshing taste of television sophistication and creativity. The idea of making events occur in real time and taking place within a 24 hour period caught me by surprise since the idea was unheard of before the show started. Creators Robert Cochran and Joel Surnow, along with his writers and directors, sustain a high level of tension with story developments that will surprise any audience member.

Museum Symposia Continue to Provide Excellent Experience for Students

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ism and abstract expression. He also wrote poetry and was one of the first artists to explore photography as an artistic medium. Another interesting quality about him is his homosexuality. The speakers this weekend drew on different perspectives of his life and his work. The discussion was part of an attempt by the Museum to make art accessible and striving to reach more of the community with its educational programs.

On Friday night the keynote speaker was Donna M. Cassidy of the University of Southern Maine. Her talk, "Yankee Queers: Marsden Hartley's Maine Folk and Regional/Sexual Identities" began at 6 p.m.

Saturday morning, Professor Marcia Brennan delivered a lecture. Brennan teaches a course in art at Rice University and received her PhD from Brown. Brennan's lecture, titled, "Marsden Hartley: Mysticism, Masculinity and the Paradox of Oneness" explored how one of his pieces, "Christ Held by Half-Naked Men," gave insight to this concept of oneness. "Silence and solitude" consoled him she said. She drew upon some of his poetry as well to discuss the isolation he felt in life that reflected in his work. This lecture was aimed at those interested in the academic world of art.

The speaker that followed was Randall Griffey, whose lecture, "Such Beautiful Idealists": Marsden Hartley's Brief Foray Inside 'A Finnish-Yankee Sauna'" discussed Hartley's and America's "love affair" with the Finnish culture. Griffey came to us from Kansas City where he is the Associate Curator of American Art at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. He drew a number of analogies between the Finnish and Maine culture.

The panel discussion was moderated by Liz Sheehan, Assistant Curator at the Bates Museum and included Brennan, Griffey, Cassidy and Bates professor Erica Rand. This was a interactive discussion between the panel and the audience. The first topic of discussion dealt with the debate that Hartley's queerness might replace his art. This topic led into a further discussion of the "queer role with an artist." The topic also touched upon the politics of museums, collector acquisitions and homosexuality. The speakers on the panel made everything they said very accessible to the audience, particularly the students. Part of college is being exposed to a variety of functions and any symposium, particularly the panel discussions, would prove to be an excellent experience for Bates students.

"Incredibles" One of Pixar's Best Films Yet

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superpowers into use. His acceptance of this offer leads him through series of events that will have him regretting his decision and worrying about the security of his family.

Like Pixar's past films, this movie is littered with good jokes and memorable characters, such as Edna Mode, the designer of superhero clothing. The director himself voice-acted for Mode, which made listening and watching the character even more enjoyable since her character displayed every stereotype possible of professionals working in the fashion industry. The film not only gives a superhero aspect of the story that children and adults of all ages might appreciate, but it also focuses on the appreciation and importance of family, a value most parents are certain to love. "The Incredibles" is a wonderful movie to watch for all ages, and is certain to leave people feeling better about themselves.

Recording Industry Needs to Improve Marketing Methods

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million copies from 2000 to 2002, when actually they dipped by 139 million copies. While this study has not been replicated, it may be an indication that file-sharing is not to blame.

This writer would argue that the music industry needs to look at not only how it is marketing its music, but also *what* it is marketing. In the wake of the explosion of Creed in the late 1990's, bands such as Default, Three Days Grace, Nickelback and Puddle of Mudd, to name but a few, became popular as well. The same is true for Rage Against the Machine, who spawned Limp Bizkit, Korn, Papa Roach, and the list goes on. Let's not forget all of the singer-songwriter clones that have emerged. Does anyone else see a pattern here? For the industry, it's all about the Benjamins: they see something that works and find bands that sound similar to each other. One can also blame Clear Channel, who saturates the radio with the same music every hour, but that is another debacle in itself.

Industries need major reform (probably as much as America's two party system). It must realize that the effect of intimidating illegal downloaders is negligible. Labels fear spending too much time and money on cultivating artists, as this is obviously too much work. The most profitable thing is to exploit a band for as long as they can (maybe a year, give or take) then forget about them and move on to the next "hot" trend. It's like an assembly line, except bands do not appreciate being treated like one. Who would've thought?

Which brings us back to Eminem. As the Harvard study mentioned, the best-selling albums are also the most downloaded, which of course does not bode well for Eminem, who normally sells millions of copies. Yet the industry does not realize that Eminem is a break from the norm. He has proven to be so profitable that the money he loses from file-sharing is negligible. The same cannot be said for other, less successful artists, and this is where the industry needs to focus its attention. If they do not change the way they approach marketing new artists, the only direction to go is down. They need to forget about padding their wallets, and think long and hard about a solution that will actually work. We will all be better off.

"Blue Leaves" Examines Role of the American Dream

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standing of Hollywood pomp as he skillfully plays director Billy Einhorn. Leichter's portrayal of the character was somewhat subdued however, letting some of Billy's more defining moments slip past the audience, unnoticed. Despite a cast dominated by first-years, the maturity of the actors was evident as they were able to balance the serious social commentary of the situations with John Guare's off the wall writing style.

The intriguing thing about "The House of Blue Leaves" was in its staging. An unusual semi-thrust stage jutted out of the corner of the room, dividing the audience into two distinct sections, like the field boxes on the first and third base sides of a baseball stadium. The unique staging, combined with the masterful lighting and scenery, clearly put designer Michael Reidy in the lead for the Bates Most Underappreciated Artist Award. Also running in that category would be Kathleen Peters, who made her costume design debut. Her period appropriate costumes helped to add atmosphere and style without distracting from the characters on stage. The play was technically solid, as the lighting and sound subtly added to the emotion of the scenes.

Director Paul Kuritz's most notable artistic contribution was his ability to shatter the "fourth wall" only to instantly rebuild it. Often, audiences are separated from what they are watching by an imaginary fourth wall, like children watching animals at the zoo. However, in this production, there are countless moments where that glass is smashed- dialogue directed at the audience, numerous asides, characters running down the aisles- the list goes on. Theatrically, this is a risky move as you're equally as likely to let the animals out as you are to let the audience in. This time, however, no children were harmed and the effect is that the audience is left feeling that they aren't really watching a play but experiencing it. "The House of Blue Leaves," playing again on November 12, 13 and 14, is an artistic, emotional, and intriguing look at the underside of the American Dream.

Blueprint's New Release Is Underground Hit

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with Atmosphere in 2002.

Blueprint has also use a lot of interesting samples on this album. He opens with the track "Enter" which features a sample of his own voice on a radio interview promoting his album "Chamber Music." This is an interesting move as it puts the listener at a distance from the album they just slid into their CD player. The next sample that really stands out is another interview discussing the different attributes of music. This sample centers around the quote, "It doesn't matter what kind of music you make, rock, rap, opera the ones that stick out in our heads are the ones that have a certain melody. We all love the Beatles, you know what I'm saying? We all like, love a Beatles song, because we can all sing it. The melody makes us feel good." The interesting samples on this album are all trumped by Blueprint's track "Hot Sex" which features production behind a startlingly funny and striking Richard Pryor standup routine.

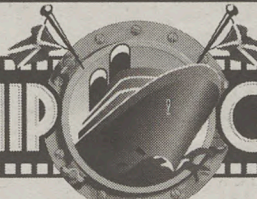
"Chamber Music" also features a good list of guest cameos. Hip-Hop regulars Aesop Rock, Illogic, WindnBreeze and Vast Aire all make notable appearances on this album. The addition of MCs along with occasional vocals by Blueprint add a good bit of diversity to Chamber Music which makes it more of an album to listen to straight through than most instrumental Hip-Hop albums.

If you are looking for something to try and bend your head around, Blueprint's new album Chamber Music would be an interesting choice. If your boyfriend works at a non-commercial radio station this might be a cool idea for a Christmas present. If your mom is a fourth grade teacher this might not be the best idea for her Christmas present. RJD2 has become one of the better known names in Hip-Hop. Blueprint is making his case to become one of the best producers on the underground Hip-Hop scene. And they're both from Ohio. Blueprint and RJD2, making the best Hip-Hop in any of the red states. Way to go Ohio.

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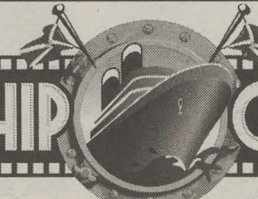
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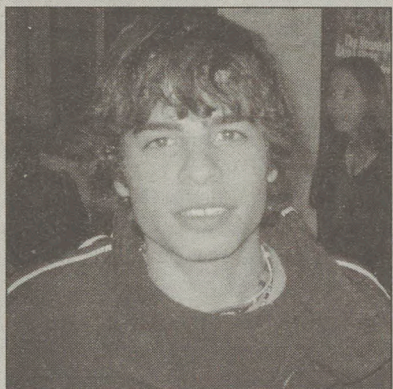
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Question on the Quad

Tuesday, November 9, 2004

If you could add any dish to the Commons menu, what would it be?



“ ‘Brownies’ ”

Dan Freeman '07



“Matzah-ball soup”

Ariel Levin '08



“Bloody Marys at Brunch”

Allison Mann '08 and
Sarah Bumbarger '08



“Paté and brie”

Grant Brown '05

Reporting and photographs by Lou Dennig and Gary Dzen, respectively.

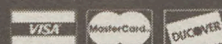
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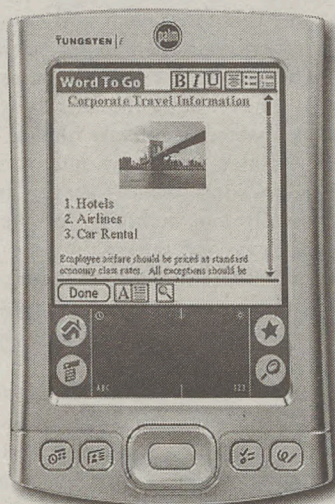
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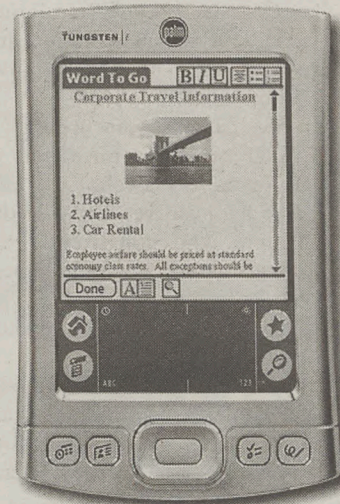
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A Brief History of the Successful Relationship Between College Pro and Bates College Students

(The following is a list of Managers, their class year, and their gross sales)

Summer of 2004

Scot Wilks	Bates Class of 2007	\$80,001
Alex Chou	Bates Class of 2007	\$114,440
Jonathan Kastoff	Bates Class of 2006	\$80,010
Sean Siff	Bates Class of 2005	\$227,103
John Sullivan	Bates Class of 2004	\$105,893

Summer of 2003

Andrew Jarboe	Bates Class of 2005	\$100,884
Jonathan Kastoff	Bates Class of 2006	\$75,001
William Karz	Bates Class of 2003	\$75,588
Jonathan Mellen	Bates Class of 2003	\$75,001
Tyler Middleton	Bates Class of 2006	\$75,762
Sean Siff	Bates Class of 2005	\$152,188
Kurt Smith	Bates Class of 2003	\$136,062

Summer of 2002

David Bilodeau	Bates Class of 2003	\$77,133
Alex Blake	Bates Class of 2004	\$55,363
Geoff Eisenberg	Bates Class of 2003	\$52,712
Andrew Jarboe	Bates Class of 2005	\$83,911
William Karz	Bates Class of 2003	\$115,866
Jon Kelley	Bates Class of 2004	\$61,375
Jon Mellen	Bates Class of 2003	\$100,895
Sean Siff	Bates Class of 2005	\$113,839
Kurt Smith	Bates Class of 2003	\$143,457

Summer of 2001

Geoff Eisenberg	Bates Class of 2003	\$95,819
Jon Kelley	Bates Class of 2004	\$103,302
Jon Mellen	Bates Class of 2003	\$104,392
Dan Pettit	Bates Class of 2004	\$50,726
Kurt Smith	Bates Class of 2003	\$102,812

Summer of 2000

Geoff Eisenberg	Bates Class of 2003	\$60,429
Jeff McKown	Bates Class of 2000	\$130,035
Jon Mellen	Bates Class of 2003	\$86,346
Kurt Smith	Bates Class of 2003	\$61,190

Summer of 1999

Lyle Estell	Bates Class of 1999	\$101,375
Mike Sim	Bates Class of 2002	\$68,213

Summer of 1998

Karl Anderson	Bates Class of 1998	\$40,945
Tim Backland	Bates Class of 1998	\$78,097
Lyle Estell	Bates Class of 1999	\$64,462
Peter Kawada	Bates Class of 1998	\$64,048
Jeff McKown	Bates Class of 2000	\$71,305
Nick Miller	Bates Class of 2000	\$45,049
John Miller	Bates Class of 2000	\$40,937
John Pennypacker	Bates Class of 1998	\$106,547
Dave Tzeuschler	Bates Class of 1998	\$81,555
Wardreath Wicks	Bates Class of 1999	\$67,948

Underwood Has Important Message for Bates Student Athletes

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ing. During a typical Bates season, which may last 12-14 weeks, this is a significant amount of time.

Underwood is the only researcher to date who has tested an Olympic athlete at his peak, and then on a day when the athlete was hungover. The contrast between peak performance and the day after drinking presents solid evidence as to the impact alcohol has on performance. The world-class athlete who he tested experienced a higher heart rate, hyperventilation, increased lactic acid and dehydration during a fitness test when he was hungover than during a normal test.

One to two drinks, according to Underwood, have no long term effects on the body. However, any alcohol use after training negates the positive effects of that training. People who consistently use recreational drugs never reach their peak performance. In addition, smoking pot effects the CNS for 30 days, and can show up in drug tests for just as long.

The talk presented a lot of good information for Bates athletes who want to take their performance seriously. In anticipation of the big game against Colby, many Batesies may not drink the two days prior to the game, but is that enough? Underwood suggests that for peak performance it may not be.

TURNOVERS PLAGUE FOOTBALL IN LOSS TO POLAR BEARS

by DUSTIN JANSEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Bates football team came into Brunswick, ME morally shattered, as they fell short on last week's devastating loss to Colby, due to a blocked extra point. Hoping to salvage their last two games of the season, Bates found it hard to maintain focus as they turned the ball over four times, giving Bowdoin a 21-0 win.

The win is Bowdoin's first against the Bobcats (who now fall to 1-6) in five years, and ends any hope at a share of the CBB championships. Bowdoin will play Colby next Saturday, and a victory against the Mules will give them sole ownership of the CBB title.

Bowdoin scored a touchdown in each of the first three quarters, and on the second play of the Polar Bears opening drive, Ahon Cohen rushed up the middle for a 28-yard touchdown, giving Bowdoin a 7-0 lead. Bowdoin wouldn't sit idle for long, as Brendan Murphy intercepted Bates rookie quarterback Brandon Colon, resulting in an 11-play, 41-yard touchdown-ending drive, giving Bowdoin a solid 14-0 lead going into halftime.

The Bobcat offense was at best, dismal, as they turned the ball over four times, two through the air, and two on the ground. The offense only produced a meager 174 yards, as the Polar Bears were able to keep Colon in check, and confused, forcing him to throw two interceptions. Colon ended the day 14-33, for 124 yards, which is well below Colon's season average.

The Bobcat ground attack didn't fair any better, as Ron DiGravio '08 had 43 yards on 12 carries. Receiver Matt Orlando added five more receptions, for 42 yards to his season stats, to lead the

Bates receiving corps.

Defensively, the Bobcats were strong, despite the offense's four turnovers. Kevin Madden '05 had 12 tackles to lead the Bates defense, while teammates Dave Bodger '06 and Adam Kayce '07 each added nine tackles. Casey McCormack '08 did his part in balancing out the turnover ratio, as he got his second interception in as many weeks. Eric Obeng '07 had five tackles, including a 13-yard sack.

Though this season is still one game away from being over, the Bates Bobcats need to address a number of issues in the off-season. One critical question that needs to be addressed is: how do they ignite what is now a lack-luster offense? Focusing on what seems to be their "franchise" player, Colon, would benefit the Bobcats great deal to revamp the offensive playbook and institute one that would better suit Colon. Currently, Bates ranks seventh out of the 10 NESCAC teams, but in passing, Bates is third.

A playbook that centers more around a short-yard passing game, as a substitute for running 4-5 yards, along with a variety of screen plays to test opponents defensive patience, would do wonders to increase productivity. Even hurry-up offense would keep defenses on their feet, tiring them out and forcing them to play back, which is when you can then establish a running game. Building an offense that sets the tone of the game, and keeps you one step ahead is what will be the difference between a win and a loss. Bates does not have the depth, nor the strength to play head-to-head with schools like Amherst, Williams and Trinity.

Bates, however, will still finish this season up next Saturday when they take on Hamilton.

ZUREK LEADS OUTGOING CLASS OF 2005

VOLLEYBALL

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negatives of the season in order to improve as a team next year.

For the graduating seniors, Zurek, Elizabeth Blakeley, and Stephanie Shokal, the loss marked the end of three great volleyball careers. Each senior now can only look back on their specific memories from the four seasons, and can now only root on their team. Each senior will miss some different aspect of the game, but one thing that each will miss the most is the family she is leaving behind.

"The seniors are going to miss our family we have built the last four years at Bates," stated Stephanie Shokal.

The Bates College women's volleyball team now has the off-season to prepare physically and mentally for the up-coming season, and they must now somehow face the difficult task of finding individuals to step into the roles of the three seniors who won't be able to do battle next year.

The Bobcats finished the 2004 season with their seventh consecutive winning season, posting a record of 16-13. As an end note to the season, the team would like to thank the great fans who came and supported the team in each of their home games this season.

Basketball Looking to Break 18 Wins in '04-05

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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Gerrity, the sharpshooter who unloaded three-pointers at a 43% clip, 17th in the nation, and team leader in scoring and minutes, is irreplaceable in the Bobcat lineup. His play garnered him Second-Team ALL-NESCAC consideration, along with the graduated Garcia. Gerrity can be counted on for more of the same in his senior year, and with 894 career points, he is on his way to cracking the 1,000 point mark early in the season, which has been achieved by only 25 Bobcats all-time.

"We have four seniors who have been playing major minutes over the past three seasons together," said Gerrity. "I know that the guys really came back to school stronger and tougher than last year and everyone is ready to get the season underway. We should have an exceptionally strong backcourt this season, with Zak Ray, Furbush, who is one of the top three-point shooters in the country, and myself."

Furbush has been at his side all four years, doing a little bit of everything, ranking third on the team in scoring, three-point field goals made, and rebounds, not to mention turning the ball over less than his peers in the backcourt.

The other two seniors are in the frontcourt: center Elliott Linsley and forward Victor Rivera, whom Coach Reilly praised.

"Elliott is Mr. Consistency and looks great, and Victor has really improved since last year."

Linsley quietly provided 6.5 points and 5.5 rebounds last season, while leading the team in blocks with 26, redirecting the offense of driving opponents.

Rivera's greatest asset is his athleticism. On offense, he pulls big men towards him as he drives the lane; on defense he has a knack for stealing the ball, a rarity among forwards.

While the leadership and talents of this senior class are undeniable, the Bobcats could not have reached the 18-win plateau if it weren't for the success of the class of 2007, namely Ray and Stockwell.

Ray, 2003's State of Maine Mr. Basketball, was one of the strongest, most acclaimed recruits for the Bobcats.

He contributed early and often for Bates,

as he displayed a style all his own, showing quickness in his steals (leading the team with 53), hustle in chasing balls out of bounds, and an ability to both create (leading the team with 113 assists) and score, contributing a steady eight points per contest.

Moreover, Ray was third on the team in minutes played, cracking an experienced lineup and a crowded backcourt to make a significant contribution.

Ray's accomplishments were not limited to those on the court, as he was rewarded after the season, named the NESCAC co-rookie of the year, and making the Division III News All-Freshmen Team.

Stockwell too entered the lineup and played consistently enough to become a

starter in 15 Bobcat contests.

The 6'5" forward battled throughout the year under the boards, leading the Bobcats with nearly seven a game to go along with his 10.8 ppg and giving Bates a strong forward presence to take some of the pressure off Linsley in the paint.

Stockwell improved considerably throughout the year, as evident in the two Bowdoin contests: after struggling to five points in the first, a disappointing loss at home, Stockwell rose above the taunts from the Polar Bear crowd in Brunswick to record 16 points and seven rebounds in an 87-52 drubbing.

Perhaps what makes the Bobcats stand out from their opponents is their depth at each position.

"We have experienced sophomores and juniors," said Gerrity. "We will be really deep this year, so building on our 18 wins is the goal."

Behind Linsley in the frontcourt is Matt Chudomel, a big body to bring down rebounds and block shots. Chudomel anchors the defense when on the court, with Reilly pushing for him to become a leader as the year progressed.

"Chudomel has really improved in the off-season," commented Reilly.

Even with Ray replacing Garcia in the starting backcourt this year, the Bobcats have a plethora of guards who are effective off the bench, and can keep the pressure on opposing teams while resting their starters.

Sean Cahill '06 returns after missing the entire 2003-2004 season due to a leg injury. His freshman year, Cahill made himself a regular in the backcourt, contributing 52 assists and 20 steals throughout the season while playing nearly 13 minutes a game.

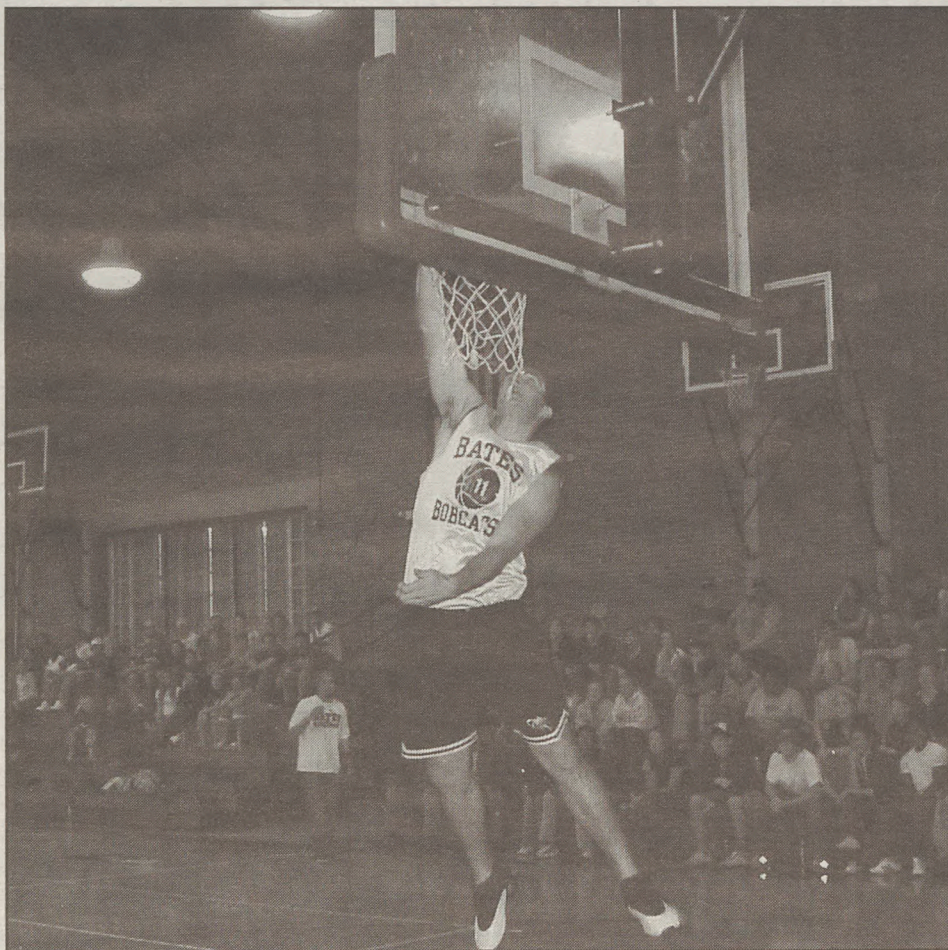
Behind Cahill is John Lattimer '07, who got into 15 contests last year as a freshman, and clearly had Reilly's eye, as the coach focused on him during his time in each game.

Given the great depth of the team, it is unlikely that this year's freshman class will provide the same sort of impact as did last year's, but Reilly is encouraged by what he has seen.

"Freshmen Bryan Wholey, Eric Shone, Mike Keohan, and Gage Eberlin highlight a very strong class," said Reilly.

The only serious injury embattling the Bobcats is to forward Damon McGinn '07, whose torn ACL will keep him out for the entire season. McGinn was a steady presence for Bates last year, playing solidly in 25 games grabbing rebounds and taking fouls when necessary.

With such a strong cast, Bates opens the season as one of the favorites in NESCAC. However, the conference is filled with talent, including Williams, whom Bates plays January 22, and Amherst and Trinity, whom Bates finishes the season with on back-to-back days, February 11 and 12. The Bobcats open up their season November 20 at the Brandeis Tip Off Tournament against Mount Ida; their home debut will be November 23 against USM.



Courtesy of Marsha Graef

Rob Stockwell '07 throws one down for the fans during Midnight Madness on November 1, the first day the team could practice.

A New Beginning for Women's Basketball: Team Looks to Avenge NESCAC Final Loss

by ALEX SCHINDEL
SPORTS WRITER

For all of you, who missed midnight madness last Sunday, let me be the first to tell you that the 2004-2005 Women's Basketball season has officially begun. This year's squad is lead by senior co-captains Betsy Hochadel and Olivia Zurek and returning seniors Heather Taylor and Elizabeth Blakeley, all of whom will be the keys to another successful season.

"We have a strong senior class, and I'm sure their skill, experience, aggressiveness, and intelligence will be tremendous assets to the team," said Head Coach Jim Murphy.

Besides the four talented seniors, the Bobcats have numerous underclassmen that will play a vital role this season.

This year's squad will look to use their experience from last year's successful team as they try to achieve their ultimate

goal of winning a NESCAC championship.

"Our goal is the same every season and that is to win the NESCAC championship," said Coach Murphy.

"Our goal is to win NESCAC," reiterated Zurek. "We have come so close the past couple of years. This year we feel really confident we can do it."

Last season the Bobcats came an over-time short from achieving this goal, as undefeated Bowdoin beat Bates in over-time, 51-47. There is no doubt that January 14th will be circled on every players calendar, as that is the first time this season that Bates will have the opportunity to avenge the loss in the championship game as they will travel to Bowdoin to face the Polar Bears.

The Bobcats will have to overcome a very difficult schedule this season if they wish to advance to the NESCAC championship finals for a third consecutive year.

"Our schedule is very difficult, and we

will have to outwork every opponent and play with intensity, focus, enthusiasm, energy, and passion in order to achieve our goal," stated Coach Murphy.

After one week of practice, the team is showing great improvement each and everyday.

"If we continue to show improvement on a daily basis, we will be a most difficult team to beat," said Coach Murphy.

So far Coach Murphy has pushed the Bobcats hard in every practice with a goal of instilling in the team the importance of playing tough defense.

"Our coach has been really intense and working us hard. We are really focusing on our defense," said Blakeley.

The addition of Carla Flaherty as an assistant has also added to the team's performance at practice. Carla, who graduated from Bates in 2003, played with the seniors on this team, so both she and the players are comfortable with one another which is a positive because Carla can push

the team in work outs.

"Carla Flaherty has been a good addition to the team as an assistant raising the level of play at practice," said senior Heather Taylor.

One unique aspect about the start of practice this year is that there were no try-outs.

"We didn't really have tryouts so this year we can just prepare for the games," said Taylor.

Overall the team is very excited for the up-coming season, and they feel as though this collection of players has one of the most talented squads in years.

The Bobcats quest for a NESCAC Championship begins this weekend with the Alumni game. The season officially opens on the road on November 19th at the Salem State Tournament. The Bobcats' home opener is on November 23rd with a game against in-state rival University of Southern Maine.

Speaker Addresses Alcohol, Athletic Performance

by GARY DZEN
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On Sunday night, Athletes for Healthy Choices, in conjunction with the SAAC, hosted speaker John Underwood to speak to Bates athletes. Underwood is the founder of Pure Performance, a scientific company designed to assist athletes in developing peak performances. He is a former NCAA All-American and international level distance runner, coach and scientist. Underwood currently works at the United States Olympic training center in Lake Placid, and he has trained Olympic-caliber athletes as recently as the Athens Olympics. In addition, he has worked for such organizations as the NCAA and the NHL. The company he founded researches, then develops and presents programs for athletes at all levels.

Underwood presented to the NESCAC

SAAC members last spring and has already spoken at Colby and Wesleyan campuses, receiving high marks from both coaches and athletes. The basis of his talk at Bates was how drugs and alcohol affect athletic performance. Bates is a campus where many athletes have drinking rules while in season, such as the popular forty-eight hour rule, and so this talk was very relevant to the student population.

Some numbers that Underwood presented during his talk were staggering: 79.5% of NCAA athletes drink alcohol, while 27.5% of them smoke marijuana. In addition, 54.8% of athletes who drink experience injury, while only 24.5% of those who don't drink get injured. Underwood focused his talk on training in particular, and told his audience that drinking reduces athletic performance by 11.4%, and that getting drunk takes away the effects of 14 days of training.

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FREE SKIING AT LOST VALLEY FOR BATES STUDENTS

by GARY DZEN
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The Bates Athletic Department has teamed up with the President's office to offer Bates students free skiing at the Lost Valley Resort this winter. This incredible benefit was made as part of a conscious effort on behalf of both departments to offer activities to students during the winter months when it is often difficult to get out and be active.

Lost Valley is located at 200 Lost Valley Road in Auburn (take Russell Street towards Auburn, keep driving past Walmart until you see the turnoff for Lost Valley about 5 miles from campus). They offer alpine skiing and cross-country skiing in addition to maintaining a top-notch snowboarding park, and lights provide nighttime skiing as well.

Skiing for all Bates students is free; for faculty and staff, skiing is offered at a discount. In addition, rentals are offered at a discounted rate of 8.00 for four hours or 11.00 for eight hours, and the

staff at Lost Valley can prepare your equipment ahead of time if you call ahead.

Lost Valley is a small resort that does not try to compete with the likes of Sunday River and Sugarbush, and thus offers a terrific family atmosphere. They also host many educational programs in the area. For Bates students the obvious advantage is the location, whereas getting a few hours of skiing in between classes is not out of the question. Physical education classes at Bates will also utilize Lost Valley.

"This is a great benefit for our students," said Assistant Athletic director Marsha Graef. "It's a wonderful opportunity for people to get outside and enjoy a fun, and free, winter activity."

The procedure for Bates students at Lost Valley is simple; show your ID card at the ticket counter and enjoy some free skiing. To limit any confusion, only one ticket is allowed per student, and so family and friends must pay to ski. For more information on the resort go to www.lostvalleyski.com.

Payton Trade Most Peculiar of Moves

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season famously with the Lakers as part of their Future Hall of Fame Spectacle, which, as a poorly matched bunch of stars and egos, was soundly beaten by a sound, talented, and deep team—sound familiar?—the Detroit Pistons.

Let's take a look at "The Glove" from May 2004 to present day. He was the scapegoat of the Lakers' collapse, losing his grip on the offense because he was the least talented player on the floor and wouldn't admit it, and being run all over the place on defense by faster, younger guards in Houston, San Antonio, and Detroit.

After the season, Payton, the last player Lakers fans wanted back, exercised his mid-level exception \$5.4M option to stay in L.A., due to money that would not be found elsewhere and the absence of the triangle offense of Phil Jackson.

Two months later, Payton was shipped to Boston. But it wasn't that easy: he failed to submit himself to a team physical, did not report to Boston, and hid out in Las Vegas—exactly where you want your new star to be—while his agent proclaimed that he would not report to Boston ever, and was outraged by the deal.

Shortly after the deal, Fox retired. Payton was then arrested for DUI, after backing up in an exit ramp to avoid heavy traffic. Not exactly the kind of "court vision" Ainge had in mind.

The only positive thing about Payton or his deal seemed to be that, due to his absence, the Lakers were forced to accept Jumaine Jones instead of Marcus Banks, one of the Celtics young bright spots.

Just as Bostonians were gathering stakes and torches to storm the office, Ainge was saved. Out of nowhere, reports surfaced that Payton had been working out with Pierce, and had changed his tune.

Whether it was a change of heart, love of the game, or guaranteed money five times greater than he would get anywhere else (somehow I'm leaning towards that last one), Payton attended camp, and is now in uniform with the hapless Celtics.

A perfect story to begin yet another pointless season for the worst Boston franchise around. (I don't follow soccer, but I would imagine even the Revolution are better. Probably at basketball.)

Ainge's two big moves, in conjunction with the acquisition of Ricky Davis, a one-dimensional headcase, for Eric Williams, a selfless team leader, have put the Celtics in further ruin than they already were, in just two years.

His problem, as is true for many front office personalities like Dan Snyder of the NFL's Washington Redskins, or even Mark Cuban of the Mavericks, who wants fun instead of wins, is that he, and not his team, has become the story. Rather than putting guys on the floor who can work together, or at least creating the flexibility to do so in the future, Ainge has made a series of moves which inhibit the current team and strap the team financially in the future.

The one upside to the future, however, can be found from the draft room, if word from the summer leagues can be trusted.

ESPN's Ric Bucher praised forward Al Jefferson's quick, up-tempo style and his accurate midrange jumpshot for a 6'10" high-school kid, saying he was as impressive as first overall selection Dwight Howard. The C's other draft choices,

Delonte West and Tony Allen, also impressed scouts, and convinced analysts that the Celtics had one of the best drafts of any team in the NBA.

But the problem is that, with drafting kids out of high school, when they have finally matured to the point that they can compete in the NBA, say in four or five years, they will be on their own. Pierce will be older and less effective, and will probably be one of the only players remaining on the team—assuming Ainge doesn't trade him to, say, the Lakers for Slava Medvedenko and a few pairs of Kobe's shoes.

So the line on the Celtics in 2004? Well, if you're a fan of the Pats and the Sox and have become accustomed to winning, you might want to skip basketball this year. For an indication of what kind of year it could be, examine opening night.

Against Philadelphia, probably the only team more poorly managed than Boston, the Celtics were out rebounded (and, yes, the Sixers started Marc Jackson at center), turned the ball over 19 times and committed 27 fouls. Pierce scored 35, just five fewer points than the other four starters combined. (The coaches should have just agreed on a one-on-one contest between Pierce and Allen Iverson, and saved us the pain.)

That game should be a microcosm of the year: Ainge's products—Payton, Davis, and LaFrentz—playing like shadows of their former selves while Pierce puts his heart and soul in the game, hoping to make up for his team's sloppy and ill-conceived play.

So those of you who miss the Curse and the fun of a team that could not win, jump on the Celtic bandwagon.

Bobcat of the Week



Patrick Wales-Dinan

Wales-Dinan, a senior, came in 11th place at this week-end's ECAC championships at Tufts University. Wales-Dinan led Bates for the first time in his career, covering the 8k course in 27:40.

Men's Basketball Opens with High Hopes

Strong Senior Class and Depth at Every Position Highlight Team's Optimism

by SCOTT PRIEST
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As one of the most promising programs at Bates, the men's basketball team looks ahead to potentially one of its strongest seasons in years.

Last year the Bobcats roared to an 18-8 record behind a strong junior class trio of Brian Gerrity, Jon Furbush, and Elliott Linsley, and a first-year duo as strong as any in recent memory in Zak Ray and Rob Stockwell.

A year later, the 'Cats have lost just two seniors, starting guard Ramon Garcia and specialty forward Pat Conroy, with the junior class solidified as the leaders of the squad, and the young guns one year older and stronger. All of this points to an improved squad looking to compete in NESCAC.

"I have high expectations for this year," said Coach Joe Reilly. "The NESCAC will be very competitive but if we play great defense and play unselfish ball, we can beat anyone in the conference."

To do so, the Bobcats will have to rally behind their senior class.

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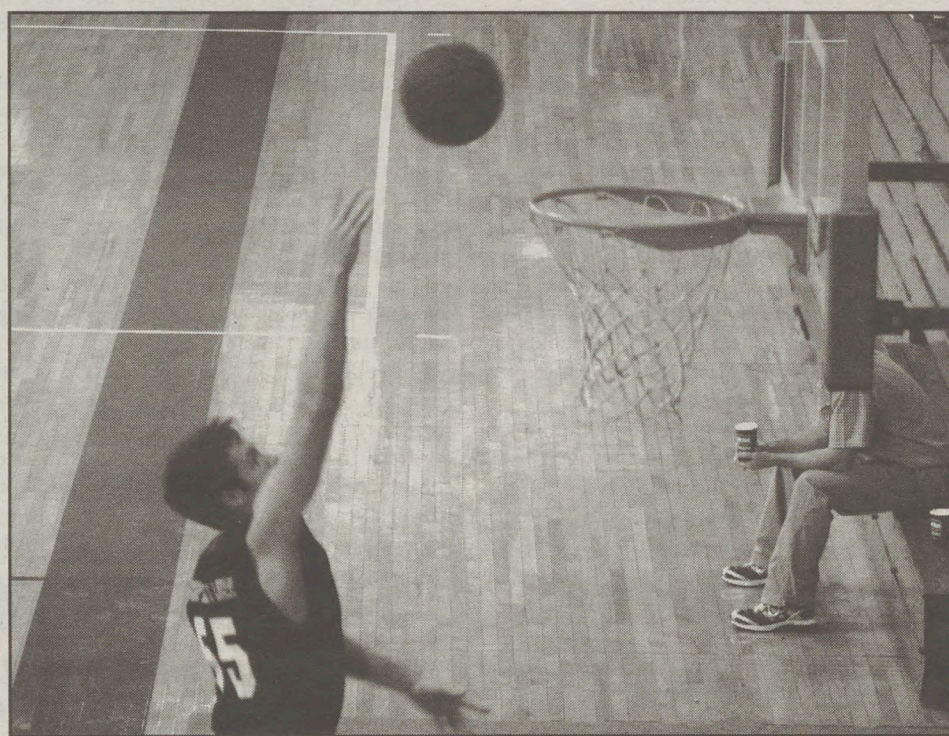
Volleyball Season Ends on Loss

by ALEX SCHINDEL
SPORTS WRITER

Another volleyball season has come to an end. This season was marked by inconsistency, where the talented team at times struggled to find its identity. However, at the end of the season, during the final weekend of NESCAC play at home, the team was able to find its stride.

"We really did peak at the right point in the season, said Liz Santy '06. "We went into the tournament feeling the best all season, that is all we could ask for."

This past weekend, Bates traveled to Williams for the NESCAC Championship Tournament. On Friday night, they faced a difficult Amherst team in the quarterfinal round. In the opening game, Amherst took an early lead which Bates was never



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Elliott Linsley '05 lays in a bucket during a practice session in November.

able to overcome, losing 30-22.

In the second game, the Bobcats held a 27-23 lead, but they gave up five straight points to Amherst, losing the lead 28-27. The game went back and forth from this point with the Bobcats having five different opportunities to close out the Lord Jeffs, but each time Amherst fought back. Amherst finally put Bates away, winning the second game 35-33 to take a two-game lead. Using the momentum gained in the second game, the Lord Jeffs took an early lead in the third game and never looked back beating Bates 30-18 and ending the Bobcats' season. The Bobcats' attack was once again led by senior co-captain Olivia Zurek who had 16 digs and six digs while Jasmine McDavid '06 had seven kills and two blocks, and Santy added five kills and 15 digs.

Even though the Bobcats' season ended earlier than the players would have hoped, everyone is looking at the positives of an up and down season.

"This weekend didn't go the way we planned, but as a team we emerged from the season at our strongest point. We overcame a lot of obstacles, a new coach, players playing new positions, and losing players, so even though the last weekend didn't go as well as we would have liked to, we were proud of the season as a whole. It primed us for where we are going from here," said Santy.

For the underclassmen on the team, the loss to Amherst marked the end of one season and the beginning of another. Each player must now look at the positives and

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HAMILTON '06 LEADS WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

by ADAM SOULE
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On Saturday the Bates women's cross-country team ran at the ECAC Championship meet in Grafton, Massachusetts. Tufts University hosted the meet on a 6K course, and the Bobcats were able to take 11th place out of more than 30 competing teams. The team scored 342 points overall in a meet where many of their top runners were left off the roster to be rested.

Several runners took advantage of the opportunity that the short roster handed them and led the Bobcats to the 11th place finish, even on the extended course. Bates' top runner, Megan Hamilton, was one that rose to the occasion, taking 46th place overall with a time of 24:55.

"Megan Hamilton ran within seconds of her lifetime best on the challenging Tufts 6K course," said Head Coach Carolyn Court. "Half the Bates runners were competing on a 6K course for the first time in their careers."

Other runners that picked up the slack for the Bobcats were Isabel Yalouris '07, Emily Williams '08, and Caroline Ginsberg '08, who all crossed the finish line in a pack to place seventy-first, seventy-fourth, and seventy-sixth respectively. Rounding off the scoring for the Bates team was Erin Bougie '08 finishing in one-hundredth place.

"This was the second highest finish for the team in the past five years," said Coach Court. "Overall this was a good performance most were very happy with their effort and times."

Williams College took the team championship with 24 points and the individual championship went to Joellen Arons of the Coast Guard Academy who finished in 22:50. The Bobcats will travel to Cumberland, Maine this Saturday to compete in the NCAA Division III New England Regional meet at the Twin Brook Recreational Area. The women have a chance to send their team to the National Championship meet with a top-five finish at Twin Brook.

Men's Cross-Country Finishes Eighth at ECAC's

by ADAM SOULE
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The Bates men's cross-country team competed in the ECAC Championship meet on Saturday at Tufts' Grafton, Massachusetts course. The team finished eighth overall and fourth among NESCAC teams; the Bobcats were only two points behind Wesleyan University, one of their conference opponents. The race consisted of 34 teams from schools throughout the Northeast region.

Bates was led by veteran Patrick Wales-Dinan '05 who completed the course in 27:40, good for 11th place. Wales-Dinan's time was only 1:13 behind the individual champion Fabian Mejia of Salem State College on the 8K course.

Many of Bates' top runners were left out of the ECAC meet to rest up for the upcoming regional championship, which meant many other members of the team stepped up to fill the void. Matt Daly '05 and William Kenney '06 were each able to run one of their better races this sea-

son, placing 28th and 34th respectively. Daly ran a strong race finishing the course in 28:11, with Kenney on his heels only seven seconds back. Other Bobcats adding to the scoring were Nic Hansen '05, finishing 61st, and Andrew Percy '08, crossing the finish line in 83rd place.

Bates scored 205 points with their short roster and the Tufts Jumbos won the meet with a score of 70 points. This Saturday the men's team will run at the NCAA Division III New England Regional meet at the Twin Brook Recreational Area in Cumberland, Maine. The Bobcats have a chance to send their team and possibly some individuals to the National Championship meet with the team placing fourth or better at this meet.

Earlier this season Bates was ranked as high as ninth in the country in Division III, and is enjoying one of their most successful seasons in recent memory. The team was just two positions shy of qualifying for nationals last year.

New Curse in Town: Ainge's Revamped Celtics Begin New Year

by SCOTT PRIEST
SPORTS SECTION EDITOR

Attention Boston sports fans: there's a new curse in town, and his name is Danny Ainge.

OK, so he's not exactly new to the town, but the ramifications of his moves as general manager are just starting to take effect, and are wreaking havoc on one of the most storied franchises in all of sports.

When Ainge took over as Boston Celtics general manager two years ago, the move was viewed as a fan-friendly one, bringing in a blast from the past who knew the inner-workings of the game and could be sensitive to players' needs.

Early into his second campaign, Ainge is still getting adjusted, having gone through his second straight difficult offseason. Two years ago, he took over a team that was promising in the weak East, finishing 44-38 behind pillars Paul Pierce and Antoine Walker, one of the most dominant if not unusual duos in the NBA.

But Ainge and Walker famously butted heads and Ainge pulled the trigger, trading the disgruntled star and Tony Delk to the Dallas Mavericks for two bad contracts, Raef LaFrentz and Chris Mills, an unknown foreign product, Jiri Welsch, and their first round pick in 2004.

While this was not the Sox trading Nomar, Ainge's move shook up the fanbase considerably: gone was a player who had anchored the franchise for years; in were unknown, average players who severely limited Boston's financial abilities in what would become a strong offseason in 2004.

The ensuing season was lackluster at best—the Celtics made the playoffs only due to the NBA's asinine 16-team format, after playing to a 36-46 record, and were soundly swept by the legitimate Indiana Pacers.

Ainge's most peculiar move, then, came this offseason in which he acquired Rick Fox, Gary Payton, and a conditional first-round pick for Marcus Banks, Chucky Atkins (acquired in a curious trade midseason), Chris Mihm, and a second-round pick.

Five years ago, this is a great move (in part I suppose because, five years ago, Banks would have been 17, but I digress). Now, not so much.

Payton, the headstrong ball hog who guided the Sonics to the playoffs perennially, spent last

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