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LEWISTON, MAINE

Knife-Carrying Man Arrested after Entering Dorm Room

CONOR HURLEY
MANAGING NEWS EDITOR

Man spent several hours around campus prior to arrest

A young man carrying a knife was arrested on Campus Ave. in front of Chase Hall Thursday evening shortly after 7 p.m. sources tell The Student. Security stopped the man and his friend as they exited Chase Hall. Neither of the pair are Bates students.

Allegedly both men entered a student's dorm room uninvited, but only the man with the knife was arrested.

Prior to the arrest, the two had wandered throughout campus, stopping frequently to talk with students. Several students reported that the men asked them where people would be partying that evening.

Beth Billington '09 said she was approached by the men during her volleyball practice and spoke with them for around five to ten minutes.

Director of Security and Campus Safety Tom Carey refused to release the incident report regarding this incident to The Student and would not comment on the record when asked about the incident.

Similarly, Shannon Fournier, a Bates Security Officer who was present during the questioning and arrest, would not go on the record about the incident when asked by The Student at the time of the arrest.



LINCOLN BENEDICT/THE BATES STUDENT

A Bates security officer assisted in the arrest of young man found wandering campus with a knife Thursday evening. The man and his friend allegedly approached several Bates students and entered a dorm room uninvited. Bates security would not comment on the incident.

BCSG Picks Up Dorm Cable Tab

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ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Cable television is being provided free for the first time due to collaborative efforts by Assistant Dean of Students Erin Foster Zsiga and BCSG President Bill Jack '08. In previous years, individual dorms and houses voted on whether to purchase cable, occasion-

ally resulting in discomfort between residents who wanted it and those who did not. Collecting money from peers was also a difficult task, sometimes leaving the volunteering student with the burden of the remaining bill.

While all residences will be provided with free cable in the lounges, neither individual rooms nor suite lounges have the service. Students living in suite housing have the option of purchasing

cable at their own expense.

The cost for providing cable is \$6,600. The BCSG paid 76 percent, or \$5,000, and the Office of the Dean of Students paid for the remaining 24 percent. But since the BCSG gets its money from the Students Activities Office, who in turn gets its money from the Office of the Dean of Students, technically all the money comes from the Office of the Dean of Students.

Jack said he was delighted by the ease of the project: "Too often students, myself included, think that the members of the administration never listen to students' wants and desires. This is certainly true in many instances, I don't deny that. However, I just want to state how easy it was to work with Dean Foster, members of Information and Library Services, and others who were involved."

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A Sunsoaked Return



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Lingering summer weather eased students back into the routine of campus life. Above, students enjoy the classic Maine delicacy at the Outing Club's annual Clam Bake at Popham Beach Sunday.

Sustainability: Full Throttle

Zipcars Begin Shift to Carbon Neutrality

CONOR HURLEY
MANAGING NEWS EDITOR

One of the first steps toward fulfilling Bates' carbon neutrality pledge is stepping on the gas.

Well, technically, it's not gas. It's the efficient and comparatively clean-burning combination of gasoline and electricity that will power the two new Toyota Prius Zipcars available to students on campus.

Environmental considerations played a significant role in the Dean of Students Office decision to sponsor the car-sharing service. The administration is hopeful students will choose to leave their personal vehicles at home and rely on the environmentally friendly Zipcars while at Bates, according to the Dean of Student Activities Keith Tannenbaum.

To reserve a car, however, drivers must apply for an annual membership, which costs \$35 for the year. Membership requires approvals from both Bates and Zipcar. Tannenbaum oversees the program on campus and is in charge of vetting applicants. While Zipcar performs a background check of applicants

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Security Beefs Up Emergency Planning and Response Systems

College publishes detailed protocol for 'active shooter' crisis on campus

CONOR HURLEY
MANAGING NEWS EDITOR

Bates Security increased preparations for potential emergencies over the summer, specifically, the focus of the efforts was preparing for a Virginia Tech-style situation.

In the wake of the Virginia shootings last April, many colleges made concentrated efforts to prepare for the unthinkable, as they simultaneously reassured students of their safety. The measures added by Bates include both physical preparations and educating students and faculty in what to do if faced with various potential emergencies.

A new speaker system was added in strategic locations around the quad designed to alert people around the campus in the event of an emergency. The

speakers were tested earlier this year and will be tested again later this year. The communications officers at the Security Office can trigger the alert speakers and broadcast a message directly from their radios.

A larger focus of the administration is an emergency alert system that uses student, faculty and staff e-mails, dorm phones, cell phones and other personal communication devices to rapidly distribute a message recorded by school officials via voicemail.

Connect-Ed, a service designed specifically for use by colleges and high schools to keep in contact with students and parents, is an internet-based software that collects emergency contact information from students and stores the information to be used in the event of an emergency.

To activate the system all an authorized member of the administration needs is a telephone and the pass-code assigned to the account, said Tom Carey.

Next Tuesday, students will be asked to enter their cell phone numbers into the college's emergency contact information on Garnet Gateway.

"I cannot emphasize enough how important this is... we need this information," said Carey.

When students fill out the online form next week, they will have the option to limit the use of the information they provide to emergency situations only, or to allow "emergency and other."

In the event of an active shooter situation - an incident where the gunman does not hesitate to shoot and is actively seeking out targets - Security devised a series of protocols which they published on the website.

The new planning for a Virginia Tech-type emergency revolves around preparation and efficient alert distribution.

Carey described his approach to emergencies: "There's a saying: If you're forewarned, you're forearmed."

New Dorm Opens; Construction Phase One Winding Down

REGINA TAVANI
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First-years were not the only students to arrive on campus this fall wondering what their home would look like. Significant advances in construction over the summer planted a feeling of unfamiliarity and brought out a child-like curiosity in even the most settled seniors as they returned for their final year.

After spending over a semester amidst tree stumps, cranes, drilling, blasting and dirt, students are beginning to see chain-link fences replaced by fresh grass. The first phase of the Campus Facilities Master Plan, including a mostly-completed residence hall, a nearly finished Alumni Walk and a larger, more modern Dining Commons, on track to serve meals second semester, is nearing its conclusion.

Known colloquially as "Rand Village," 280 College Street opened its doors to students this year as the replacement for two older residences, Hedge Hall and Roger Williams Hall. With an occupancy of 152 beds, the new facility houses students from all four class years. Although the dormitory areas of the Rand Village are complete, work remains unfinished on other aspects, including some landscaping and,

more importantly, the main student lounge located between the two dormitory towers.

Project Manager Pam Wichroski said that although the project is not as complete as was originally planned, "there are no adverse effects on the students living there." Explained Wichroski, "Given there are multiple living rooms and other common type spaces in the facility students had plenty of places to relax and congregate outside of their rooms."

Indeed, students seem to be enjoying this "cluster" concept upon which the dorm was designed. Said Conor Sullivan '10, "It's a great place to live; it's great to be able to go out into one of two lounges right there on your floor and meet with your neighbors in a comfortable setting."

Further east on campus, construction teams have been hard at work completing the Alumni Walk. This new, birch-lined pedestrian thoroughfare has replaced Andrews Road and will link Rand Village with the new dining hall. Aesthetics and general convenience have both been temporarily sacrificed as work progresses in the area in front of Pettengill, one of the most heavily trafficked parts of campus. But according to Paul Farnsworth, project manager for both the walk and the new Commons,

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Campus improvements, including Rand Village, the newest residence hall (pictured above), made significant progress over the summer. Additionally, the Alumni Walk and the new Dining Commons are both well underway.

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When It Comes to Transportation, Convenience Trumps Sustainability



ALLIE GOLDSTEIN
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Walking through the quad one morning this week, I found myself in the middle of what appeared to be the filming of breaking news. There she was - Elaine Tuttle Hansen - leaning casually against the hood of a slick Toyota Prius. Thinking this might be the tail end of an episode of "Pimp My Ride," I decided to strut by the back of the set a few times in hopes of getting caught on camera.

Apparently I was slightly disillusioned because, upon arriving at Commons, I found an identical vehicle parked outside of Chase Hall, this time without the entourage. Peering in the windows of the hybrid, I found that there was no revolving disco ball, no wide-screen television and, worst of all, no hot tub. This was no MTV; this was Zipcar.

New this year at Bates, Zipcar is a program that allows members to rent its vehicles on the spot and by the hour, providing students and faculty with what the company advertises as immediate and inexpensive transportation. However, to the administration, convenience comes in second to sustainability as President Hansen continues to search for ways to follow through on her promise of Bates' eventual carbon neutrality. In a recent e-mail to the entire Bates community, Hansen wrote, "By leaving that car at home, you too can make a significant contribution to a sustainable future." The Office of Communications and Media Relations seconds her vote of approval for Zipcar in their statement that joining the program is "an environmentally friendly alternative to the costs and hassles of keeping a car on campus."

They had me up until "costs and hassles." From a student's perspective, having a personal car on campus is far from a "hassle." After two years of navigating Lewiston and Auburn by foot, bike and shuttle, finally having my own car has literally transformed my life. Mostly, it's the little things: not having to bike four miles to my babysitting job, getting shampoo when I need it and being able to take study breaks at Starbucks instead of the Den. None of these conveniences are a matter of need - I can certainly go a day with unwashed hair - but it does feel a little ridiculous to have to make elaborate plans in order to get a bottle of Pantene Pro-V.

In terms of options for convenient public transportation, I think that Bates is extremely lacking. During my carless days, I used to take the community service shuttle a couple of times a week. This was a reasonably pleasant option in terms of the company; however, with only one driver on duty at

a time, I was often at the whim of circumstance in terms of getting a timely ride. For many students, having a car on campus allows them to spend an hour between classes volunteering without worrying about being stranded at Longley Elementary School.

The Lewiston/Auburn shuttle, which runs only on weekends, seems to be even more unreliable. One of the first weekends of my freshman year, my friends and I decided to ride the van to Goodwill to pick out outfits for the 80s dance. About an hour later, we emerged with bagfuls of spandex and leg warmers to wait for the shuttle to pick us up. Little did we know that "pick up" actually meant "do a quick drive-by on the highway." Despite our frantic screaming and arm-waving, the shuttle driver failed to notice us and we were left slumped on the curb with our loot. This was an honest mistake, I'm sure, but one that has deterred me from ever taking the weekend shuttle again. Had it not been for my roommate's sympathetic AESOP leader who agreed to come and fetch us, I might have spent the night of my first 80s dance dancing in the parking lot of Goodwill.

The instance of being marooned at Goodwill is, hopefully, an isolated one. I do, however, find it absurd that the only way to get to Bowdoin without a car is by stealing away in the Interlibrary Loan van. Would it really be too much to ask to have a shuttle run from the Greyhound bus station to campus at the end of Thanksgiving break? Could we not have two community service vans instead of one? What about a weekday shuttle that goes not only to sites of service but also places like Café Bon-Bon or, for that matter, my babysitting job? Although insignificant individually, the accumulation of many small inconveniences causes many students to opt (or beg) for their own car.

Whether the Zipcar program will assuage the small horrors of transportation at Bates is unclear. What I view as the main obstacle to the success of this program is its cost. Although Zipcar claims that the program saves members an average of \$436 a month compared to car ownership, the reality is that many students at Bates are borrowing vehicles from their parents and not paying their own insurance. In this instance, joining Zipcar is a matter of losing rather than saving money. Even for students who are paying their own way in terms of transportation, the fee of seven dollars per-hour to rent the Zipcar seems a little steep for a fifteen-minute trip to Walmart.

No matter how much the program preaches cost-efficiency and convenience, the reality is that choosing Zipcar over a personal vehicle is a sac-

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Slim Pickings for Intro Science Classes Cause Seniors to Scramble



TOM FLANAGAN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Returning to Bates for my senior year, there are things that I need to accomplish. I'm not talking about

spending a night on Mt. David and the other fun, traditional senior accomplishments. I'm talking about, "Bates will not let me leave with a diploma unless I do this" kind of accomplishments. One is the department-designated set in a science, which is tougher to complete than a thesis. Look at it this way: I did not have to write a pathetic letter to a complete stranger begging for the opportunity to write my thesis. But for a non-lab geology to complete my set? Oh, there was begging - ugly, whiny, no-dignity-left kinds of begging. The worst part is that my shameless pleas didn't even work. I was left out, one of the many seniors who scrambled, scratched and clawed to get into an intro-level, non-lab science in the past week and was refused.

I took a geology lab in the fall of my freshman year. In almost every semester since, I have registered for a non-lab geology course.

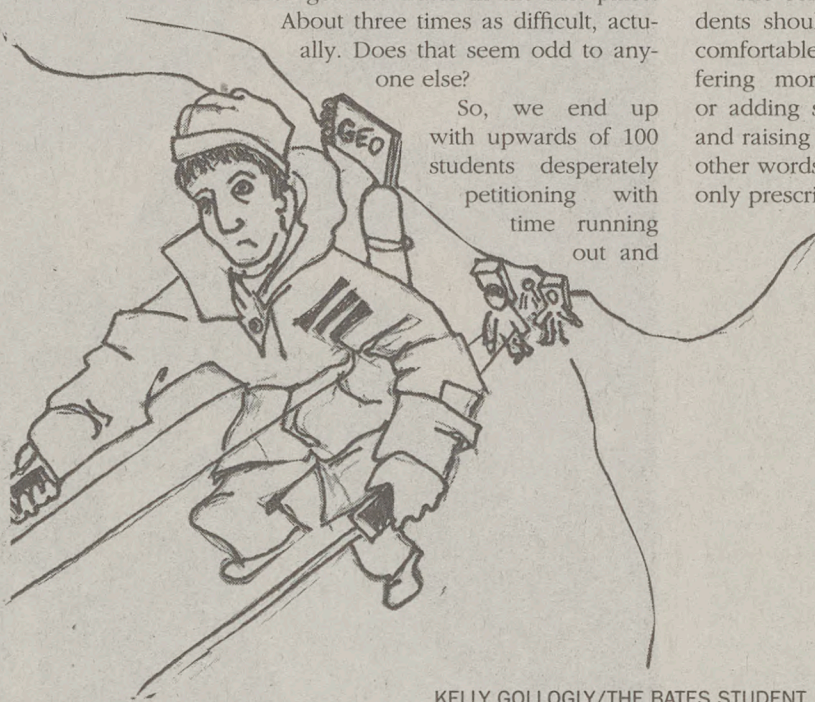
Not once have I been lucky enough to win a spot through the sick, twisted joke that is randomization. "Oceanography," "Impacts and Mass Extinctions," "Introduction to Paleontology" - I've tried them all, and the result is always the same. I register for an expertly-chosen geology course to complete my set, I click "Student Schedule by Day and Time" after randomization and I see no science in my schedule. I then hurl my computer against the wall, punch myself in the face, kick five holes in my common room wall and begin looking

for a new fourth class. This routine has become a staple of my Bates experience.

After randomization, we are allowed to petition. Let it be said once and for all: petitioning for science courses that count toward Gen Ed is a complete joke. In previous years, I often didn't bother to petition, assuming those petition spots would be given to seniors who "need this course to graduate." Well, here I am, a senior who needed this course to graduate, and yet my petition was denied. Why? Because that professor received nearly 100 petitions for what he hoped would be 10 more spots in the class. Think of it this way: after randomization has occurred, it is statistically more difficult to get into a 100-level geology class at Bates than it is to get into Bates in the first place.

About three times as difficult, actually. Does that seem odd to anyone else?

So, we end up with upwards of 100 students desperately petitioning with time running out and



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our diplomas on the line. I would love to read what everyone writes; simply needing the course to graduate is no longer ample since it's true for every petition in the stack. The hideous lies we write must be entertaining. "My dad was a geologist, and his dad was a geologist, and his dad was a geologist!" "Impacts and mass extinctions are my two favorite things in the world!" "I will literally kill you if you don't let me into this class!" Soon petitions will start appearing in the form of simple threats: "Hey Professor, I've seen you walking

your dog. He looks like he likes walking. I hope he can still walk when registration is over."

The disproportionate demand for a few intro sciences comes from non-science majors leaning toward low-level geology courses, rather than chemistry, physics and other sciences, and that's fine. If students are forced to take classes out of their comfort zone, like an English major needing to take a lab science, and that course has to count against the student's GPA, it makes sense that we'd choose the course we felt we'd do best in. Some students may find chemistry easier than geology, and for those few, congratulations. But for the rest of us writers, economists, artists, philosophers, etc., we need something a little easier to get our heads around.

The solution is not that more students should take courses they aren't comfortable with. The solution is offering more intro non-lab sciences, or adding sections to existing courses and raising the maximum capacities. In other words, Bates has a fever, and the only prescription, is more geology. The

Course Catalog shows that "Oceanography" and "Intro. to Paleontology" are both offered to a maximum of only 40 students at a time. This seems very low, considering that there are so few courses of this type, and so many non-science majors hoping to take them. "Impacts and Mass Extinctions" is bigger, and had a capacity of 66 students this semester. It is currently carrying 88 students, a reflection of Professor Wollman's willingness

to accommodate as many petitioners as possible. That's clearly not enough, though, because another 35 students make up the course's "Petition Count." Add all those numbers together and there are 123 students who hoped to take that course this semester. Had a second section been opened up at the original capacity of 66, there would actually be open seats still available. Instead, Professor Wollman has 22 more students than he should in one class,

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Real Reasons for Real Diversity

Cutting through the rhetoric of identity politics to explore the true benefits of a diverse campus

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Seventeen percent. That's the percentage of freshmen at Bates belonging to an "underrepresented minority" on campus.

It's easy to see why someone might be cynical about this. College administrators at Bates and elsewhere talk about diversity constantly, to the point where the whole idea comes across to many as merely some politically correct fad that serves no greater purpose than to ease guilt felt by white liberals. It gives members of academia a chance to pat themselves on the back publicly and allows a college to maintain good standing with folks who buy into a fashionable concept.

To some extent a cynic would be right. Championing diversity is a relatively easy way for college administrators to flaunt their perceived moral stature and to stay within the good graces of other people who subscribe to politically correct dogma. That said, diversity is not meaningless. Diversity, in fact, is quite important, but it's important for reasons different from the usual rationale put forward by its proponents.

When proponents of diversity talk about why the whole idea is important, their rhetoric is usually grounded in what are often described as "identity politics." Identity politics - practices and beliefs resting on the notion that people of the same gender, race, sexual orientation, etc. share a certain perspective - are misguided because every person represents a unique set of values, ideas, desires, feelings and behaviors. Even when people are affected by the same experiences, they come to terms with them differently.

It's true that all women are burdened by society's preoccupation with their physical appearance. At the same time, though, there are women who refuse to shave their legs and women who enjoy wearing make-up. It's true all black people have to deal with racism. Yet at the same time there are black people who share racially-themed jokes with white people and others who don't. Open up the back of the Village Voice and you'll find relationship-classifieds for gay people of all different political persua-

sions. There are even gay Republicans.

This kind of diversity - real diversity - demonstrates the absurdity of seeking out prospective students under the assumption that they will necessarily offer a certain presence on campus. In terms of everyday interactions, they are simply individuals.

Diversity does matter, but it matters precisely because espousers of identity politics overlook the actual plurality we come across on a day-to-day basis. Diversity matters because the best way to counteract stereotypes is to have real-life interactions with all sorts of people and have it dawn on you that they can't be pigeonholed.

I learned about diversity the hard way. Freshman year, I got assigned to live in a cramped quad with two Asian kids and a kid from Pakistan. After a while, a black friend of ours slept on our futon practically every night. This

kind of living arrangement may not have been ideal for sleeping, doing homework or getting a chance to relax by myself, but as someone from a pretty homogenized town in suburban New Jersey, it certainly made me aware that you can't lump people into simple categories.

In the end, though, the need for diversity goes well beyond what takes place in your dorm room or in the dining hall. Most fundamentally, diversity serves to legitimize our democratic institutions. This was the justification put forward in 2003 by Sandra O'Connor in her majority opinion upholding the affirmative action program maintained by the law school at the University of Michigan. "In order to cultivate a set of leaders with legitimacy in the eyes of the citizenry," she wrote, "it is necessary that the path to leadership be visibly open to talented and qualified individuals of every race and ethnicity."

O'Connor is right. People, minorities in particular, simply can't put faith in the institutions that bind us together if those institutions offer certain groups of people barely any representation. I only wish this justification was presented most often. Unlike the assertions found within identity politics, O'Connor's statement binds people together.

Just as important, it's compelling to convince a majority of people outside of academia that diversity is a good thing.

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The length, in feet, of the Burmese python that attacked a dog in Hong Kong. Catherine Leonard, 41, was walking her dog Poppy on a path and somehow managed to kick the snake away before it strangled her pet to death. Police and dog catchers have not yet found the python.

50

The number of micrograms lost by the international prototype for the kilogram, when compared to the average of dozens of copies. German researcher Michal Brys says it is uncertain if the 118-year-old platinum and iridium alloy cylinder has become lighter or national prototypes have become heavier. The 118-year-old standard is kept in a triple-locked safe in Sevres, France.

46

The number of men and women involved in a study in Munich, Germany which concluded that "men want hot women." The study showed that men are less choosy than women and are mainly concerned with physical attractiveness.

2,000

The amount, in pounds, that a couple in South Wales spent on veterinary bills in an attempt to save their pet chicken's leg. Vicky Mills and her husband Sam took out a bank loan and lived frugally for an entire year to pay for seven operations and an amputation after the chicken's leg was caught in a barbed wire fence.

500

The maximum fine, in dollars, that the Delcambre, Louisiana police force can charge you for exposing your underwear. The ordinance is aimed at curbing the fashion of baggy pants and also carries the possibility of six months jail time.

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\$180,000 Worth of Knowledge?

A Cost Analysis of a Bates Education



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When I pay for anything, I always decide whether or not I get my money's worth in terms of fun. If I see a movie for \$10, the question that follows is, "Did I have \$10 worth of fun?" It's a way to judge if your finances are in order. Example: these speakers are on sale for \$60, but will I end up having \$60 worth of fun? They have a lot of bass, so the answer is "yes."

This is my final year at Bates, and doing a cost-analysis of my four years here I wouldn't use "fun" as the operative word. Bates really isn't fun enough to have its worth measured in "fun." I'm sure other schools are, which is great. Even if you didn't learn anything, you can go back and say, "Did I have over one \$100,000 worth of fun?" If the answer is "yes," then you just had a wonderful, all inclusive, four-year paid vacation. Kudos to you.

Instead of "fun," I would judge the cost of Bates in terms of knowledge. Rounding a little bit and assuming Bates costs \$45,000 a year, the question is, "Did I get \$180,000 worth of knowledge?" It's an enormous sum, but that's what it is, so let's try and deal with it. Does it make sense to quantify knowledge with a dollar amount?

Sure, why not? It seems that everything is turned into a commodity before you know it. Ripped jeans once made a subversive statement; now they are sold as fashionable. It's almost impossible to buy a pair of jeans that doesn't look

dirty or faded. Knowledge is similar in that it's a commodity that you pay for. Better quality education costs more money. You come out of the system four years later having gained a degree, a certificate that proves how much knowledge you possess.

I, like many others, will be in debt after college. Rather than entering the "real world" with a clean slate, I'll have thousands of dol-

lars of loans to pay off. The sad part is that by my calculations, I'm behind. I actually need to get around \$100,000 worth of knowledge in this last year to break even, never mind arriving at a surplus of knowledge.

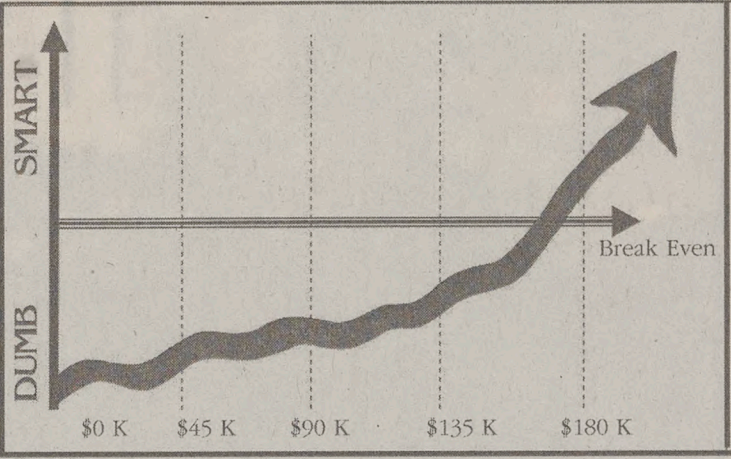
I'm going to be wandering around the College, searching for people who look wise, asking them for spare knowledge. I could just steal from the school to get closer to my goal - a few computers here, some cameras there, and

suddenly I'm making money. If I stole books from the library, that's an object worth money and something that I could open to find more knowledge. But no, that's illegal. I guess we need to remember that embezzling technically isn't stealing. Use that information at your discretion.

We enter the "real" world after school, the implication inevitably being that college is some kind of "fake" pseudo-world. The terminology is jarring; if this isn't real, then what's the point? This relates to treating knowledge and education as a commodity, a material thing bought and sold. The effect is that we must question what we get out of it, if it is real and how much we are willing to spend.

How illogical is it to put a price on knowledge? It makes some sense because in the end we do receive a bill from Bates that somehow has to be accounted for. In "Goodwill Hunting," Matt Damon uses public libraries to become a genius, rendering costs fewer than \$2. Is that realistic for the rest of us? Matt Damon's really smart, so probably not.

The conclusion I've reached is that to make it worth it, you have to take school seriously and strive to gain this thing called knowledge. Hopefully, when I leave, I'll break even or possibly make it into the black. I'm not sure what will happen in the future with all this stuff stored in my brain, but then again no one is. I do know this: when I have kids, college is going to cost over \$7 million a year.



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and 35 other kids are shopping for new computers, icing their faces and paying dorm damage bills.

I understand that the requirements have changed for new students entering Bates but, for those of us who have been grandfathered in with the old requirements, I hope more intro-level non-lab sciences are offered in coming semesters. I'm done begging for myself, it's too late. I have no reasonable choice but to take a geology lab next semester, since I need to complete my set and the only non-lab geology course being offered is 300-level.

So, picture me next term: a senior English major

in his final semester at Bates, on the homestretch. Ideally, I'd take only courses in subjects I enjoy, or maybe one last course with a professor I really like. Now I can only hope that none of those courses conflict with my weekly three-hour geology lab. So, instead of sitting in a class I'm genuinely interested in, I'll be trudging through waist-deep snow, snot running down my face, shielding my notepad from the wet wind as I frantically sketch a color-coded diagram of a granite outcrop. Or maybe I'll be coughing my way along the winding paths of Thornecrag Bird Sanctuary, compass in hand, hurriedly counting my booted footsteps and plotting landmarks on my map before hypothermia takes me down. Terrific.

Underclassmen, please consider my case as a lesson in what not to do. Hopefully more courses will be offered. If not, you need to fight your way into a non-lab science like it's the last lifeboat. If you need to kidnap and hold for ransom a professor's pet, or child, or the professor himself, that's okay. Do whatever it takes to avoid spending your last semester at Bates reenacting the Battle of Hoth at various locations around southern Maine. Because on some snowy day in your senior year, you'll be heading home for a warm afternoon nap, and you'll see a dozen kids being herded into a 16-passenger van, ready to embark on an Arctic geology expedition to the ends of the earth. You will not be going with them, and you will smile.

Zipcar is Only a Small Step in the Right Direction

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diffice. Even without the cost of renting, the fact that there are two Zipcars for more than 1,700 students introduces an element of having that hasn't worked that well since preschool.

Still haunted by the time I fell into a three-foot deep puddle on my way to meeting in Auburn, I decided to drive my father's '93 Camry up to school rather than

subscribe to the 60-mile-per-gallon Zipcar. Am I proud of this decision? Not really. Yet no matter how environmentally conscientious Bates students claim to be, none of us really like walking to Rite Aid in the rain. In terms of sacrifice, some of us have a lower inconvenience threshold than others.

What would make the difference, for me at least, is an expanded, more reliable public transportation system at Bates. In terms of getting where we're going, Zipcar is only a start.

Students' Rights?

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I have been accused of liking a drink or two on weekends. So, it was not out of the ordinary for me to take a short walk down to 7-11 last Friday to pick up a bottle of wine. I went in, furnished my passport to the clerk and made my purchase. Walking back home and munching on a donut was somewhat surprised and startled when a red Pontiac veered into my path and two men got out of the car.

"We're the police," the driver said.

"I'll need to see a badge then," I replied.

The driver supplied a badge and then the on-the-spot interrogation began.

"Have you been purchasing alcohol? I see you've got something in that bag there."

"Yes, a bottle of wine. Why?"

"I'm going to need to see some ID then."

It was at this point that I wondered whether I, as a person who at the moment had broken no law, was being subjected to an overstepping of police power boundaries. Hadn't I already been ID'd once? Wasn't this a little bit excessive? Nevertheless, I'm over the legal age to buy alcohol so I handed the police officer my passport.

One officer shined his flashlight into my eyes, inspected my passport and quizzed me about when my birthday was. I confirmed it.

It was at this point that the officer should have handed back my passport, apologized for stopping a law-abiding citizen and gone back to Dunkin' Donuts. Instead came more questions.

"Do you have any other ID?"

"What, besides my Bates ID and a passport? No."

"Why don't you have a driver's license?"

"I don't drive."

"Well, we're looking for a state ID."

"You have my passport, a federal document that confirms my age. I don't understand what the problem is."

Eventually the officer let me go.

I had done nothing wrong, broken no law and yet

I was asked to prove my innocence. So much for "innocent until proven guilty."

Nonetheless, the incident highlights the extent to which protection of civil liberties has been eroded by the USA Patriot Act and by recent court decisions. Recently the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in "Morse v. Frederick" that students do not have the right to exercise free speech. The decision upheld the punitive actions a school board took against a student who had not even been on school property when his banner, "Bong Hits 4 Jesus," was unfurled.

Shit does not happen in a vacuum; we as a society are responsible for letting things get to where they are. When civil liberties are curtailed to the extent that law-abiding citizens can be stopped and, essentially, searched for doing no wrong, there exists a fundamental imbalance in the way power is being executed within our locality and our country. Students, even when off campus and away from school-related activities, have lost the right to exercise rights as private citizens without fear of retribution from administrators.

Let us not forget Bates's own history. Without student protest, there would be no African American Studies, American Cultural Studies or Women and Gender Studies majors. It was Bates students who occupied Lane Hall and demanded change to a curriculum that administrators and faculty had been unwilling to change.

When we as students lose the power to exercise rights as private citizens, from small things like buying a bottle of wine to large things like exercising free speech on or off campus, we lose the power to create change and to be free citizens.

I am no great protester; I have rarely gone to rallies. But I do vote. I write. I make my thoughts known. As students, the greatest responsibility we have is to use our education to its fullest. That includes making our voices heard on campus (we're paying for an education, right?), electing responsible leaders who will protect our civil liberties and keeping the people whose power affects our daily lives - from Lane Hall to the Halls of Congress - in check by the means available to a well-informed and vigilant student body.

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Taco dinner same night as 80s dance



The tacos were great the first time around, not so great the second.

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Ten people living in the environmental house are finally getting to class on time.

Party room in Rand Village bears strange resemblance to a bomb shelter



Dorm damage: \$0

Bob Marley



He didn't have dreadlocks, but he did tell a pretty good story about a lobster...

Construction Continues

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much of this congestion should free up in the next few weeks. Several more walkways were paved this past Thursday and Friday, and slowly but surely, pedestrian traffic is returning to its typical routes.

A number of birch trees can already be found dotting the walk, and more sod, seed and flower bulbs due to bloom in the spring are being planted. Farnsworth said that aside from a steam line-related delay in building the new amphitheatre, everything else concerning the walk is proceeding as planned.

Last, but certainly not least in the fanfare of campus construction is the new Dining Commons, emerging boldly beside Garcelon Field. On the outside, construction crews have been hard at work installing window glass and granite trim, while inside, carpenters are installing a wood finish to the ceiling of the main dining area, as tiles are being laid and counters designed. The facility is still scheduled to open in February.

BCSG Sponsors Free Cable

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It was really a very simple process, one in which I was included throughout.... If students can take this service being at Bates and extrapolate it to the ease that can exist when working with the members of the administration, I think students will be more optimistic about creating change than they are currently."

The cable package includes 71 channels as well as local channels but not premium ones like HBO. Jack thinks that if the program works out, it is likely that the Office of the Dean of Students and the BCSG will split the bill 50/50 in future years. But if students abuse it (splicing the cable), then it might not continue.

Jack said, "Students told me they thought they should have cable, and I stepped up and made the move."



Professor John Cole addresses the Class of 2011 with some truly age-old advice: 'Get pregnant.'

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Class of 2011 Welcomed at Convocation

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"Get pregnant!" was hardly the advice that the Bates class of 2011 expected to hear from John Cole at the College's 153rd Convocation. Cole, the Thomas Hedley Reynolds Professor of History and this year's featured speaker, joined student body president Bill Jack '08 in welcoming the new students and faculty to the ceremony on Wednesday, Sept. 5, in front of Coram Library. The Dean of the Faculty, Jill Reich, introduced Cole. President Elaine Tuttle Hansen opened the proceedings and

the multi-faith College Chaplain, Reverend Bill Blaine-Wallace, concluded the ceremony.

This advice was not originally intended for the first-years; it was written before Bates existed. Cole borrowed the suggestion from a letter from the Holy Roman Empress, Maria Theresa, to her daughter, Marie Antoinette, who had recently married the King of France.

Cole's speech, entitled "Dress Right, Stand Right, Play Right, Ride Right, Write Right," compared Maria Theresa's send-off of her fourteen-year-old daughter with parents' send-offs of new Batesians to college. Two centuries later, 460

first-years received the same bit of pithy advice. Confidence- confidence- Cole added, and trust- in yourself, each other, and in yourself at Bates.

"There is an essential rightness about your presence here at this stage of your lives" said Cole. "Trust me on this. You can be confident in our honesty, our dedication to serving your interests and our professional competence...You can also be confident in yourselves and your promise."

President Hansen acquainted the first-years with the metamorphosis Bates is in the midst of, as the campus reemerges from the chaos of construc-

tion and general education requirements progress in the direction of a stronger liberal arts education. She explained the phases of construction and emphasized the importance of the new general education requirements that take effect with the class of 2011.

Hansen challenged students "to enter those places you have not visited - perhaps especially those that seem most alien - and to experience and enter into views that look wildly and possibly unappealingly different from the outside, but from the inside can help us test, strengthen, modify and improve our own thinking."

Bates Car Easy on Environment



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A curious student takes a look inside one of the two hybrid Zipcars available to the Bates community.

Zipcars replace the little-known international student car as a transportation option around campus

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driving records, Bates confirms that each application is associated with Bates. As of Friday, 25 people had signed up for the service. In addition to the membership fee, drivers pay a rental fee of \$7 per hour or \$55 for the day. Reservations may be made on the internet or by phone.

Though the cars arrived on campus Sept. 4 and were intended to be operational by the end of last week, the cars are still awaiting license plates from the State. "Because we are the first car-sharing service in Maine, Zipcar ran into some trouble getting plates," said Tannenbaum, adding that Zipcar has gotten the plates now and they should arrive by the end of this week.

The Dean of Students Office selected the Prius over Zipcar's more common MiniCooper because the Toyota is less reliant on non-renewable energy and was less expensive for students to rent. Zipcar owns over 3,000 cars around the world and arrangements with 45 universities around the country. The Bates Zipcar program is the first car-sharing service in the state of Maine.

Both cars are parked in the Franklin parking lot near Chase Hall and are available to the entire Bates community.

In prior years, Bates rented a car which it made

available to international students, though much of the student body was unaware of its existence. The program, which did not have universal support within the Dean of Students office, will be scaled back significantly with the introduction of the Zipcars.

"The international student car has been an unofficial thing for a while. The rental rates have gone up and it is more economical to do something else now... During vacations we will have a vehicle around to provide for international students," said Dean Reese.

Tannenbaum, however, said, "I don't think that [the international student car] ever should have happened. It just didn't seem like a good allocation of college funds."

Unlike the standard Zipcar membership, which requires drivers be 21-years-old, the Bates program will be available to students over 18-years-old. In their arrangement with Zipcar, Bates cannot make any money through the program. "The best we can do is break even," said Tannenbaum. To do so, he estimates 100 students will have to sign-up this year, which he believes is attainable.

The Dean of Students Office plans to evaluate the success of the program in several months. If it has been well received, they will consider adding another car.

"I was thinking maybe something with extra room for skis," said Tannenbaum.

Quiet Riot: '80s Dance an Easy Night for EMS

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In stark contrast from last year's 17 calls and 15 hospital transports, only one call was placed to the Bates EMS during the 80s dance this past week, according to Mike Palmer '08, a Crew Chief who was on duty that night.

As one of the first opportunities for first-years to experience a major partying night at Bates, 80s dance casualties are often considered a harbinger of the year to come. Last year's 17 calls and 15 transports brought stricter enforcement of the College's hard alcohol policy. For instance, all students in a

room with hard alcohol present now receive strikes. While call volume and the number of EMTs on duty were the same, Palmer attributed this year's difference to "more responsible first-years."

Changes in EM policy will also affect hospital visits. In the past, EMS policy was to recommend that underage drinkers go to the hospital. However, after realizing that this policy was remnant of a conservative EMS past, the EMS decided to conform to Maine state law that allow young adults over the age of 18 to sign off to not go to the hospital.

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- Bed pillows (2)
- Pillow protectors (2)
- Mattress pad (1)
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- Inflatable Aerobed (1)
- Window/door panels
- Area rug (1)
- Decorative pillows
- Floor cushions
- Throw (1)

Pull an All Nighter

- Desk lamp (1)
- Floor lamp (1)
- Bed rest (1)
- Lap desk (1)

Munchie Makers

- Bowls, plates, mugs (4)
- Forks, knives, spoons (4)
- Glassware set (1)

Cookware set (1)

- Set kitchen utensils (1)
- Bottle/can opener (1)
- Water filtration pitcher (1)
- Replacement filters
- Chip clips/magnetic clips (5)
- Dorm-size microwave (1)
- Dorm-size refrigerator (1)
- Blender (1)
- Toaster oven (1)
- Coffeemaker (1)
- George Foreman grill (1)
- Snack table (1)
- Dish rack
- Travel mugs

Neat n Tidy

- Hand or stick vacuum (1)
- Dish cloths & towels (6)
- Cylinder hamper (1)
- Compact iron (1)
- Drying rack (1)
- Laundry bags (2)
- Lint roller

Dorm Pre-Req's

- Clock radio (1)
- Night light
- Fan (1)
- Storage boxes (2)
- Extension cords (2)
- Surge protector
- Batteries
- Door mirror (1)
- Wall hooks
- Frames
- Storage ottoman
- Trash can

Chaos Control

- Storage trunk or tote (1)
- Under the bed containers (3)
- CD or DVD storage (1)
- Set of 4 bed risers (1)
- Over the door storage (1)
- Shoe rack (1)
- 24 hangers (1 Pkg.)
- Mesh cubes
- Bubble crates
- Modular storage shelves
- Drawer organizers (4)
- Storage set (1)
- Duffel bag (1)
- Space bags

Student Body Needs

- Towel sets (6)
- Towel bar (1)
- Bath towel tower (1)
- Tub mat (1)
- Bath rug (1)
- Shower curtain (1)
- Shower liner (1)
- Shower ring set (1)
- Shower caddy (1)
- Soap holder (1)
- Bath brush and pouf
- Electric toothbrush (1)
- Replacement heads
- Over the door hook (1)
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Improv Show Pokes Fun at Bates Life

Upright Citizen's Brigade ends on a high note

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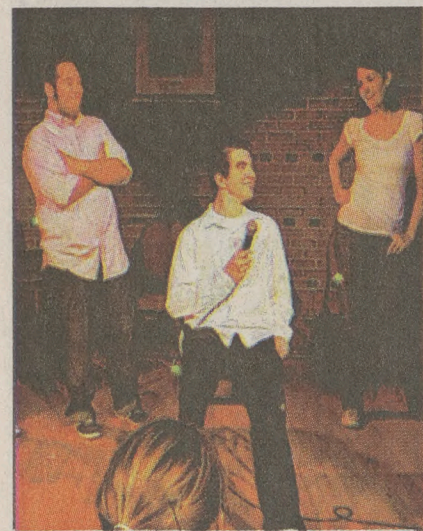
I think I can relate last Friday's Upright Citizen's Brigade Touring Company (UCBT) show to a simple, Bates-friendly metaphor: a week at Commons. Sunday morning brunch is nothing to stick around for, but at the end of the week, Saturday morning chicken patties make the wait worthwhile.

Likewise, the improv comedy show took a while to pick up, but the cast was eventually able to warm up for a consistently funny second half. The show, which began at 9 p.m. on Friday, played to a packed Benjamin Mays Center. Five cast members were present, including Bates alum Kate Spencer.

The show was separated into two parts, each about half an hour. At the beginning of each segment, a student from the crowd was brought onstage and interviewed by the cast. The first student, a senior, proved funnier than the group itself for the first twenty minutes or so. The UCBT twisted his interview material (his major, his reasons for picking his major, the fact that "JB is where all the alcoholics that didn't get into the Village live") into short improv bits. Unfortunately, only a few moments during the first half hour proved successful, and a good portion of the crowd left after the first segment was over.

The second half of the show was fueled mainly by the sheer absurdity of the second interviewee, a first-year. The UCBT rooted through her purse and found, among other things, a picture of her at prom with a blow-up doll date, the ID of a bald black man, pictures of people eating lobster and a John Mayer Fan Club membership card. Needless to say, the second half of the show was, on the whole, pretty damn hilarious. Despite the rough beginnings, the cast was able to create more interesting scenarios by the end and tie together jokes more successfully. The culmination was perfect, capitalizing on jokes about a "misogyny and Jager" theme house and the lone alcoholic from JB who couldn't spell.

To let the feminist in me rear its mohawked head, I was disappointed in how the sole female of the group, Kate Spencer, played the part of "straight woman" throughout the entirety of the show. Although the male members of the group took on a variety of personas — straight and weird — Spencer limited herself to one basic role. This is especially unfortunate given that one of the



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UCBT interviewed Chris Dahlin '08 to create Bates-based skits.

current members of the UCB, Amy Poehler of "Saturday Night Live," has probably never played a straight character in her career and is a walking contradiction of the stereotype that plagues women looking to break into comedy.

In addition to Poehler, the UCB cast now consists of Matt Besser, Ian Roberts and Matt Walsh. The Chicago-based group first became nationally famous from the three-season television series on Comedy Central in the late 1990s. When the group moved to New York in 1996, the UCB Touring Company was founded once members noticed a "lack of improv" on the east coast and decided to open an improv training program. Celebrating its tenth birthday this year, the UCBT, as they like to be called, has sent groups of its improv students on tour to colleges and festivals across the US. This was their first performance at Bates.

Can't Fight This Feeling

Pink spandex, side ponytails and jean cut-offs thrill the 80s dance crowd while new band and change of venue disappoint

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The neon spandexes of this year's '80s dance didn't disappoint, and fanny packs and leg warmers were also at their usual caliber. But while most of the garb remained faithful to '80s dance

tradition, there were several significant and controversial changes to one of the social highlights of the fall semester.

For starters, The Reaganomics, a staple of yesteryear's '80s dances, failed to snag their usual gig due their recent break-up. Instead another band, Orange Crush, tried their hand at playing for this

year's '80s dance crowd. Recently, the band received the much coveted "Best Cover Band" award at this year's Valley Advocate's "Grand Band Slam" contest in Springfield, MA. But, alas, even with such strong credentials behind them, Orange Crush failed to deliver the same quality of their predecessors.

Many of the throngs of attendees failed to notice the disparity in the quality of this year's music in comparison to previous '80s dances, but longtime '80s dance veteran and devoted Reaganomics fanatic Jeremy Grant '08 didn't let the band modification slip by unnoticed.

"You know the band is that bad when everyone enjoyed the CD that played during the band's set break more than the band itself," noted Grant.

The band's selections covered most of the prominent '80s idols with mixed success. Many Madonna enthusiasts were particularly let down by the band's rendition of "Like a Virgin," as the male lead singer far from matched the female icon's distinct voice and performance charm.

The change in entertainment was not the only modification to this year's dance that caused quite an uproar. For many '80s dance veterans, like Grant, the dance's sudden, temperature-driven move to the Gray Cage did not go over well, as the library quad had always played host to previous years of '80s dance memories. Many students found the increase in venue space to be disconcerting because the Gray Cage's size allowed for less forced, sweaty bumping and grinding. Also, the open gym space provided little privacy for the inevitable budding romances that materialize during this event each year.

Regardless of the music and venue changes, the '80s attire still managed to live up to the high standards established by past dances. Most male dancers chose to show a little leg this year as cut-off jean short-shorts became the hottest trend among gentlemen. At left, Grant dares to bare all in retro jean cut-offs from none other than Lewiston's Salvation Army.

"The best part of the cut-off look is the versatility," said Grant. "The rips really dress down the outfit and make it much more suitable for a dance environment. Plus, the shorts made the stifling Gray Cage much more bearable."

Most girls played it safe in spandex coupled with off-the-shoulder shirts. However, Anna Bernhard '08 chose to mix up the stereotypical female get-up with a one-piece business suit from the local Goodwill.

"I thought the business-casual look would be unique on the leg-warmer-and-spandex-dominated dance floor," noted Bernhard.

Controversial changes aside, most dancers left the venue with a score of new memories and the same flushed satisfaction that veteran attendees have come to expect.



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Above: Jeremy Grant '08, Zach Risler '08 and Sophia Budianto '09 strike a pose, while (below) a crowd of dancers rock out in front of this year's '80s dance band, Orange Crush.

New Sandwich Shop Provides Chill Environment at a Decent Price in Downtown Lewiston

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I always love a cute little sandwich place, especially one that has delicious food and many options containing sweet potatoes. She Doesn't Like Guthries has all these elements and definitely lived up to my high hopes.

She Doesn't Like Guthries is a new restaurant in downtown Lewiston, located at 115 Middle Street, right by the Greyhound station. It's a nice walk from campus or a very short car ride, and it is definitely a great escape. Its hours are a bit quirky, so be careful. It is open Tuesday through Saturday, closing at 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday while remaining open until 10 p.m. on all other nights.

Guthries serves a great casual lunch or dinner where you can find many delicious sandwiches, burritos and salads with plenty of vegetarian and vegan options. It is also a great price for college kids; I was able to get soup, a sandwich and a drink for only \$10.18. If you have spent way too much time studying in the library, Guthries would be a great place to do some reading while you sip a cup of coffee.

Guthries is cute and welcoming. Its brick walls and funky artwork give it a relaxed yet trendy atmosphere. The music choices were great and I found

She Doesn't Like Guthries



115 Middle Street Lewiston, ME 04240

myself bopping along to the likes of Jeff Buckley and Wilco. Choices or seating are varied; you can choose from picnic tables for bigger groups, comfy couch-

the owners.

What differentiates Guthries from many other restaurants in the area is that the restaurant is also a live music



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Guthries, located within walking distance of Bates, offers live music on weekend nights and has a menu that boasts sandwiches, burritos, quesadillas, soups and salads.

es, bar tables, or the bar depending on your mood. Guthries' patrons make up an eclectic group. Most people were in their mid-to-late 20s and those sitting at the bar appeared to be friends with

venue. On most Fridays Guthries hosts local bands and musicians. If you are interested, this Friday's show is T. Lepage and Birdcage. The show will be starting at 7 p.m.

Guthries' menu items taste as delicious as they look; I wish I could have tried a little bit of everything. Choices range from the cranberry walnut chicken salad panini to sweet potato burritos. If you like sweet potatoes, Guthries is the place to go. They serve everything from sweet potato quesadillas, which I am told are delicious, to sweet potato and tomato soup, which was everything I hoped it would be. It was well-spiced and the combination of sweet potatoes and tomatoes was unique and delicious. Though it was not being served the night I was there, Guthries boasts their Haddock Chowder for winning first prize at the Windjammer Chowder Challenge in 2006.

For dinner my friend and I split the BBQ chicken panini and the smoked turkey panini. Although both were good, we were in agreement that the smoked turkey was far superior. What can possibly be bad about smoked turkey, avocado, arugula and provolone cheese?

The chocolate peanut butter cheesecake was a nice end to the meal. We all agreed that it was ridiculously rich, but also ridiculously delicious.

She Doesn't Like Guthries is a great place to go for a casual lunch or dinner with friends. I definitely plan on going back there again and again.

I give She Doesn't Like Guthries three hobcats out of five.

Canadian Rock Stars Try to Break into U.S. Market, Play in Mays Center

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The crowd slowly trickled into the Benjamin Mays Center last Wednesday night as The Trews, one of Canada's most recognized rock bands, began to rock. What started off as only a few seated audience members progressed to a dancing crowd of about 60 by the end of the concert. Since The Trews' music was new to most of the attendees, it took a while for the crowd to appreciate their sound. This meant that for many audience members it felt as if the concert was only just getting started as the band finished their set.

The Trews' sound is influenced by late 1960s and early 1970s rock music, particularly Aerosmith and The Who. They have also done covers of music by REM and Oasis. Their songs cover a variety of topics ranging from relationship break-ups to life on the road and world politics. At the concert, the majority of the music they played was their own, but they also did a cover of "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen.

The Trews, named after the Scottish word for "trousers," came up with their

name almost accidentally. Originally named Trouser, they were threatened with a name infringement lawsuit by another band. In the end, they felt they got the upper hand by changing the language of their name. They also enjoyed the double entendre of their new name with the word "true."

The band was formed in 1998 while the members were in high school, but they have known each other for most of their lives. The lead singer, Colin MacDonald, and the lead guitarist, John-Angus MacDonald, are brothers. Drummer Sean Dalton is their distant cousin and Bassist Jack Spyerek is their long-time friend.

John-Angus MacDonald said that the highlight of their career to date was opening for The Rolling Stones as well as for Robert Plant, a former member of Led Zeppelin. Another peak was recording their album "Den of Thieves" with Jack Douglas, the Grammy-winning producer who has worked with Aerosmith and John Lennon. Even though the band has played a full range of venues, they prefer little clubs to big arenas because they feel that the energy of the crowd is more "palpable."

For now, their musical career goal is simply to keep working in music for as long as they can. So far both of their albums, "House of Ill Faie" and "Den of Thieves," have gone gold in Canada. They have had six top-ten singles in Canada, including the single "Not Ready to Go," which was number one on the Canadian Rock Radio Charts and the number one most-played track on the Canadian Rock Chart in 2004. The band won "Group of the Year" at the 2005 East Coast Music Awards and they were nominated for "Single of the Year" at the 2005 Juno Award.

They have found that the transition from the Canadian to the American music scene has been a "little uphill" since they do not have the support of the mainstream media here and are struggling to get exposure. However, they have found that US audiences enjoy the same music as their Canadian counterparts, so now they are just trying to get their music out there. In October they are off on a European tour visiting Germany, France, the Netherlands and the UK.

If you want to check out their music, visit them at their website, www.thetrewsmusic.com.

Nick Motil Strums Barefoot

Village Club Series' second act of the year exhibited unique sense of humor and heartfelt lyrics

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Nick Motil came to rock the Village Club Series, and he did just that with his entertaining and energetic performance last Thursday night at the Benjamin Mays Center. The added bonus of chai and cookies made the night only that much sweeter for the singer/songwriter from Las Vegas.

A native of Toledo, Ohio, Motil has been touring the country promoting his three albums and teaching the world that it's okay to be barefoot. He has toured with such greats as Jason Mraz, The Verve Pipe and Chantal Kreviazuk, and he has sold 5,000 albums to date. With no formal representation, he is "all ears" to any sort of management or label representation, but he has become used to doing all the work by himself and that is fine by him.

His single "Perfectly Connected" has recently hit the radio and continues to climb the charts. He hopes anyone who enjoyed his performance at Bates will call local radio stations to help elevate his song to the next level. With influences from artists such as Paul Simon, Dave Matthews and James Taylor, his captivating style turns any new listener into a new fan.

As soon as Motil walked on stage he lit up the room with his dulcet voice and bright smile. His voice was reminiscent of a young Paul Simon, his guitar brought Dave Matthews to mind, and his rhythm could have been found in any Jason Mraz tune. Yet, something makes him unique from all of the above – his lyrics hit the listener on a personal level. Whether it's anticipating love or regretting the one you lost, anyone can relate. He poured his heart out in

"Home," a song inspired by his brother and now sister-in-law, and he captured the audience with the catchy "Perfectly Connected."

His acoustic set proved his passion, drive and ability to put on a great one-man show. He also added his own flare to covers of tracks, such as "3 a.m." by Matchbox 20, "Hallelujah" by Martin Sexton and a personal favorite, "0% Interest" by Jason Mraz. What made the performance for me was Motil's ability to enjoy the show as much as his audience did. He cracked jokes as he tuned, he told stories "that he swore did not get any better," he sang a melody of some songs like "Hollaback Girl," and he even rapped.

Before and after the show I was able to chat with Motil, who was more than happy to shoot me a few answers and make me laugh. He enjoys playing at the Double Door in Chicago and dreams of playing at the Nightclub 9:30 in D.C., the House of Blues in Cleveland, and Shubas in Chicago.

When Motil is not on tour, he is hanging out with family, traveling to Phoenix or just being lazy. If you're wondering about his constant barefeet, he used to play a lot of shows in the summer and never wore shoes. Plus, his mom was not keen to scuffs on her carpet. He is also sorry if any readers were looking for a deeper meaning; he was on the spot and could not exaggerate one. But don't let that stop you from buying any of his music, now available on iTunes, or from visiting his websites at either www.nickmotil.com or www.myspace.com/nickmoltin. Listen to Nick Motil and remember, "Everything's better barefoot."

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Women's Soccer Beats Husson 2-0; Falls to Both Wellesley and Amherst 1-0

JESSIE SAWYER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Allison Emery '08 netted two goals to secure the win for the women's soccer team in their season opener against Husson on Sept. 11.

Though some of last year's veterans are no longer in the lineup, the majority of the roster saw field time against Husson and some new players made their collegiate debut.

In the 21st minute, the Husson defenders surrounded Molly Radis '10 as she tried to release a shot off a through pass. With her back to the net, she dropped the ball to Emery, who launched a shot that skimmed the crossbar into the net.

Emery also scored the clinching goal in the 64th minute. Captain Molly Wagner '08 passed the ball to the right wing where Emery was isolated, and she then hooked a shot over the head of Husson's junior goalkeeper Tatyana Wolterbeek to secure the 2-0 win.

Bates goalkeeper Nini Spalding '08 made two saves to earn the shut-out.

The Bobcats dropped a 0-1 heartbreaker to Wellesley on Sept. 13. Four minutes into the game, Wellesley's Jordan Akerly '08 connected on a rebound off a deflection from Bates goalkeeper Spalding, firing the ball into the upper left corner. Bates dominated play, but did not recover from the early goal.

The scoring situation was similar on Sept. 15 against Amherst. Six minutes into the game, Amherst's Jillian Whiting '10 and Stephanie Yesnik '09 strung the ball through to teammate Meg Murphy '10. Inside the box and just 15 yards from goal, Murphy pounded the ball into the net for a 1-

0 lead. Bates fought hard to even the score throughout the very physical game, but Amherst held their lead until the buzzer, winning 1-0.

Bates has lost graduates Becky Macdonald '07, 2006 co-captain and starting defender, as well as offensive starter Mary Bucci '07 and the NESCAC's leading scorer, Kim Alexander '07. Meg Coffin '08, a two-time All-American defender and last year's co-captain, will return to Bates second semester after a year-long leave of absence but is not permitted to play a fifth season.

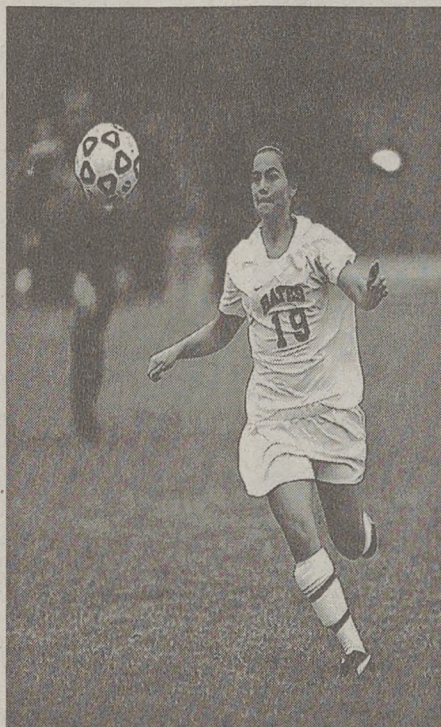
Forwards Jen Marino '09 and Radis once again provide a strong attack for Bates. Wagner, Ali Emery '08, Julie Brown '09 and Avery Pierce '10 return as core

midfielders. Elise Kornack '09, a returning defender, has also been on the attack this season, leading her team with seven shots against Husson. Captain Jen Pflanz '08, Caitlin McMahon '09 and Jen Morse '10 reprise their roles on defense. Spalding has played all 270 minutes in goal so far this season.

Other returning players include forward Amy Werblin '09, sophomore midfielders Sarah Kwah and Maayan Cohen and sophomore defenders Rachel Eades and Kara Kimball.

Additions to this year's roster include keepers Emily Staszak '10 and Brittney French '11, forward Katherine Bailey, midfielder Meredith Poore '11 and first-year defenders Kim Suvak, Hannah Porst and Emily Moody.

Today at 4:30 p.m. Bates will face rival Bowdoin. On Sept. 22 Bates will travel to Connecticut College for an 11 a.m. game, returning Sept. 23 to host Trinity at 2 p.m.



RUSTY MILHOLLAND/BATES STUDENT

Meredith Poore '11 controls the ball against Amherst.

Championship Would Enliven Campus

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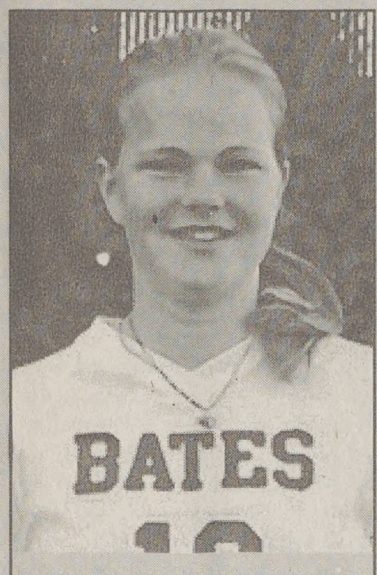
Bring a championship home to Lewiston and we will love you.

At a school where the president has openly shared her disaffection – or perhaps indifference is a better word – for athletics, one cannot count on the administration to do much in the way of sparking school spirit. It

will remain up to the students themselves to decide to attend games and to invest themselves in our teams. One can rest assured that every player on every Bates team is trying their best to win. But until a run of post-season victories and a championship is delivered, the majority of students will likely remain apathetic toward Bates sports.

Bobcat of the Week

ABBY CHILDS '09



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Last Saturday, Childs netted three second-half goals to lead the Bobcats past Amherst 5-4. The scoring flurry was Childs' first collegiate hat trick and kept the field hockey team's undefeated streak alive.

Men's XC Prepares for Tufts Invitational

KATIE BASH
STAFF WRITER

The men's cross country team has been training hard in preparation for their first meet at next week's Tufts Invitational. Last year at the Invitational, Captain Steve Monsulick '08 won the race, helping the men to finish third behind only Amherst and Tufts, two nationally ranked teams.

While last year's season had many highlights, like finishing second at the Maine State Championship, Captain Matt Dunlap '08 could not help but express some disappointment with the way things ended, with Dunlap and then-captain Steve Monsulick just missing out on bids for the NCAA championship.

"I felt that some people on our team experimented with their training and were burnt out at the end last year. Fortunately a lot of them have taken that into consideration when training this year, and I think we can expect some much better performances," said

Dunlap.

The men have lost Monsulick, along with Dylan McGuffin, who has transferred to UNH, and Conor Welch '10, from their varsity squad. However, if this year's alumni race is any indication of how the season will go, the team seems to show a lot of promise. The alumni race's course is a 4-mile loop around campus and helps give a preview of the season's talent.

"The alumni race is a good starting point, some people came in and proved a lot because they put in the work this summer, some didn't. It is always an eye opening experience," Dunlap stated.

Among the runners to look out for are Dillion Tung '09, CJ Murray '09 and Griffin Stabler '10, all of whom had good seasons last year but never broke into the top seven.

Returning members from the varsity team include Doug Brecher '10, Harrison Little '08 and Andrew Percy '08. Brecher, who has come back from a summer of successful training, is confi-

dent with his new fitness and hopes to have an even more successful season. In fact, it seems that several of the men have come back in better shape than ever, as many of the Bobcats beat their times from last year's alumni race by as much as 55 seconds.

"About half of the team is veterans," said Dunlap. "They have put in the appropriate amount of work and will strengthen the team."

The men's team has also gained 11 new members, all first-years, who will undoubtedly strengthen the squad.

"The other half of our team is freshmen, which makes us a very young team. Baby steps will be taken, but hopefully that will allow the end result to be better than last year's," said Dunlap.

This will be Coach Al Fereshetian's 12th season as coach of the men's team, with eight runners earning All-American status over that span. In 1999 his team finished 10th at the national championships.

Field Hockey Undeclared in First Four; Women Beat Babson, USM and Amherst, Tie Skidmore

ALI BLANKSTEIN
STAFF WRITER

The 2007 field hockey team is already off to a great start. The team kicked off their season on Sept. 8 with a game against Babson, taking a 3-1 victory after breaking away from a 1-1 tie at the end of the first half.

The very next day, the Bobcats competed against Skidmore at home in the pouring rain. Despite minor weather delays, Bates fought through the downpour for a 1-1 tie. On the following Thursday, Sept. 13, the Bobcats earned their first road victory against the University of Southern Maine. The

team's most recent game was their first in their conference, taking place at home this past Saturday against Amherst. Yet again, the weather was not in the team's favor, but the garnet women managed to emerge from the cold and the rain with an exciting 5-4 victory.

In the Amherst game, Abby Childs '09 racked up three goals, and she has already proven herself as a force to be reckoned with on the offensive end of the field. Head Coach Wynn Hohlt is excited and confident that Childs' new spark will play an integral part in the team's success this fall. Furthermore, the solid leadership provided by Captains Erin Chandler '08, Lindsey Fergu-

son '08 and Caitlin Tamposi '08, both on and off the field, serves as the team's foundation as they prepare to face off against the rest of the NESCAC.

With eight first-years, three sophomores, four juniors and five seniors rounding out the roster, the women's field hockey team has undeniable depth and should continue to improve this season with strong, exciting play and impressive results.

"The team is looking really great this year," said Childs. "The passing is fantastic and important connections are being made. I think we're going to rock this season. NESCAC better watch out."

Men's Soccer Still without a Goal

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Wesley-Munro to score his second goal in the 75th minute.

Ten minutes later, Egan's teammate Justin Ito-Adler closed the scoring, volleying a shot with his left foot into the far side netting. Only minutes before, Wesley-Munro had blocked an Ito-Adler shot of a similar nature - one of 11 saves he made in the game.

The Sept. 15 game against Amherst was extremely physical. Twenty-six fouls were called overall. Amherst was penalized with two yellow cards, while the Bobcats were carded three times.

Amherst's Taylor Downs assisted teammates Kevin Dolan and John Kneeland before scoring the final goal himself, volleying a free kick from half field into the net.

Bates had seven shots to Amherst's 15. DiGregorio and Friedlander led Bates with two shots a piece. LaBrecque, Kellogg and King each took a crack at the net as well.

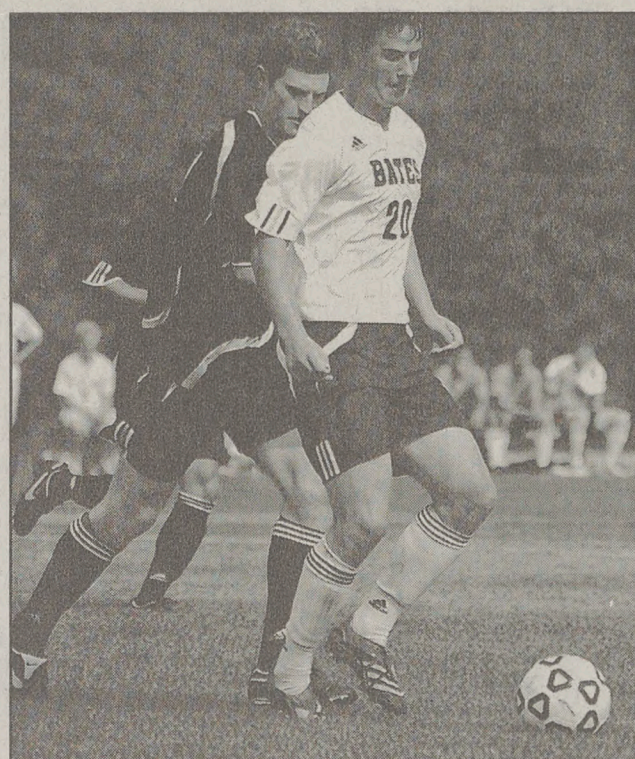
Wesley-Munro and Schleicher each covered net for a half, combining to save five Amherst shots.

"We have had a rough start; playing two strong NESCAC teams and missing some key players who have been out with injury," said Coach Purgavie. "I am confident that we will im-

prove steadily as we get into the rhythm of the season. We have actually created some very good scoring chances that we could and should have finished. The team must tighten up defensively to achieve our goals. This week we will be working on improving our defensive and attacking coordination through the thirds of the field as well as finishing our scoring opportunities."

"Our goal is simple," said Morin, "to win our league and get a birth into the NCAA tournament. But we take things one day at a time, get better everyday."

The men's team will travel to play



H-HWEI WARNER/THE BATES STUDENT

Center-back Nate Kellogg '09 shields the ball from a hulking Bowdoin forward.

University of Maine-Farmington on Sept. 19 at 4:30 p.m. and Connecticut College on Sept. 22 at 2 p.m. The following day the Bobcats will host Trinity at 11 a.m. on Russell Street Field.

Women's Volleyball Opens 1-6, Loses Last Four in a Row

BRENDAN BRODEUR
STAFF WRITER

The 2007 women's volleyball team is looking forward to what will hopefully turn into a successful season. After losing players to graduation they welcome three new Bobcats, all hailing from the Northeast. Phoebe Reed of New York, Katelyn Gilardi of Massachusetts and Rachel Colby of Connecticut all look to help the team and vie for time on the court.

With only a full week of classes under their belts, the Bobcats have already played seven matches, amassing a 1-6 record (0-3 in the NESCAC). The team played its first three games on Sept. 7 and 8 at the Plymouth State Tournament, losing its first match of the season 3-1 to Mount Ida College. Senior co-captain Jenn Linton led the team with 10 kills against Mount Ida. The following day began with a 3-2 loss to Lasell College, but things

turned around in the second match as Bates served Newbury College a 3-0 loss for their first win of the season.

On Sept. 12 the Bobcats faced Colby in a non-conference game. Despite the frustration of a 3-0 loss to the Mules, the game scores of 30-26, 30-22 and 30-22 show that these Bobcats will not go down without a fight. This resilience shined through at a six-team NESCAC tournament hosted by Colby the following weekend. Wesleyan was the opposition on day one and defeated Bates 3-0, giving the Cardinals a 2-1 overall and 1-0 NESCAC record. Sophomore Tess Dokus had six kills during the game.

On day two of the tournament, the Bobcats faced Connecticut College and Trinity. Both the Camels and the Bantams earned 3-0 victories. Conn. College improved to a 7-0 overall record (2-0 in the NESCAC), while Trinity now boasts a record of 3-3 (1-1 in the NESCAC). The two matches

were not without highlights for Bates, though, as sophomore Liz Leberman led the way with numerous kills and digs in each. Sophomore Elise Edmonson had an balanced spread of contributions as she posted 10 assists, nine digs and six kills. Senior co-captain Brittany Clement led the Bobcats with a total of 18 assists. The Bobcats fought hard throughout, particularly against Trinity, losing 30-26, 30-18 and 31-29 in a close final game.

This season the team is striving to return to the NESCAC tournament. In addition, they will be traveling out of the region to gain exposure to different playing styles. Last season the University of Dallas came up to play at Bates, and this season the team will travel south for a rematch in Dallas in October. The next matches on the team's schedule are at the MIT Invitational during the weekend of Sept. 21, with match-ups still to be announced.

Men's Soccer Opens 0-2



RUSTY MILHOLLAND/THE BATES STUDENT

Duane Pelz '08 goes up for a header amidst a swarm of Bowdoin defenders. Jonathan Lobozzo '10 and Peter Dennehy '08 look on.

JESSIE SAWYER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Men's soccer dropped two 3-0 games this week to rival NESCAC challengers Bowdoin and Amherst on Russell Street Field.

Despite the losses, some fresh faces showed promise by matching the physical play of their upperclassmen teammates.

Last year, the team graduated Captains George Carr '07, James Hauschild '07 and Kyle Rushton '07, as well as Ithai Schori '07.

Returning All-NESCAC players Brent Morin '08, Duane Pelz '08 and Rob Wesley-Munro '08 captain this year's team, and Aaron Schleicher '08, who ranked sixth in 2005 for goals-

against average (1.28), seventh in save percentage (.776) and fourth for saves per game (4.54), is back for another season in goal.

Other returning players are forwards Greg Nelson '09, Rob Friedlander '10, Christopher Piazza '10, midfielder Peter Dennehy '08, defenders Clark Winchell '09, Nathan Kellogg '09, Patrick King '10 and Nick Sampson '10. Oliver Fadly '09, Peter Litwin '10 and Haynes Johnston '10 split time between midfield and defense. Patrick Grater '08 and Ben Lajoie '10 also return to the roster, playing either midfield or forward.

"We have a lot of talent on this year's team, including a solid group of freshmen," said Captain Morin. "We are still working out some kinks in

the midfield as we lost starting center midfielder senior Mark Grande to a knee injury while abroad in the UK. Mark is a big loss as he is a great player, but there is plenty of talent to step up and fill his role. It's just a matter of finding the best combination in the middle and up front. Our freshmen bring a lot to the table and Lobozzo returning from a year abroad has been a big contributor in the midfield and up front."

So far, three newcomers to the team are leading shot-takers. Jonathan Lobozzo '10, Dustin DiGregorio '11 and Chris LaBrecque '11 each had three shots against Bowdoin.

On Sept. 8, the team lost 3-0 to Bowdoin, who are tied for first in the NESCAC with Amherst, Middlebury

and Williams. Bowdoin capped Bates in shots 30-15, but the Bobcats took four times as many shots in the second half (12) as they did in the first (three).

Down by one against Bowdoin, DiGregorio nearly scored in the 65th minute. DiGregorio dodged past the Bowdoin defenders and keeper Nathan Lovitz, sliding the ball en route to goal. Polar Bear defender Will Grunewald '10 intercepted the ball inches from the goal line, knocking it out of bounds.

Bowdoin's Brendan Egan, who scored the first goal in the 19th minute from the 18-yard line, capitalized on a one-on-one with starting keeper

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Bring Home the Bacon



MAC KING
MANAGING
SPORTS EDITOR

As we begin yet another school year and embark on yet another set of athletic campaigns, I thought it would be appropriate to look ahead. Bates needs to win a championship. Right now. Whether it's the NESCAC finals or the peak of all Division III, whether they do it with a group of undersized misfits who band together overcoming all odds, or a superstar phenom who puts his or her teammates in a backpack and carries the team to the promised land, the Bobcats need to bring home some hardware.

This is not a knock on the school, its athletes or the athletic program. The simple fact of the matter is that the vast majority of the student body doesn't care about Bates sports. I am the Managing Sports Editor for The Student. I see every score from every game played by every Bates team, and even I don't care all that much. Certainly this isn't OSU or USC. Our games aren't broadcast nationally, we don't have boosters pumping funds into any sect of our small college (much less the athletic program), and our football team doesn't draw a crowd of 91,000 for an early-summer split squad scrimmage. But would a little school spirit be too much to ask?

Bates desperately needs a team that the school can rally behind. It would be good not only for the school's reputation but perhaps for the social dynamic on campus as well. Let's give our jocks a reason to have some swagger. Let's create some campus celebrities. Wouldn't it be great to get 200, 300, 700 screaming kids at a home game?

This is not to say that Bates has never met any success in the post-season. In the last five years, both basketball and both soccer teams have put together impressive playoff runs, becoming NESCAC champions in women's soccer and reaching the NCAA Sweet Sixteen for women's basketball in 2005. Nevertheless, with 24 varsity teams in a conference as small as the NESCAC one would think the garnet trophy collection might be a little more extensive.

At prestigious Division I programs, not only do they fill every seat for every home game, but their entire student body watches the game in some form or another. This will never happen at Bates. The quality of play and the hype surrounding our teams and the games they play cannot possibly equal that of a big-time university. Even so, the group of people that currently follows our sports teams is so small that the majority of campus rarely even hears the result of our games.

It has been said that people watch sports because they never know just what they might witness; something unprecedented can occur in any given contest. This is true, but I would also argue that people watch sports for the sense of camaraderie they get from watching the games with fellow fans – the communal elation from a big win and the collective sorrow from a heartbreaking loss. You feel for the players and experience a sort of kinship with other fans. There is a sense that you're all in it together. We don't have this at Bates. We need it.

I am not sure that the sport itself even matters. Certainly endurance sports are less conducive to spectators and outdoor winter sports in Maine can be a tough sell in mid-February. Aside from that, it doesn't matter which team does it, but if some group of men or women could give the entire student body something to get collectively excited about, that would be great.

Give us that magical season in which nothing can seem to go wrong. Make us proud of you. Make us adore you. Leave us desperate for your next game. Make us hug the stranger next to us in jubilation when you score. Make us whisper when you pass us in commons or at a party; quite frankly, this school could use a little of that. Don't consider this additional pressure to win or a critique of your play to date. Treat this as an opportunity.

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Football Optimistic, Winning Season a Definite Possibility

ERIC ARMSTRONG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Fall is well underway, and amid never-ending construction Bates football has returned to Garcelon Field stronger than ever. Although their 1-7 record last year was disappointing, the team's outlook this year is far from bleak. New talent coupled with veteran players should make this an exciting and eventful season.

Some of the problems in the past were rooted in a lack of experience among the offensive line, but this year every offensive lineman boasts some starting experience. After suffering a

season-ending injury in the first game of last season and getting a medical redshirt, offensive lineman Raoul Scott '08 is the most experienced lineman. With help from outstanding athlete John Mackenzie '09, Dave Myerson '10, Brian Machunski '08 and Ryan Wimberly '08 anchoring the left side, the team should have a solid offensive line.

So far this year the team has had an intra-squad scrimmage and a scrimmage against Colby this past Saturday. Bates' offense struggled during the first quarter but great runs by Shawki White '09 and outstanding catches by Matt Gregg '10 helped the Bobcats to

get back on their feet. Additionally, the Bates defense caused four key takeaways including interceptions by Kyle McAllister '10 and Bill Jennings '10 and two fumble recoveries.

The team will suffer from the loss of several '07 graduates, including All-ECAC and All-NESCAC defensive end Terrance Ryan '07, All-NESCAC running back Jamie Walker '07, and All-NESCAC wide receiver Dylan MacNamara '07. Additionally, the entire starting defensive line was lost with the exception of Anthony Begon '08, who has the potential to have a standout year.

The team has several characteristics that bode well for them this year.

Several recruited first-year players have had strong showings so far, especially middle linebacker Ted Durkin and wide receiver Evan Tierney. Another valuable asset is quarterback Brandon Colon '08, who is entering his fourth year as a starter and looks to break many Bobcat passing records. This strong talent combined with the leadership abilities of Coach Harriman and Captain Todd Wilcox '08 should produce a successful season. The team's first game of the will be this Saturday against Amherst. The team looks promising, and it seems that the Bobcats have a good shot to be competitive in the NESCAC.

Runners Poised for Big Season

ANDY PERCY
STAFF WRITER

Despite the loss of four-time All-American Kathryn Moore '07 to graduation, the women's cross country team looks to be even stronger this year.

Consider this: the Bobcats are currently ranked tenth in the latest New England Division III Cross Country Coach's Poll. The team picked up an early win on Sept. 8 at the University of New England Invitational. A first-year won the inaugural NESCAC Cross Country Performer of the week award. The team is one of the deepest in recent years with 29 runners on the roster, including the addition of nine first-years to offset the loss of seven graduated seniors. Clearly, the team's prospects for the upcoming season are good.

The season opened on Sept. 1 with the annual Alumni Race, a 1.9 mile race held on campus. The runners navigated around hordes of students and parents moving into the dorms to beat the Alumni team by a considerable margin.

The next week, the team made its first-ever appearance at the University of New England Invitational. The team took seven of the top 12 positions and won the nine-team meet. Impressive, but even more impressive was that the top seven Bates runners were held out of the meet. The Bobcats treated the UNE meet as a developmental race for young runners on the team, and still beat second place Endicott 29-85. For future points of reference, each finishing place in a cross country race counts as a point of equal value toward the team's overall score. The top five runners score, so the best result

a team can achieve is 1+2+3+4+5 = 15 points).

Megan McClelland '11 was the top Bates finisher with a second place finish of 21:10 over the 5k rolling course. Izzy Alexander '09 was third in 21:26. Esther Kendall '10 finished sixth in 21:50, Krista Stafstrom '09 was eighth in 21:59, Alexandria Alberto '11 was tenth in 22:05, Elizabeth Rowley '11 finished 11th in 22:22, and Chloe Borne '11 rounded out the Bates top seven with her 12th place finish in 22:24.

Remember that this race occurred on a Saturday when temperatures soared into the upper 80s, so race times were slower than usual across the board. One of this team's greatest assets is their ability to stay together in tight packs throughout the race. In this race, the team generally finished together in packs of two or three.

Eight first-years finished in the top 25; a phenomenal accomplishment. The time spread from Bates runners one through five was only 50 seconds. Furthermore, the spread from one to 13 was 1:57.

"I thought the girls did a really great job working together, and I think that's a really great place to start," said co-captain Molly Balentine '08. "I'm really looking forward to seeing what we can do for the rest of the season. We've had a great, but tough, three weeks of training, so we're ready to get after it."

Balentine is one of three captains,



Molly Balentine '08 leads the pack at the Alumni Race this past weekend.

along with Caroline Ginsberg '08 and Aviva Goldstein '08.

The UNE win was highlighted by the announcement that McClelland was the recipient of the NESCAC's first-ever Women's Cross Country Performer of the Week award. Each week, the NESCAC will select one male and one female runner who had the most significant race of any runner in the conference. For any runner, but especially a first-year, to be awarded this honor is a great indication of things to

come for the rest of the season.

"This year our team looks extremely strong as well as deep," said Goldstein. "I am excited to see all the girls' performances throughout the season after showing strong performances in our Alumni meet and at the UNE Invite, as well as at every practice."

The Bobcats will race this Saturday at the Tufts Invitational, held at the Jumbo's Veterinary School campus in Grafton, MA.