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Batesians attend the annual Common Ground Fair

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According to two returning Bates fair-goers, "The Common Ground Fair is something everyone should go to at least once."

This past Saturday, over sixty Bates students made the nearly hour and a half trek up to Unity, Maine for the annual Common Ground Country Fair sponsored by The Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association. Every September, the Student Activities Office sponsors a bus trip, and this year, Dean Keith Tannenbaum had to add a second bus because of the overwhelming student interest to see what the famed fair was all about.

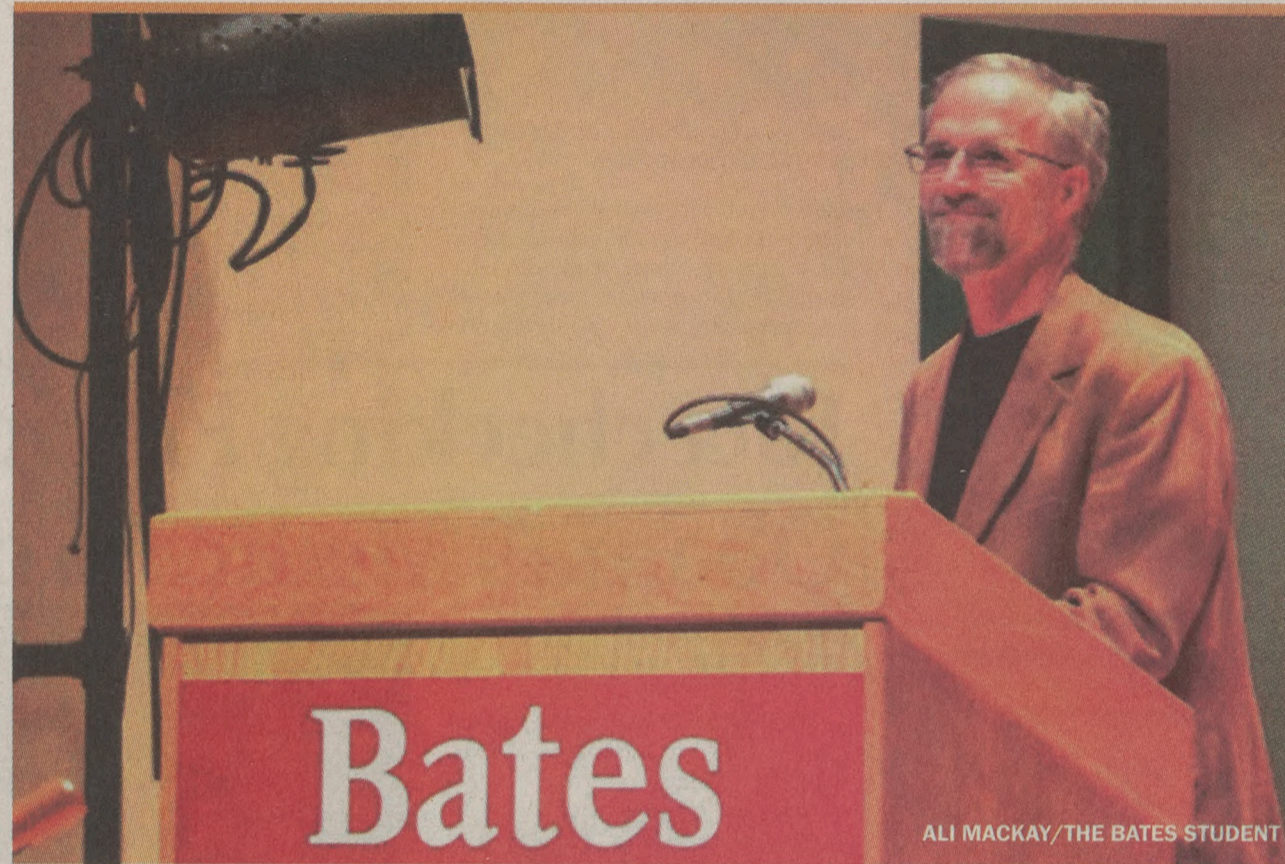
So what is it that keeps Batesians and Mainers alike returning to this event year after year? This September celebrates the 36th year of the fair and, without a doubt, the festivities draw a diverse crowd.

On Saturday afternoon it was not uncommon to see every walk of life, from rural farmers proudly showcasing their livestock to social reformers advocating for the legalization of marijuana to knitting groups demonstrating their fiber selection from different types of sheep.

Even this small sampling does not begin to capture the diversity of the crowd of nearly 60,000 people that were expected to make their way to Unity for the annual event. It is evident through a quick browse of the extensive fairground map and activities list why such a diverse crowd is not a surprise. One artisan vendor originally from Upstate New York encouraged his parents to make the pilgrimage to Unity for the event that weekend, commenting, "There's really nothing like it in the world."

The fair is divided into several large areas representing different interests — the biggest being the Large Livestock Demonstrations, the Agricultural Demonstrations, the Folk Arts Marketplace, and two farmers markets complete with a bumper crop of fresh produce. Throughout the afternoon, Batesians enjoyed wandering through many ongoing demonstrations and lectures from blacksmithing to Border collie herding and the always-entertaining "Health and Whole Life Tent" with talks like "Fox Walking: Awareness and the Art of Being" and "Intro to Jin Shin Jyutsu

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William Cronon: sustainability in a real-world context

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As the 40th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act approaches, Bates College plans to host a series of events that honor not only the national impact the act had on environmental policy, but also the special connection that Senator Edmund Muskie, the act's champion, shared with this school and surrounding locales.

A graduate of Bates, Muskie grew up in the vicinity of the Androscoggin River and saw it as a microcosm of many environmental issues plaguing his generation. The Clean Water Act strove to stop the release of toxins into bodies of water and ensure that surface waters would be safe for human recreation. Although our beloved "Scog" is still fairly polluted, it is a far cry from the chemical dumping site it once was.

One of the first events meant to raise environmental awareness on campus and in the community came in the form of a lecture by William Cronon, entitled *The Riddle of Sustainability: A Surprisingly Short History of the Future*. Cronon is an environmental historian and professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

According to Bates Professor Joseph Hall, Cronon's work is important because it has managed to anger people as far apart on the political spectrum as writer-activist Gary Snyder and Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker. Cronon is famous for his work concerning the various ways that humans and nature

interact and the impact the two forces have on one another.

Held last Thursday in the Olin Arts Center, the lecture drew a large crowd of students, faculty, and staff alike. Cronon opened by praising Bates: "As a college, you are living your values at a very deep level," he commented in reference to Bates' commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility.

But perhaps Bates, as a community of intellectuals discussing problems with our world and how we plan to fix it, is an isolated example. Cronon emphasized that scholarship must be put into dialogue with the rest of the world. And that is our responsibility as a college family: make environmentalism and principles of sustainability accessible to everyone.

As a historian, Cronon traced the fascinating development of the word "sustainability" for his audience. As an abstract noun, "sustainability" did not emerge as part of the human vernacular until 1987, which is hard to believe for a word that has proliferated so widely into the political and environmental spheres.

The sudden focus on sustainability sprung up in the Cold War environment of the 80s because people realized there was quite a bit to be concerned about. Cronon outlined the difference in the popular imagination between "environmentalism"—viewed as a movement spearheaded by those who were concerned only with the wealthy elite—and "sustainability," a concept that encompasses the justice aspect as well as taking care of the planet.

The meat of the lecture came in the

form of some heavy questions. Cronon raised an interesting point: is sustainability in itself a sustainable concept? And is acting on an individual basis—recycling, turning out the lights, taking shorter showers—enough to reduce the immense impact that humanity has already made on our world? Cronon asserted that the reason sustainability is a popular concept is because people can make small changes to their everyday lives without having to sacrifice anything substantial.

It doesn't take a lot of effort to change to fluorescent lightbulbs. And maybe this is a good thing; sweeping appeals on behalf of the planet carry less weight than anecdotes about personal success.

"What are you willing to die for, or to kill for, to protect? It's not the planet. It's something more deeply embedded than that," said Cronon. Political rhetoric surrounding environmental issues tends to fall back on the word "we" to lend itself a sense of community. "You have to earn that 'we,'" said Cronon. "You have to build that 'we.' There's hard work before you get there." That hard work potentially lies within the individual.

Global warming, overpopulation, fracking, and the list goes on. College students are well aware of the catalogue of environmental ailments that threaten to do away with the things we love and provide a world in which it is not safe for our children to live. But Cronon urges us to move toward hope rather

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The Intern Diaries

Over the next several weeks, *The Student* will be highlighting Batesians' exciting summer internship experiences

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Name: Hank Geng '13
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Geng was a marketing intern at Squam Lakes Natural Science Center in Holderness, New Hampshire. The Science Center is a nonprofit educational institution that strives to teach people about New Hampshire's natural environment through first-hand experiences. The Science Center features an outdoor trail and animal exhibits with mountain lions, black bears, river otters, deer, and bobcats. As a marketing intern, Geng primarily took photos and videos of the Science Center's various events, lake cruises, and educational programs, but he also spearheaded a Facebook giveaway promotion as well as radio promotions for local stations.

In addition, Geng also helped construct the Science Center's new website. Although it often seems that so many summer internship positions are unpaid, Hank was fortunate to receive a small stipend from the Science Center that was supplemented by an Otis Environmental Grant from Bates. Each year, the Philip J. Otis Endowment encourages Bates students to further their "concern for and interests in the worlds of nature that Phil Otis '95 demonstrated," according to the Otis Program website.

The Science Center generously provided interns with a "rustic but spacious" wooden cottage for the summer, free of charge. Geng and fellow interns often discovered additional roommates such as bats, mice, and flying squirrels, but he claims that the experience was "overall very positive." He even remembers one night where the interns watched out their window as a bear tried to get into their trash can.

Overall, Geng thoroughly enjoyed working at the Science Center, where he enjoyed the presence of friendly and professional colleagues that were always willing to answer any questions. Taking the opportunity to be involved in all aspects of the organization; for example, he attended and photographed a donor event that involved a live variety show

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The Bates Outing Club takes Maine one peak at a time

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The state of Maine is home to a number of the greatest peaks on the east coast, and New Hampshire's numerous trails are just a stone's throw away. With all of these mountains so accessible from campus, why not try to tackle them all?

The Bates Outing Club was up for the pinnacle of all challenges this past Saturday and Sunday when they led Peaks Weekend — a variation of "peak bagging," a popular quest for avid hikers in which they try to conquer as many of the 4,000 foot peaks throughout New England as they can.

The task is not only physically exhausting but also mentally trying, which is, of course, the appeal for the BOC. Seniors Eryn Gilchrist and Blake Shafer, the officers of Hikes and Trips this year, said that, "Peaks Weekend is about the challenge ahead of us and discovering what we are, as a group, capable of."

A Peak Bagger's mountain "to-do" list includes sixty-seven mountains in New England. The BOC's list is slightly smaller, but still incredibly ambitious; they planned to conquer an impressive amount of mountains in one weekend.

About twenty trips set out Saturday morning for hikes in Maine and New Hampshire. The goal? To beat 40 peaks. Some intended mountains were Saddleback, Sugarloaf, Redington, Mount Washington, Carter Dome, Flume, and Moosilauke.

The mountains were selected for different reasons. Some trails are favorites of BOC members, others have incredible views from the summit, and many are picked because of the difficult hike required to get to the top.

Gilchrist and Shafer explained that "Not every mountain will be as instantly gratifying as another," but Peak Bagging isn't intended to be easy. It is meant to challenge the mental and physical strength of the hiker.

Like all BOC events, every student is encouraged to participate in Peaks Weekend. That said, some of the peaks are suited for more experienced hikers, but there are also hikes offered for all skill levels. Factors like the air at high elevations and the volatile weather can impact the success of each hike.

Gilchrist and Shafer insist that every Bates student could find at least one trail suited to their skill level, but everyone must be willing to spend a

whole day hiking and accept that they will be tired and sore at the end of the day.

Julia Savage '16 was not deterred by the challenge. Savage claimed, "It was one of the best times I've had since coming to Bates, and totally worth the physical exertion required!"

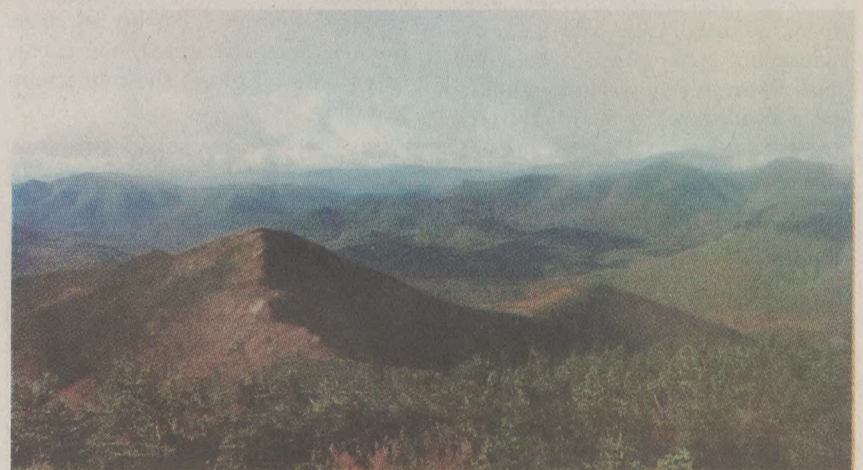
Savage climbed East Osceola and Osceola peaks, ringing in a total of 7.6 miles hiked. Savage and her group ran into some daunting tasks along the way.

"Some of the biggest challenges we faced were scaling a vertical rock wall, and realizing that we were nowhere near the top when we thought we were close," said Savage.

When she finally reached the top, though, all of the struggles she faced were nothing compared to the satisfaction of conquering the peak.

"Reaching the summit was . . . amazing!" she added. Savage intends to participate in Peaks Weekend next year and get more people involved to make the experience even more unforgettable.

Alfred Russo and Grace Pezzella '15 left Saturday morning for the only overnight trip that went out this weekend. They hiked a set of mountains in the Pemigewasset Wilderness of New



Bondcliff Mountain. GRACE PEZZELLA/THE BATES STUDENT

Hampshire known as "The Bonds," a 22-mile trip that provided an equal host of challenges and perks.

"Hiking in and of itself is often a very mundane activity," said Russo. "But after six hours of plodding uphill, the payoff: a 360 degree view of the alpine zone."

As for the experience of staying at a backcountry tent site: "Due to a full house, the only place we could stay was described as 'a flat area next to the bear boxes.' Fear of bear attack and rain flooding out our sleeping area made for

an interesting night," added Russo.

One of the main goals of the BOC is to get people involved, and Peaks Weekend certainly helped them accomplish this goal. Additionally, Batesians love some friendly competition, so the BOC wants to make Peaks Weekend an annual event. They hope that each year the participants will conquer more mountains than the previous year, getting closer and closer to 'bagging' all the summits—and enjoying the views from the top.

The abstract art saga: musings of an artist on art itself

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I saw an article recently where the paintings of an artist called Patty were displayed. Her works consist of expressive colorful lines slanting across canvas, which are later sold to raise charity money. One would want to ask Patty the meaning behind her art and what message she is trying to convey but unfortunately, Patty is a donkey. We may never know.

I am not trying to insult anyone's craft, but this anecdote clearly illustrates some arguments from people who criticize modern art movements or even the meaning of art in general. Many avant-garde paintings do not advertise the artist's level of skill. I have painted both classical realism and abstract art and discovered that realism was more demanding skill-wise. When painting

or drawing realistically, one must adhere to certain God-given proportions, textures, and perspectives. With abstract, minimalism, or other similar branches of modern art, I could even make a mistake and pass it for art if fixing it was going to be arduous.

From the point-of-view of an art appreciator, modern art can be difficult to look at, assuming you can tell what is before you. It is only natural for human beings to respond to familiar shapes and images, but with some modern paintings the canvas could be hung upside-down because it is nearly impossible to tell what it is anyway.

"The challenge associated with interpreting abstract art is one of the best things about it," said James Dowling-Healey '12.

When I am appreciating art, I would rather not be overly challenged.

With the evolution of art, the scale between realism and the modern/avant-



Abstract Art by **NERISSA BROBBEY '15**/THE BATES STUDENT

garde has tilted between both of the extremes. In the past, all painters did as the fashion or culture of the time dictated. We are now in a more diverse era where artists can choose whichever move-

ment they want to represent. However, most works tend to lean toward more unrealistic and expressive modes.

This leads to the question: does art have to have meaning? With the rise of modern art there has been a greater focus on personalizing creations, where a painting often alludes to a personal experience, an emotion, or a perception. As a result, the beauty of realism has been compromised. I then create a parallel scale between aesthetics and philosophy to run with the realism-modernism scale. But why can't art just be beautiful? Or, in the words of Oscar Wilde, "art for art's sake."

Alisa Khurram '15 spoke about how she thought abstract was beautiful. She said "The beauty [of abstract art] is in the uniqueness. There are many ways of interpreting a piece," said Alisa Khurram '15.

Of course meaning adds substance, but recently this has become quite an

obsession. Not everyone can appreciate the secondary and tertiary layers of artwork, but everyone knows something beautiful when they see it.

If you create something you love and think is beautiful then the meaning and personal expression have already been made by default. Additional philosophy is unnecessary, but then again I am quite the raw painter.

We are fortunate to live in times when many different movements and genres can live together simultaneously and each individual can create their own artistic identity. There are many modern artists who still paint in the manner of the old masters. At the end of the day, from all of this diversity, it is the modern art that seems to garner more attention. Good art is almost always the art that is promoted the most, even if it is not necessarily "good."

Campaign gaffes belie larger issues in the race for the White House

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A campaign trail gaffe alienates a group of people. The larger this group, the more politically damaging the gaffe. Romney succeeded in dismissing a remarkable portion of the U.S. population in a recently released video of a May fundraiser, courtesy of *Mother Jones* magazine, where he stated: "There are 47 percent [of Americans] who are with [President Obama], who are dependent on government, who believe that they are victims, who believe that government has the responsibility to care for them."

As condescending and pejorative as these statements are to Americans who fall in the lowest income tax bracket, this flop is even worse in that it contributes to a steadily building narrative of Romney as a disconnected corporatist. By simplifying the problem (people

"There are 47 percent of the people who will vote for the president no matter what. All right, there are 47 percent who are with him, who are dependent upon government, who believe that they are victims, who believe the government has a responsibility to care for them, who believe that they are entitled to health care, to food, to housing, to you-name-it -- that that's an entitlement. And the government should give it to them. And they will vote for this president no matter what. ... These are people who pay no income tax. ... [M]y job is not to worry about those people. I'll never convince them they should take personal responsibility and care for their lives."

on welfare are lazy) and the solution (they should work harder), he has proven that he has neither the experience nor desire to understand the perspectives of Americans receiving government aid. He is an outsider looking in through a foggy window, and with this level of misunderstanding a gaffe was inevitable.

The incident demonstrates a problem with Romney's campaign as well as a problem with American presidential campaigning in general. American society is extremely diverse, but instead of attempting to truly understand the perspectives and needs of its distinctive groups (cultural, geographical, and otherwise) candidates apply rigid, often prejudicial ideologies that promote stereotyping and discord.

An infamous example from the opposite side of the aisle occurred during the 2008 presidential election, when then-candidate Obama said at his own fundraising event: "You go into these small towns in Pennsylvania and, like a lot of small towns in the Midwest, the

jobs have been gone now for 25 years and nothing's replaced them. . . . And it's not surprising then they get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy toward people who aren't like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustrations."

This example suggests at best a superficial analysis of small town psychology, and at worst a kind of quasi-intellectual declaration that negatively stereotypes swaths of Americans.

Empathy cannot be instantaneously summoned in hollow campaign speeches, but must instead be built from a solid foundation of open-mindedness and ongoing immersion. When this foundation is unstable or worse yet, constructed imaginatively, the results can be insidious.

If Romney were placed in a room with ten people on welfare, it is doubtful whether he would use the language of "dependent victims" when describing his solutions to their troubles, just as Obama wouldn't walk into a town hall meeting in Pennsylvania and tell its residents to stop "clinging to guns and religion."

What I propose is a simple, humanistic solution to a complicated problem. Candidates should use interactions with average citizens for more than just photo-ops. Being "on the ground" is more valuable than simply a means to garner votes, and candidates who understand this will have a built in safeguard against gaffes that stem from general ignorance.

Although understanding will never be perfect across what are sometimes chasms of difference, most people would agree that genuine familiarity promotes compassion, while faceless stereotyping destroys it.

Forty-seven percent of the U.S. population is a substantial number of people to stereotype. At this late stage, Romney may have already missed the opportunities to forge the connections that count.

Fact checking President Obama's Medicare claims

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On September 9, while speaking to a crowd in Melbourne, Florida, President Obama declared the future of Medicare "is part of what is at stake in this election." I agree. Millions of seniors depend upon this crucial program and even many members of our community are indirectly affected by it.

"My grandparents have depended on Medicare and I want to make sure it continues to be there for them and future generations," said Ben Lovitz '15.

However, due to the rapid increase in health care costs and the aging of our population, Medicare has become a major driver of our debt and is heading toward insolvency. In order to prevent this looming crisis, the Romney/Ryan ticket has proposed to convert the program into a premium support system.

In contrast, while President Obama has acknowledged this fiscal reality, he has yet to offer any specifics on how he would fix the program. Instead, the President has attempted to use Medicare as a wedge issue. The intention of this strategy is to scare voters, especially seniors, away from the Romney/Ryan ticket. Throughout this debate President Obama has made several claims about Medicare and the Romney/Ryan proposal that are either untrue or based upon unrealistic assumptions. In this article I will attempt to separate fact from fiction.

Obama Medicare Myth #1: The Romney/Ryan Plan Will End Medicare as We Know it

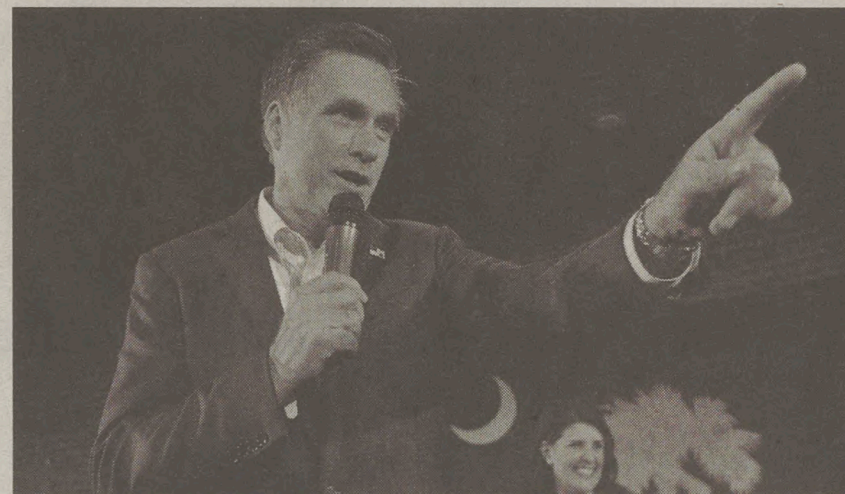
This assertion has been a constant talking point for the Obama Campaign and Democrats around the country since Congressman and Vice Presidential Candidate Ryan released his budget over two years ago. It is so deliberately misleading that fact-checking website Politifact.com declared it to be the "lie of the year" in 2011.

Technically speaking, any changes to Medicare would end the program "as we know it." In fact, using this same logic, doing nothing would also "end Medicare as we know it" by allowing it to go bankrupt. Therefore, in order to accept the validity of this statement, we must also accept that the Obama proposal or lack thereof would "end Medicare as we know it."

Obama Medicare Myth #2: About Us

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Mitt Romney points to Obama's Medicare as an important issue in the election. **BLOGS.REUTERS.COM/COURTESY PHOTO**

Obamacare Extends the Life of Medicare by Eight Years

Before the passage of the Affordable Care Act (i.e. Obamacare), the President pledged that health care reform would be "deficit neutral." Therefore, in order to pay for part of the \$1.2 trillion cost of increased health care subsidies to the middle class, the legislation cuts \$716 Billion from Medicare over ten years.

The President claims these cuts or "savings" will simultaneously fund the cost of Obamacare and extend the life of Medicare. However, the same dollar cannot be spent twice. Either Obamacare will add \$716 billion to the debt or the law guts Medicare without extending its life by a single day.

Obama Medicare Myth #3: Obamacare's \$716 Billion of Medicare Savings Will Not Result in a Single Benefit Cut for Seniors

According to Forbes regarding the law's \$716 billion in cuts, "\$415 billion comes from slashing reimbursement rates to hospitals, nursing homes, and doctors." While these savings do not directly cut benefits, they will have a profoundly negative impact on the care that seniors do receive.

Because Medicare already reimburses hospitals and physicians only "67 percent" and "80 percent" respectively of what private insurance pays, many doctors simply refuse to treat Medicare patients. A study by Jackson Healthcare found that 17 percent of physicians "can no longer afford to see Medicare patients."

Additionally, 36 percent of doctors "say they are no longer accepting new Medicaid patients due in large part to declining reimbursements." Because the

scheduled Obamacare cuts to Medicare will result in this program having even lower reimbursement rates than Medicaid, it is likely that the 17 percent number will climb much higher.

These cuts are also likely to have a large effect on the quality of care that seniors who find a doctor receive, as health providers trim costs in order to remain profitable. In 1997, the Balanced Budget Amendment cut Medicare in the same manner. A study by two economists found that "every \$1000 in lost Medicare was associated with a 6 to 8 percent increase in mortality rates." Keep in mind that these cuts will not make Medicare's finances any-

more sustainable, as their purpose is to fund a new entitlement. Therefore, even if you accept President Obama's argument that these cuts will not result in benefit reductions, then you must also accept that they ensure even more cuts will need to be made in the future to save the program from insolvency.

Obama Medicare Myth #4: The Romney/Ryan Plan Will Voucherize Medicare

Contrary to the President's claims, the Romney-Ryan plan would not convert Medicare into a system of vouchers that provide each senior with a fixed dollar amount to purchase health insurance. Instead, their proposal would create a system of premium support. In this arrangement, health insurance companies would competitively bid against each other to offer the lowest possible premium.

They would be forced to provide at least the same benefits which traditional

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NYC soda ban: nanny state or noble cause?

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After months of debate from both the government and people of New York City, the NYC Health Board approved a bill that will prevent the sale of most sugary drinks larger than 16 ounces at all 24,000 restaurants, stadiums, and movie theaters in the city. The bill, originally proposed by Mayor Bloomberg, has been met with strong opinions from both supporters and dissenters.

Bloomberg's reasoning for the ban focused on the ever-growing levels of obesity in New York City. After the approval, Bloomberg tweeted, "NYC's new sugary drink policy is the single biggest step any gov't has taken to curb obesity. It will help save lives."

When one looks at the nutrition facts of large sodas, Bloomberg does seem to have a point. The average large soda (32 fl oz) contains 360 calories and 88 grams of sugar. Some places also sell extra-large sizes of soda (44 fl oz) that contain 500 calories and 120 grams of sugar. And with the *New York Times* reporting that half of all New Yorkers

drink at least one soda per week, one third drink several per week, and only one in six do not drink soda at all, this ban could affect the lifestyles of many people.

Even more alarming are the statistics concerning obesity rates in the United States. According to the CDC, more than one third of adults and almost 20 percent of children can be classified as obese — i.e. having a BMI equal to or greater than 30. The CDC also estimates that yearly medical costs associated with obesity are upwards of \$147 billion.

When taken together, these data concerning obesity and large sodas do suggest that a dramatic shift in health standards is needed. If America continues its current trend of rising obesity rates, there could be disastrous consequences in the future. However, I believe that banning large sodas will be a wholly ineffective attempt at tackling this complex issue.

My first critique of Bloomberg's ban is the choice of maximum drink size. If people want to drink more than 16 ounces of soda, this cutoff will not stop them — one could simply buy mul-

tiiple small drinks. Many restaurants even have free or discounted refills that would eliminate the extra cost of drinking more than one soft drink.

Bloomberg explained his position on this idea in an interview with MSNBC: "It's not perfect, it's not the only answer, it's not the only cause of people being overweight — but we've got to do something. We have an obligation to warn you when things are not good for your health."

While I do agree with his sentiment, there are better alternatives for warning consumers of unhealthy choices. The main alternative that comes to mind would be to require the listing of nutrition facts of all foods and drinks. By requiring this information to be posted either in restaurants or even on the paper cups that sodas come in, consumers could be warned of the sugar and calorie contents while still maintaining the option to order any drink size they desire.

Secondly, this law sets questionable precedent for other food- or drink-related bans in the future. Although the rhetoric of asking "how much more can the government interfere in our lives?" is overused in political discourse, it is

certainly applicable in this situation. Allowing the government to ban foods or drinks based solely on the criterion of healthiness could lead to the severe restriction of options that American consumers have to choose from. Furthermore, I wonder why soda in particular was targeted for this ban. Why not target fast food or junk food that contain more calories than sodas and are consumed more frequently?

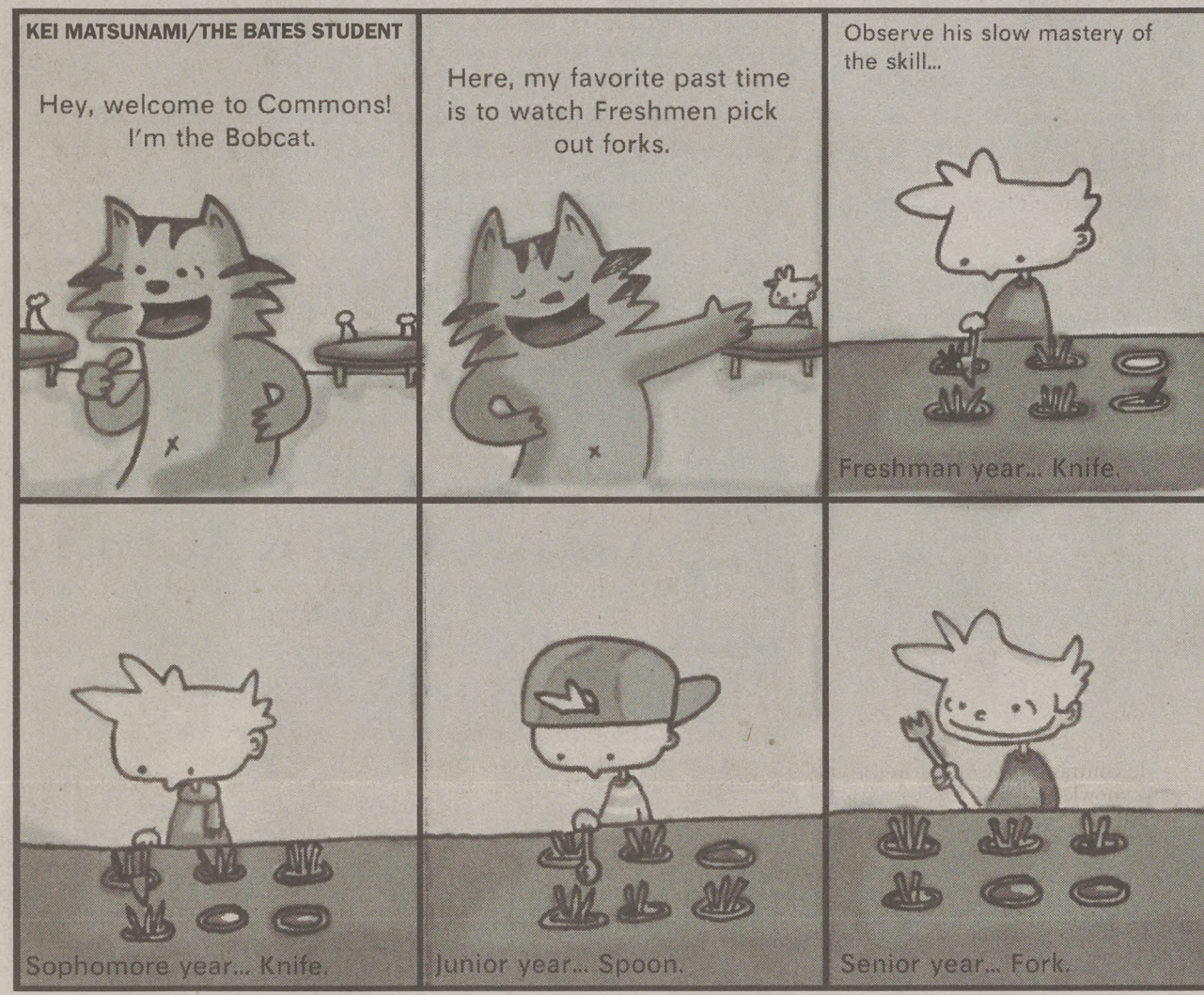
Karl Fisher '14 feels that Bloomberg's approach to the obesity crisis will be fruitless: "The ban is a half-assed attempt at creating a healthier society. If you want to really make a difference then create stricter regulations. Otherwise, banning large sodas merely creates the inconvenience of having to order two medium sizes instead of one large."

Instead of a ban, I believe that a more reasonable and effective alternative would be to institute a "soda tax." Such an approach has already been used successfully in the reduction of cigarette smoking, a lifestyle choice with much more dire consequences than drinking unhealthy sodas.

Many experts agree that a soda tax would be effective in reducing overall

consumption. Dr. Kelly Brownell, head of the Center for Food Policy and Obesity at Yale University, believes that an effective measure could be as small as taxing businesses one penny per ounce of sugary drinks. The resulting price increase transferred over to consumers would result in 20 more expensive sodas and could lower consumption by as much as 24 percent. In addition, the money raised from the taxes could be used to fund public education toward healthier eating.

As a whole, while I do fundamentally disagree with this ban, Bloomberg's actions have initiated important discussions about combating the obesity crisis in America. It cannot be denied that something drastic must be done to change Americans' current approach toward unhealthy eating habits. Once this ban has been in effect for five or ten years, we will see if New Yorkers are indeed consuming less soda. But for now, limiting consumer choice does not seem to be a prudent response to such a vital issue.



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Medicare offers and accept all seniors regardless of pre-existing conditions. The federal government would provide a subsidy for each senior equivalent to the second lowest bid. The poorest and sickest seniors would receive higher subsidies than seniors who need less. Then retirees would be able to choose the health plan which best fit their needs and the government would pay the health insurance company in exchange for providing that senior coverage. If a senior does not find these changes desirable they can remain enrolled in traditional Medicare with exactly the same benefits which current retirees receive.

Obama Medicare Myth #5: The Romney/Ryan Plan Will Increase Out-of-Pocket Costs by \$6,400 per Senior

In his budget, Congressman Ryan argues that the competition between health insurance companies will greatly enhance efficiency in Medicare and keep

down prices. Therefore, he projects that these subsidies will only need to grow at 0.5 percent of GDP, which is far lower than the current rising pace of Medicare costs. President Obama assumes that prices will continue to rise at similar rates and therefore the cost of the insurance premium will begin to outpace the subsidy. Seniors will be left to make up the difference with increased out-of-pocket costs.

However, this argument is misleading because Ryan is only projecting the rate of cost increases. In reality, if competition fails to bring down prices, the subsidy will still rise at the same level as health care costs. If all else fails, we will be in the exact same position as we find ourselves in now.

President Obama's decision to distort the facts on this issue rather than contribute to the national debate with his own proposal reveals a glaring lack of leadership. He pledges to fix this problem only after he is re-elected. Given his record on Medicare in the last four years, we should hope that he never gets that chance.

Equality for some means equality for all

SCOTT OLEHNIK
MANAGING FORUM EDITOR

It has been just over two years since Tyler Clementi, a freshman at Rutgers University, took a fateful plunge from the George Washington Bridge just before nine in the evening. The plunge, resulting in his death, galvanized the university and the nation in the fight against the unjust discrimination that so many gay youth, and people in general, face everyday.

This radical shift in awareness and policy, spearheaded by the University itself, showed just how far we have come in such a short time, and yet how far we have still to come as a society.

And yet, it takes so much more than one simple incident to create a radical shift in public thinking. Like evolution, it takes time for people to begin to understand just how wrong public perception has been in the past.

We see it today, even with shifting public thought, that there are still many people in this country who mount a constant crusade against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered (LGBT) people, usually under the guise of religious righteousness, or a lack of understanding for someone perceived as different.

It is reprehensible. Every single aspect of the hatred that flows from the bigoted small minds is sickening, and not just because it is hate, but also because it is done and perpetuated under the auspices of helping those in need, when in reality the only goal is to bol-

ster an antiquated viewpoint.

This brings us to the thrust of my argument, namely, that more must be done to protect those who need it. Not because they cannot protect themselves, but because their own interests, and the subversion of those interests, leads inexorably to the suppression of the rights of all people. The sentiment may sound like alarmist hyperbole, but in reality, the rights of the many are derived from the rights of the few, and so — conversely — the loss of those rights in either direction is detrimental to both sects of people.

The battle between these two ideologies is what is happening during this election. For one, the Democratic President and platform includes consideration of the rights of the LGBT community, while the other, the Republican Party and platform, outright rejects these rights.

The reasons for this rejection are myriad, but they all boil down to the same basic argument, whether carefully crafted, or perfectly crass — in regards to the sentiment of the "protection of traditional marriage," as if that has any inherent meaning. It's the easy way out. An answer, in the truest vein of politics, that answers little.

This argument rests on the assumptions that there is some sort of sacred definition of marriage that is marred by the equal opportunity of homosexual couples. In reality, marriage has had little sanctity in the thousands of years it has existed. Generally a legal binding, which can be accompanied by a reli-

gious ceremony, marriage has evolved over the years. But how sacred is it?

Today, divorce is rampant, with greater than half of all marriages ending in divorce. Similarly, many marriages have been made, or arranged, on a financial basis. Indeed, Jane Austen often speaks about the desirability of marriage, within her novels, in purely economical terms.

But, what am I trying to prove here? I am most certainly not trying to devalue marriage, but illustrate that the "sanctity of marriage" argument is in fact inherently fallacious. No, the argument is merely one of convenience, something to be plastered on a sign, or chanted at a rally. The words mean nothing, but are meant to evoke a response. Unfortunately, they often succeed.

The issue is coming up on ballots across the country this year. In Maine, question 1 will ask whether same-sex couples should be allowed to marry. The issue is about a lot more than just marriage though. As I have said, a rejection of the rights of some people put in jeopardy the rights of many people.

I would like to see, in my lifetime, a point where we can remember the suicides of people like Tyler Clementi as a black spot upon our history. Something that we remember with horror, but take solace in the fact that we no longer have to hear about these suicides, hear the slurs, and hear the blatant hatred. That is a world, my friends, which we should all aspire to live in.

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Meet Keith Tannenbaum

KATIE SGARRO
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Did you know that Dean Keith Tannenbaum earned his varsity letter in college as a cheerleader for both football and basketball? What about that he was born in Dayton, Ohio, grew up in Ann Harbor, Michigan, and attended high school and college in Buffalo, New York? Or that he currently lives in Auburn with his wife and two sons?

"My sons are both in high school, and the older boy is in the process of figuring out his college plans for next fall," he said.

You probably are familiar with Dean Tannenbaum's integral role in student life at Bates as an Assistant Dean of Students and the person responsible for the entire Student Activities Office. But there is much more to Dean Tannenbaum than his job description.

"I have some limited gymnastic skills, and I can do partner stunts - with proper stretching," said Dean Tannenbaum when probed about his varsity letter.

How, then, did a New York college cheerleader end up so involved with a small college in Maine?

"I came here to be the Housing Coordinator, and because I was looking for a new opportunity in higher education.

After two years I was offered the opportunity to become an Assistant Dean of Students and be responsible for the Student Activities Office," said Dean Tannenbaum.

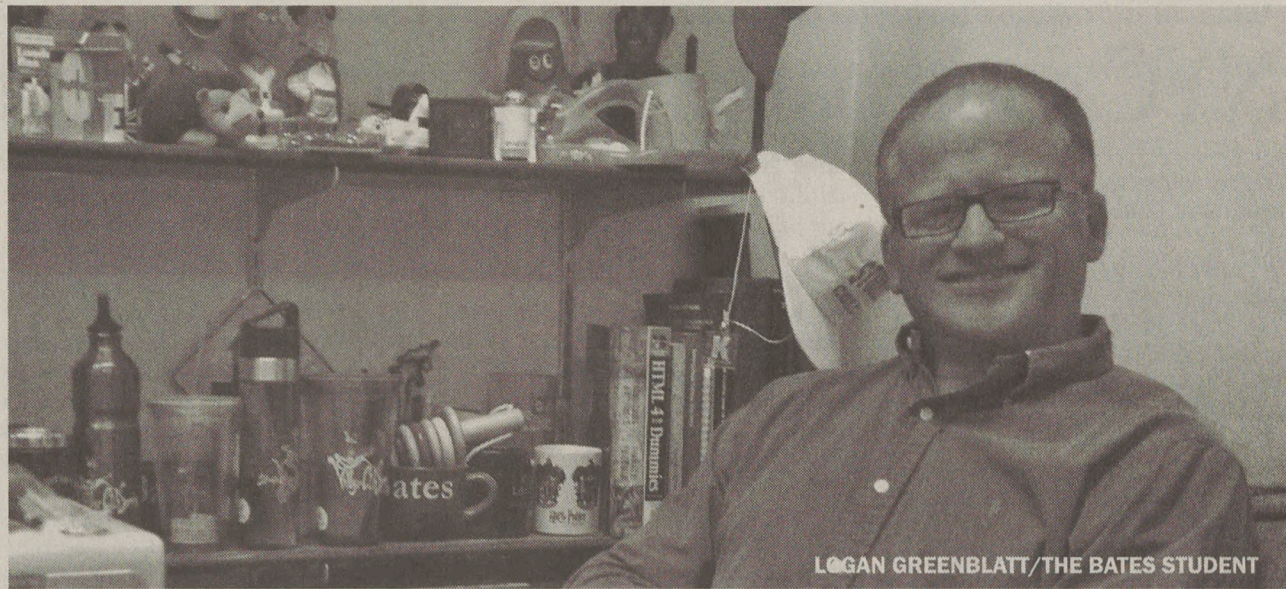
These two positions give Dean Tannenbaum a host of responsibilities and put him at the center of student life.

"Primarily my responsibility as a Dean is in the area of alcohol policy enforcement — meeting with students to hand out first and second strikes, approving blue-slipped parties with alcohol, working with the Parker Hall JAs and RCTL as an Area Dean, and then working with the entire Deans Staff to oversee the general student life on campus," he says.

In addition, as head of the Student Activities Office, Dean Tannenbaum works closely with the leaders of student organizations and with students seeking to create new clubs. He doesn't have a favorite club but is instead impressed with the breadth of extracurricular opportunities at Bates.

"I do enjoy that we have so many different organizations that are doing such great things for the community," he said. He hopes to continue this in the future.

"With the changes taking place in Chase Hall I believe that we will begin to offer some new initiatives in the office, and hopefully continue to expand



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all of the things we already do," Dean Tannenbaum added.

This past July marked the start of Dean Tannenbaum's 16th year at Bates. He loves the sense of community on campus, but his favorite thing about Bates is the students. "My favorite thing about working at Bates is the students. I have worked at several other colleges, and I truly enjoy working with such thoughtful, committed and smart students every day," he said.

Dean Tannenbaum encourages students to feel comfortable getting to know him despite the disciplinary role he plays on campus.

"I genuinely enjoy meeting them [students] and getting to know them. I

know that part of my job is giving out strikes for violations of the alcohol policy, and that can be intimidating, but it is probably the part of my job that I least enjoy," he said.

Dean Tannenbaum's favorite moments at Bates are the events that foster community. He loves the '80s dance, but his favorite event of the year is Gala.

"I really enjoy seeing everyone dressed up, dancing, eating and having a great time as an entire campus - students, staff, faculty and their families," he said.

In short, Bates would not be the same without Dean Tannenbaum. His enthusiasm and love for community is contagious.

"Keith is a lot of fun to work with when planning events on the weekends for students. He is really knowledgeable about all the various acts CHC brings to campus. I've learned to trust his judgment because he always has the greater part of the student body in mind when planning any event; a main reason why a majority of the CHC events are so popular and successful, said Ryan Sonberg '13, president of the Chase Hall Committee, says.

I think I speak for the entire Bates community when I say: Thanks for your hard work, Dean Tannenbaum! And, we would love to see those cheerleading moves sometime.

FAIR

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Healing."

Saturday's schedule of events even featured Bates' own French Professor, Laura Balladur, performing with Ryan Flaherty and the Burners, a group well known in Maine for their Americana gypsy music.

First Time Adventure

Javier Morales '16, from Guatemala City, Guatemala, thoroughly enjoyed his first trip to the fair and was particularly drawn to the "Energy and Shelter" section. This area provides a forum for exhibitors to "educate, demonstrate and showcase new products and technologies" that help conserve resources through "more efficient use of materials, whether new or recycled."

The area encourages traditional technologies in more environmentally sound ways and demonstrates how a product can be reused, recycled or easily and safely dismantled and disposed of. Morales explained that this type of a demonstration was something that he would never see back home; teaching people about the benefits of organic materials and energy conservation was not the norm in Guatemala.

The water-less toilets and composting bins caught Morales' attention as impressive sustainable products he was not familiar with. Growing up in Guatemala, Morales explained how there is not a particularly strong history of sustainable living or interest in environmental concerns due to economic limitations and a lack of time to promote these ideas. For him, the fair was a unique learning experience all around; he even got to try his first wood-fired pizza as well as organic Maine blueberries.

A Seasoned Returner

Mackie Stelle is a Common Ground Fair veteran and a light rain and overcast clouds would not deter the senior from making her annual trek. Stelle always attends the fair "to remind [her] that we can all live off the land sustainably; we don't have to get so connected to 'the grid' in every way possible once we get older."

She loves the friendliness of the vendors who are so willing to teach every passer-by about their special products that are good for you and for the environment. "I feel like I can slip into a different world when I'm there, this sort of utopia where everyone is awesome and cares about their bodies and the planet," said Stelle. At the same time she loves the high-quality people watching. "There are so many woolens and crazy beards!" she added.

Stelle loves going to the different workshops (this year she made it to "Herbs to ease stress," "How to forage for wild food," and "Seed-saving for beginners"). But by far the most impacting part of the day was when she got a free Reiki session. Reiki is a Japanese spiritual practice often referred to as "palm healing," an oriental medicine believed to transfer universal energy through the palms by self-healing and equilibrium.

The Health and Whole Life Tent offered free Reiki sessions. Stelle was a little skeptical: "This woman was telling me that she was going to rid my body of emotional stress and give me healing energy by putting her hands on my knees, ankles and head." Suspicions aside, after just five minutes of Reiki, Stelle got up and was immediately "taken aback

by how relaxed and 'lighter' [she] felt." She continued, "I didn't know how to express it, but this sense of general well-being that I got was fabulous. It reminds me that the body is really incredible and taking some time to be quiet and relax can be powerful!"

The diverse food options are a highlight for Batesies as the fair boasts the typical fried dough and smoothies as well as MOFGA-themed organic burgers and tofu sandwiches. Stelle wanted to grab a bite from Local Sprouts, a cooperative restaurant based in Portland, but instead opted for a vegetarian burrito from the Solar Café.

The booth was run by a group of hippie women traveling across the country in a refurbished school bus and for Stelle, "It was really [just] important to buy food from the booths that had organic ingredients and were selling healthy foods (instead of the fried dough!)." She was impressed by the amount of "good-for-you options all in one place."

Stelle hopes that even more Batesies will make it to the Common Ground Fair during their time in Maine. During her first-year trip, she was "so pleasantly reminded at how simple life can be. There are kids having the time of their life, sliding down a hill on cardboard boxes or grown adults just dancing like no one was watching in front of the concert stage."

Stelle appreciates that "there are a lot of passionate people there and it can really serve to recharge anyone who decides to go. It also gives a nice boost to the Maine economy and to MOFGA."

Did you miss out?

Weren't able to make it up to Unity this past weekend and still want to get an organic farming fix? Don't worry, the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association has other great events throughout the year. Just next month on Oct. 21, the MOFGA will host "The Great Maine Apple Day" in Unity to celebrate the "history, tradition, and flavor of Maine apples."

That Sunday event will feature educational workshops and talks including apple art, apple history, cider-making and organic tree care as well as a "Rare and Heirloom Apple Tasting" event. In January, MOFGA offers a series of presentations and discussion groups at the Augusta Civic Center, covering sustainable agriculture subjects at Maine's Agricultural Trades Show.

All presentations are free and open to the public. In February, the Auburn Public Library hosts the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Fair and in April MOFGA hosts Organic Farming: Principles and Practices workshops throughout the state. Or you can simply head to Nezinscot Farm or Ricker Hill Orchards, both in Turner, Maine, where you can pick your own apples (just at Ricker) or enjoy fresh pastries in the farm shops complete with great local organic products.

Upon returning to campus, several exhausted Batesies said that it felt strange, having felt like they were in another world for the day. Though it makes sense, it's not every day that you can catch a "Mowing Techniques for European Scythes" lecture or a "Beef Butchery a la Dario: The Hind Leg" cooking class with world-renowned chef David Levi. Consider attending another MOFGA event near you and don't miss out on next fall's Common Ground Fair for your chance to celebrate and learn more about rural living in Maine.

SUSTAINABILITY

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than fear.

"There is harder work ahead than that simple promise of hope," he said. "The work is good, the language points

in the right direction. Now we need to borrow in deeper and do the work."

Sustainability on an individual basis is the first step, but alone it is not enough. As a community, however, we have the opportunity to keep these issues in conversation and bring them onto a broader stage. Bates has a reputa-

tion for being "green," for acting on its values and producing minds like Muskie that quite tangibly change the course of history for their generation. And while we can boast these accomplishments, there is still much to be done. Let's keep up the good work.

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with the Science Center staff. The internship also allowed Geng to enjoy all the lake cruises the Science Center offered; he even had the chance to witness several bald eagles and loons during his summer on Squam Lake.

Although Geng does not think he would return to the Science Center as a full-time employee, he appreciates that it was a unique experience that he will treasure. The internship allowed him to network with many different people, and the experience taught him that he would someday like to work in the non-profit sector.

"The passion that the staff at the Science Center displayed for their work was like nothing I had ever seen. I can only hope that my future job is as rewarding," said Geng.

His departing advice? "For students looking for summer 2013 internships, I would say: cast your net wide, and cast it early. Look for opportunities everywhere, whether it be online or through personal contacts. Leave no stone unturned."

Do you know someone or did you have an awesome summer internship experience? To be featured in next week's installment, please contact Catherine at cuttle@bates.edu.

"THE HISTORY AND FUTURE OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT IN MAINE"

Panelists:

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PETE DIDISHEIM

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Director, Environment Maine

JOHN STORER

Engineer, Auburn Water and Sewerage Districts



Monday, October 1, 2012

7:30pm

Muskie Archives

Free and open to the public. The fourth installment of the Harvard Center for Community Partnerships' Civic Forum series, jointly sponsored with the History Dept., the Environmental Studies Program and the Muskie Archives.

"Relay for Tay" at Bates

A "Relay for Tay" is being sponsored by senior, Jenny Wald, on Sept. 30 at 12 noon at Bates.

Taylor and Jenny were BFF's. They met in 3rd grade and were instantly inseparable. The dynamic duo were the same -- both crazy goof balls that loved every moment of life. Their friendship did not stop or cease to be ridiculously crazy when Taylor was diagnosed with cancer at age 11. They would roam the hospitals racing in wheelchairs and having eating contests with buckets of canole gue. This dynamic duo's time was cut short when Taylor lost her battle to cancer when she was 16.

Help us to fulfill Taylor's dreams, wishes and hopes. The Federal Government provides minimal funding for children's cancer. Children are not politically powerful, don't pay taxes, and don't march on the lawn of the White House. If a difference is to be made in the lives of these children, it will be made by those who dedicate themselves and speak up for them. Without public outcry these kids don't stand a chance. Taylor knew this first hand and she was determined to change it.

Join us this Sunday. All proceeds from The Relay will benefit tay-bandz/kids curing cancer (a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness and funding pediatric cancer research). Tay-bandz was founded by Taylor Matthews.

Please join students and families this weekend across the country who are getting involved to help raise awareness and raise funds for pediatric cancer research.

Travel Review: Montréal



The rustic city of Montréal is every American college student's dream. With October break quickly approaching, Bates students should consider taking a trip up north with some friends to enjoy the various cultural and culinary delights that the city has to offer. Situated in the eastern province of Québec, Montréal is the second-largest city in Canada and carries a notorious reputation for being a bustling center for students and yuppies.

Prestigious academic institutions such as McGill University are located in the heart of downtown, Montréal and the largest international student population at the university comes from Canada's neighbors down south, the Americans. Joy Aguilar '15, a McGill sophomore, describes McGill as a "hub for diversity and international relations."

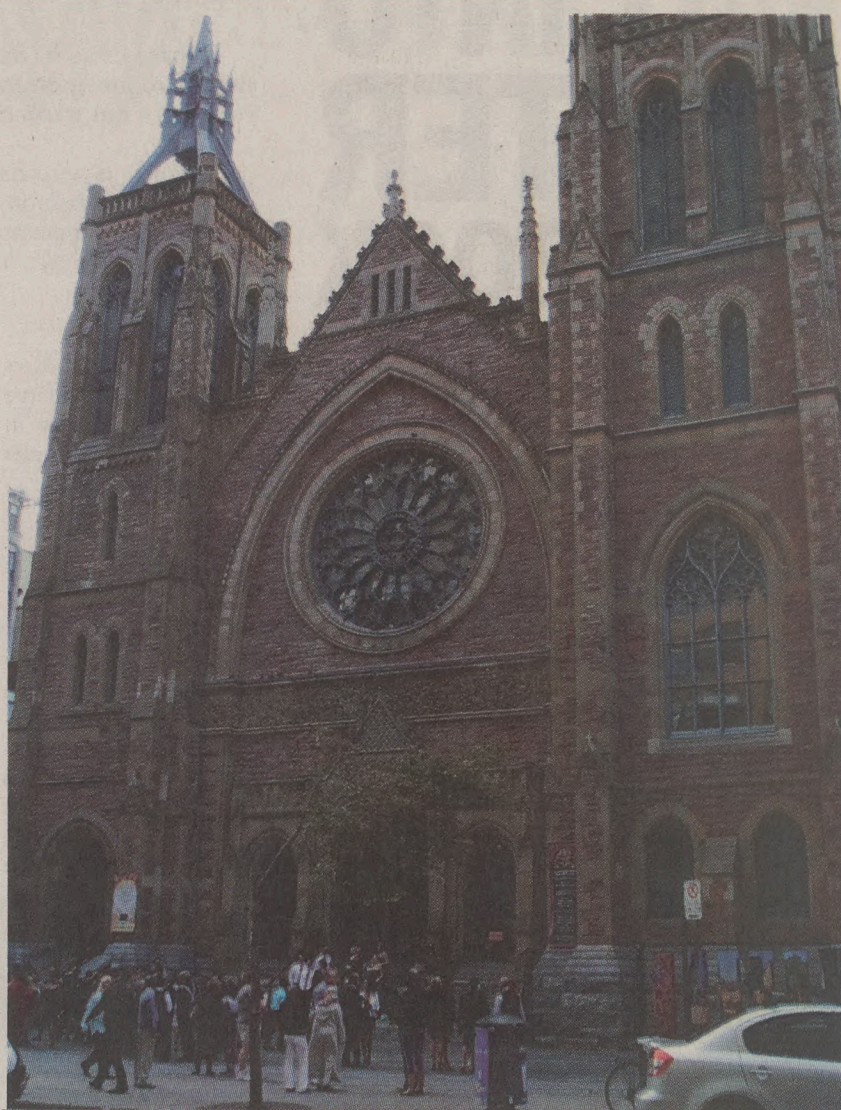
Aside from the incredibly affordable tuition that lures hundreds of American students up to Canada for their four years of college, it is not uncommon for American college students to visit Mon-

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MANAGING ARTS & LEISURE EDITOR

tréal during their academic breaks. The drinking age is a mere 18 compared to the strict 21 years of age that America has in place.

The city is extremely accommodating to the tight budgets of college students with cheap rent and affordable food as accessible commodities. An extra-large steaming bowl of delicious Vietnamese pho (vermicelli noodles in soup with brisket, meatballs and tendon) can be found in Chinatown's esteemed Pho Bang for only \$8. However, since Canada is rather socialist, taxation is high, at 15 percent per purchase with food and vegetables being exempt.

Although Montréal's cobbled streets emanate a distinct European feel, behind the doors of antiquated stone buildings are some of the most vibrant night life and restaurant scenes found on the east coast. Here are some places for you to visit in Montréal if you are headed there this October break with many other New England college students.



1. Rue Sainte - Catherine

St. Catherine is the street that never sleeps. Home to the primary commercial artery of downtown Montreal, Sainte Catherine's street is home to many of Montréal's most prominent department stores. In the past, this street was used as the parade route whenever the Montréal Canadiens won the Stanley Cup (Canadians and their hockey). Running from east to west, major retailers run along the street such as H&M, Zara and Apple.

Young people in Montréal rarely drive, especially since parking is ridiculously expensive. Most students and young professionals take the Montréal Metro, an affordable and green alternative, as the green line is used to service this area of the city. This street is home to Christ Church Cathedral, the only church in Canada that sits atop a shopping mall.

The Gay Village also extends along this street, and there are a variety of colorful restaurants and bars that serve on open-air terraces. Underneath the street is a set of Underground Tunnels that connect the city's transportation and commerce lines. If you find yourself in the midst of a thunderstorm and need to access a nearby area, odds are that the underground routes will take you there.

2. Rue Saint - Denis

Montréal's Rue St.-Denis is not as old as its Parisian counterpart, but the street is a host to some of the best entertainment venues. The street passes through the must-see, Notre Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel in Old Montreal and all throughout the Latin Quarter where dozens of bars and restaurants can be found on the way to the Plateau-Mont Royal, the best place to view Montréal's skyline and architecture.

Le Saint Sulpice, a converted townhouse turned bar, is renowned amongst Montréal students as one of the best warm-up bars to start the night with. Get there early if you want to find a seat! Dieu de Ciel is also known as a prime location to grab a glass of beer and a smoked salmon bagel with some friends. The regulars and visitors alike deem it as one of the best brew pubs in town. If you are craving some sushi, take a look at Ono Sushi a few blocks down from Rue Saint - Denis. Their pad thai and sushi are popular favorites with locals and the chefs are a pleasant Vietnamese couple who came to Montréal nearly twenty years ago as refugees and opened their dream restaurant.

At night, Rue St.-Denis transforms into a street lined with bright lights where crowds of people can be seen frolicking into the local nightclubs.

3. The Olympic Venues

Montreal hosted the Summer Olympic Games in 1976 and the structures and stadiums still stand to this day. After the Olympics, the Olympic Stadium became home to Montreal's professional football and baseball teams. Many of Canada's best divers, such as two-time silver medalist, Alexander Despatie, come from Quebec and have trained in the Olympic swimming pools in Montreal.

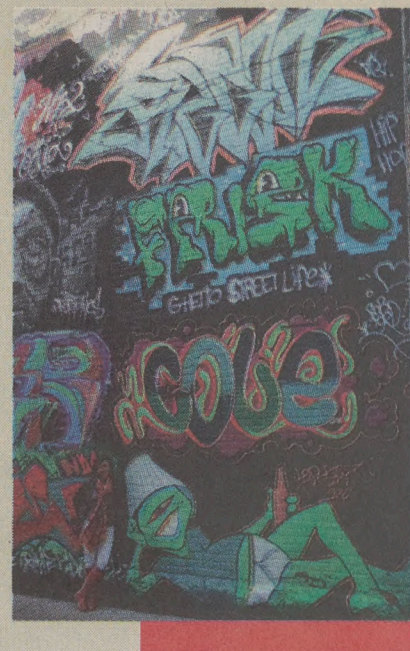
4. Old Montreal

Old Montreal is the oldest quarter of Montreal, dating back to New France. The sound of a horse's hooves tapping against the cobbled streets are familiar sounds in this district, as the horse-drawn carriage tours are a huge success with tourists. Old Montreal has many historic sites to see as well as many outdoor terraces. Visit Canadian Maple Delights for a \$3.75 scoop of heaven. The entire ice cream collection is sweetened by Maple Syrup. Old Port Montreal is also a ten-minute walk from the center of Old Montreal. If you have time, rent a bike from the bike-share program for \$7/day and ride along the seawall.

If you are like ThuyMy Do '16, and are "incredibly excited to enjoy the city during October break," polish up on your basic French. Bonjour, je voudrais un croissant.

- **Le Saint Sulpice**
1680 Rue St Denis; +1 877 SULPICE.
- **Dieu de Ciel**
29 Avenue Laurier Ouest (514) 490-9555
- **Ono Sushi**
9100 Rue Lajeunesse (514) 381-1030
- **Canadian Maple Delights**
84 Rue Saint Paul Est (514) 765-3456

Eateries



Dean Reese will be hosting a trip to Montréal for all Bates students. The cost is \$175. Email him at jreese@bates.edu for additional information.

Chicago boho-hippie Ali Haymes '16 indulges in 70's fashion

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Many people roll out of bed in the morning barely awake enough to brush their teeth, let alone put a fashionable outfit together. Clothing is not a priority to some, but to first-year Bobcat Ali Haymes, looking her best seems to come naturally.

"I was a huge girly-girl when I was little, and I think I still am, so fashion has always been somewhat of an interest to me," said Haymes excitedly.

Haymes' style has evolved over the years, and so has her increasing interest in fashion. In her early teens, Haymes reflects on how her style was influenced by a need to impress others.

"Back then I was more concerned about what I was wearing, whereas now I'm still interested in fashion but in a more relaxed and fun way," said Haymes.

This Batesie attributes her interest in fashion to her artsy, liberal high school that she attended in Chicago. This creative environment fueled her development into becoming a fashion lover — along with the ability to observe the styles of her peers.

A lover of the 70's, Haymes tries to incorporate some iconic pieces into her everyday ensemble. She has worked in the circus business since she was eight years old, which has definitely had a major impact on her clothing. Haymes recalls dressing up in crazy costumes for shows and performances. She believes that her love for these costumes has translated over to how she dresses in her daily life.

Instead of looking up to famous fashion icons, Haymes' classmates and friends were her role models in her high

school years. She used to be interested in high fashion in middle school, but as she entered high school, Haymes realized that she wasn't really into that end of the fashion spectrum. "I think I looked to high fashion to shape who I was and to figure out how I wanted to present myself to other people," recalled Haymes.

As for outside sources of fashion, this Bobcat has the city of Chicago at her fingertips. She lives fifteen minutes from downtown, packed with ample amounts of clothing stores. She acknowledges that she probably unknowingly incorporates aspects of the Chicago style into her own.

Haymes would describe her fashion style as boho-hippie mixed with girly. Her most beloved article of clothing to wear is her flowing harem pants. Some of her other favorite pants are her high-waisted, blue silk bell-bottom pants with flowers on them. "I just really love weird and interesting pants like that," she says. "They are different and comfy and a good change from wearing jeans or leggings."

You can spy this Batesie sporting clothes from Urban Outfitters, Forever 21, and thrift stores. She also enjoys wearing her friends' old clothing and shopping online at ASOS.

Looking ahead, Haymes realizes that her style will naturally evolve with the new fashions, but she plans to keep her style uniquely her own.

"I enjoy the way I dress and dressing differently than most people," said Haymes. "It is a reflection of who I am."

Ali Haymes will continue to awe the Bates College campus with her own version of '70s girly boho-hippie. So keep an eye open for this Bobcat's fashion around Commons, the Quad, and beyond.



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STYLE SPOTLIGHT

Pause provides a wind-down moment mid-week in the multifaith chapel

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Imagine sitting in total silence, surrounded by bright, flickering candles, feeling relaxed and distanced from the constant stress of your daily routine. This is exactly what I felt when I took a break from my tedious Calculus problems to attend Pause, a non-religious service held at the Multi-Faith Chapel on College street that consists of various performances and moments of silence meant to give students a break from their busy schedules.

When I entered the Chapel this past Wednesday night, there were already numerous students present who had likewise decided to take a breather from work. After everyone was seated in the Chapel, the student organizers of the program informed the audience that Pause would consist of a series of short performances with moments of complete silence following each performance.

Whether the silence is used as a time to reflect or as a time to relax is left up to each individual. Emma Timbers '14, one of the students responsible for assembling the Pause program describes the silences as "a time to just be."

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FALL INTO WINTER LOOKBOOK

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L.L. Bean Boots

Frequently featured in a multitude of fashion websites and magazines in this past year, L.L. Bean Boots are not only just functional, but are also apparently fashionable in places other than Maine. So in a typical hipster fashion, for those of us who have already been sporting them for years now, you can now officially say “I had them before they were cool.”

In all actuality, these boots are extremely durable and versatile, providing both protection against the rain and the

cold in a unisex fashion. Join the Bates bus trips to Freeport and bask in the L.L. Bean Store glory as you invest in something that is bound to be popular for the next four years and beyond.

Anorak/Military Inspired jacket/Parka

Here at Bates, it is all about the anoraks or parkas — whichever you prefer to call them. Regardless, these happen to be the olive-colored, partly military-inspired jackets that are ideal for concealing all your layers. While some of us girls fantasize over the Barbour versions that are a bank-breaking investment, you can easily find parkas and anoraks

at stores such as H&M. For those guys who may not want to sport the long anoraks like women do, there are plenty of shorter options that will better suit your tastes.

Utilitarian style backpacks

While this may sound a lot more intense than it really is, “utilitarian style backpacks” are those nifty rucksacks that look almost as if you could take them backpacking, but never would because you don't really want to get them dirty. These backpacks are spacious and filled with a plethora of pockets to store items, and are perfect for lugging your books to and from the library. If large,

drawstring and buckle covered bags are your thing, I recommend hitting up the Internet and perusing the ever-changing stock of Ebay, Etsy, or Urban Outfitters.

Flannel & Chambray Shirts

Becoming a typical '90s lumberjack through excessive flannel wearing is a trend at Bates. If you want to change it up, chambray (feminine — fake denim) or any button up shirt will do a similar job at keeping you layered. Place your flannel over a white shirt, and if you are still feeling a bit chilly, pull a sweater over it and show off your collar and your new layering skills.

Wool Socks

I never understood why people bought “expensive” socks. Since moving to Bates, I have learned exactly why companies like Smartwool exist. Wool socks, or any thick socks, are actually one of the greatest inventions since double-sided tape, and will soon become a staple in your everyday life. For those of us who invest in wool socks with awesome patterns, cuff your pants or have them extend out of your boots, so they don't go unnoticed and add a bit of a hipster feel to your jeans.

While these tips may seem basic, there are many other ways to stay warm and fashionable this fall. If you can't stand the cold and have to wear a big marshmallow jacket or happen to be half-man, half-polar bear and wear shorts into the winter, by all means, please do. Some of us, like Ashleen O'Brien '15, are ready for a Bates fashion culture revolution.

“I'm bored of all of these trends, and am eager for change,” said O'Brien.

So whether you incorporate a couple of these trends or none of these trends into your daily lives, feel free to go forth and experiment. I mean we can't all look the same!

Fiestas and siestas in Tarragona, Spain

The Bates Fall Semester Abroad (FSA) Program is currently studying in Tarragona, Spain. The Bates Student asked sophomores Danielle Munoz and Daniel Oyulu to tell Batesies about the past few weeks of their Spanish adventures.

Hola Batesies!

Saludos desde Tarragona, España! We have been enjoying our stay on the Bates Fall Semester Program in Tarragona with Professors Francisca Lopez and Karen Melvin, along with twenty-three other Bates students. Here at the Universitat Rovira i Virgili, we are all taking an intensive Spanish language course with the University's Spanish professors as well as two Spanish history classes.

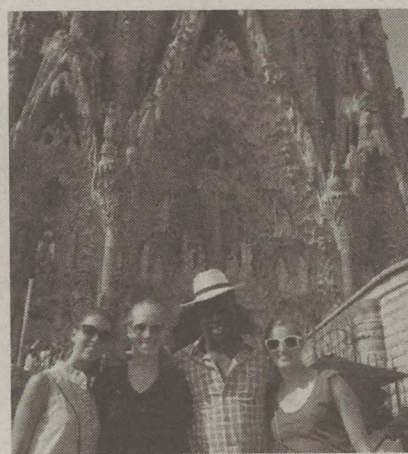
In Professor Melvin's course, “The Golden Age of Spain,” we are learning about the reign of Ferdinand and Isabel, including the discovery of the New World and the Inquisition. In Professor Lopez's course, “Spain in the 20th Century,” we focus on the modern history of Spain, such as Franco's regime. Our classes are only with Bates students, although some Batesies are taking ad-

ditional courses at the university with Spanish students. We both hope to take part in school activities such as Latin dancing and intramural soccer to meet more Spanish students and pick up some Hispanic flair!

Tarragona is a preciously small beach city an hour south of Barcelona on the east coast of Spain. Each of us lives with a host family here, which helps us improve our language skills and immerse ourselves in Spanish life. The weather in Tarragona is phenomenal. It ranges from the mid-60s to the mid-80s consistently. The city is known for its Roman ruins, such as an amphitheater and the Roman walls that surround the old part of the city, which sits on a hill overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.

Tarragona is in the region of Catalonia, which has recently been seeking independence from Spain as many Catalonians have come to consider themselves culturally different from the Spanish. On September 11th, the region celebrated the National Day of Catalonia, which year after year raises

ideas of independence. One example of the Catalonians' strong sense of culture is the frequency of Catalan spoken in the street. Luckily, the majority of Catalonians speak both Spanish and



Catalan, so we are able to communicate with everyone. It has definitely been an eye-opening experience for us, since we usually do not hear much about the cultural divisions within Spain.

Daily life in Spain is very differ-

ent from ours in the U.S. Lunch tends to be the heavier meal of the day and is around 2:00 in the afternoon, while dinner is much lighter and late at night, around 10:00. Dessert is usually fruit or yogurt. The break of the day, or *siesta*, takes place from about 2:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon. Most shops close during this time, and on Sundays almost all stores are closed for the whole day. It makes it difficult for us to go shopping in the middle of the day when we would most like to go; however, the slower pace of life provides a nice contrast to the hustle and bustle of American life.

We walk a lot, because although it is a city of about 140,000 people, it is small enough for people to get around easily. In the center of town is La Rambla, or the main street that cuts through the city. Spanish families often enjoy walking down La Rambla to the iron balcony where they can gaze at the Mediterranean high up on a cliff.

Currently, we are in the middle of Santa Tecla, a week-long *fiesta* in Tarragona celebrating the city's patron saint.

LETTERS FROM ABROAD

Throughout the week there are street performers, concerts, and most notably the *castillos* that Catalonia is known for. *Castillos* are essentially human towers — they are formed by people supporting each other's feet on their shoulders. All ages participate in the human towers with even little kids climbing to the top—a scary sight to see!

Later in the semester, we will be traveling as a group to Madrid for a weekend and to southern Spain for a week to visit the cities of Cordoba, Seville, and Granada. We both plan to travel to other Spanish cities as well as other European countries on weekends. There is so much to see in Spain. At times it can be overwhelming, but we both are looking forward to seeing the different regions that we have been learning about in our history classes.

Overall, the past three weeks have been a phenomenal experience for the both of us and we expect that it will only get better!

Besos y Abrazos (kisses and hugs),
Danielle and Daniel

Starstruck museum exhibit shines light into space

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To explore the mysterious depths of the night sky, just walk over to the newest exhibit at the Bates College Museum of Art, *Starstruck: The Art of Astrophotography*. Astrophotography, a relatively small field of photography that has historically received little attention by the mainstream arts, is a fusion of photography and scientific astronomical observations.

Advances in photographic technology and public fascination with space, however, have increased the pervasiveness of the medium, and Bates' exhibit opens at the heels of the opening of another high-profile astrophotography exhibit currently on display at the Smithsonian Natural History Museum in Washington, D.C.

The Bates Museum of Art exhibition boasts one hundred and six images by thirty-five artists from five continents, according to the exhibit's curator, Anthony Shostak. The dual nature of astrophotography — part scientific observation and part aesthetic artwork — leads to two types of artists presented at this exhibit, curator Shostak explains.

“Some of the photographs are by people from the art mainstream who have decided, for one reason or another, conceptually to work with the sky. Others are amateur astronomers, people who just love the sky and devote their time to it. One of the really fun things about our show,” Shostak adds, “is that we're including all of that.”

Though museum goers may not be able to discern between the astronomer and the artist's work, they will be taken aback by the images they see.

“People are just dumbstruck,” curator Shostak said. “The stars and the moon have had a really visceral response in humans, probably since before we were human.” Tapping into that visceral response and translating scientific information to works of art makes these images unique. Exhibit photographer Warren Keller wrote in his artist's

statement that, “Whether you believe in the Big Bang, the Big Guy, or both, we are deeply enriched by an appreciation of the heavens' wonders!”

The centerpiece of the exhibit is entitled *Photopic Sky Survey* by Nick Risinger. The masterpiece took over a year and 37,440 shots with narrow fields of view to complete. The result is an image of the entire celestial sphere (the spherical space surrounding earth; depending on where we are on earth, we see different views of the celestial sphere at any given moment).

Next to the huge print of the photo is a computer that runs a program allowing the visitor to click on various parts of the image and see the close-up, narrow-view image that Risinger took of a particular section. The same service is available online (www.skysurvey.org), along with a downloadable app that will identify and display images of stars when you point your phone's camera toward the night sky.

Though the magnitude of Risinger's image was impressive, Jacqueline Woods' set of monotypes offered a more artistic style of astrophotography. Seeking to bridge the gap between the earliest astronomers — who had drawn star maps by hand — to today's digitalized photographs, Woods photographed the sun and then in a dark room inverted the lightest parts of the image to become the darkest, resulting in the title, *Black Sun*.

All of the images and the artists' statements remind viewers of the dire lack of dark skies and increases in light pollution. One panel reads: “Light pollution is not merely an aesthetic nuisance; it has dire consequences for the biosphere, disrupting circadian rhythms of humans and other animals.”

It is rather challenging to empathize with this fatalistic description of light pollution, but it is clearly of great concern to those who study astrology.

Starstruck gives visitors a trip into space's greatest depths. The pieces are both inspiring with their alien beauty and humbling with the reminder of how small we really are.

A scoop of sunny Italy at the gelato fiasco

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“If we don't get you to try at least five flavors before you choose one, we're not doing our job right.”

The man behind the overflowing gelato vessels stated his business's unofficial credo to me with enthusiasm and well-merited pride. Such is the service at the Gelato Fiasco in Brunswick, ME: friendly, humorous, and completely willing to let you sample as many flavors that catch your eye—which is exactly what you'll want to do.

The Gelato Fiasco is a pleasant and impressively large gelato shop just blocks from Bowdoin College. With just one other location in Portland, this gelato store gives off a local charm that is as fresh as its flavors.

Freshness and quality shape the mission and philosophy of the Gelato Fiasco. Not only does the business create its gelato from scratch every day — using local Maine milk and completely natural ingredients — but it also rotates flavors in and out of the menu based on the seasonal quality of the ingredients.

“We only sell the Maine Blueberry gelato as long as blueberries are in season,” explained an employee. “So you'd better get it while it's here,” added her co-worker.

And of course I had to. The Maine Blueberry is actually a sorbetto, which made it perfect for one of the last summery days of September.

Even with the blueberry recommendation, it was hard to decide with more flavors in front of me than available at Baskin Robbins. Thankfully, a

small cup of gelato at this business allows for two flavors, not just one. The Gelato Fiasco provides all the traditional gelato flavors, such as the dark chocolate richness of Espresso Chip as well as an intense Vanilla Bean. Its Italian char-



LYDIA O'BRIEN/THE BATES STUDENT

acter is preserved by Fiori di Latte (fresh cream — an Italian classic), Stracciatella (the Italian version of chocolate chip — but even better), Tiramisu, and Italian Hazelnut.

The menu is also filled with some unorthodox and original flavors. From candy types such as Twix and Kit Kat to sophisticated fruit combinations such as Orange Fig and Strawberry Balsamic, these endless choices will leave you confused at what to order.

One bite is all it takes when the flavor is so strong, especially with the fruit flavors. Tasting the Maine Blueberry sorbetto seemed freakishly close to eating berries straight from the patch. The potency of distinct ingredients is a testa-

PAUSE

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Wednesday's program consisted of three poetry readings and a performance by the Cross Stones, one of the College's co-ed a capella groups, who gave a moving rendition of “Fix You” by Coldplay. After the final silence of the program, a bell was sounded to mark

the end of Pause and, unfortunately, we reemerged into our hectic lives.

Some students stayed in the Chapel after Pause to talk to each other about the program, enjoying hot chai and delicious cookies. A group of sophomore girls explained that they liked Pause because it is “a set half hour of relaxation where we can take time away from the stress of schoolwork.” One sophomore even proclaimed that Pause is “as relax-

ing as yoga.”

If you ever find yourself looking for an excuse to avoid your math homework, hoping to de-stress, or in the mood to watch some great student performances, consider attending Pause on Wednesday nights at 9:00 in the Chapel. You may be surprised by how refreshed and rejuvenated you feel after just 30 minutes of silence, reflection, and entertainment.

BOBCAT OF THE WEEK

ROB CRAMPTON '13

Men's tennis senior captain Rob Crampton led the team to an outstanding tournament at the Middlebury Invitational along with a dual-meet win against Babson.

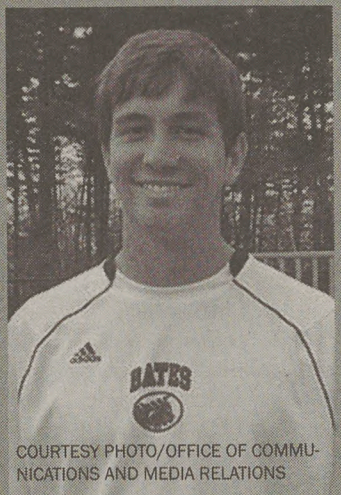
The senior from Wilton, Connecticut captured the A singles title at Middlebury Invitational, beating fellow senior teammate Matt Bettles in the final match. The match was moved from Middlebury to campus at the Wallach Tennis Center so more fans could watch and Crampton prevailed 7-5, 6-3.

Crampton also teamed with Bettles to win the A doubles competition at the Middlebury Invitational. The duo downed Brandeis, Vassar, Middlebury, and another Brandeis team to take the title.

At the NCAA championships last spring, Crampton advanced to the semi-finals of the singles tournament and the quarterfinals of the doubles tournament where he competed with Bettles.

The team is now ranked 16th in the country, in large part to the work of Crampton.

Crampton will look to continue his personal and team success next week at the ITA Tournament held at Williams.



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MEN'S TENNIS

A novel idea: More NESCAC games and football playoffs

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As many of you are aware, Bates is a member of the NESCAC conference, one of the most academically prestigious athletic conferences in the country. None of the member schools give out athletic scholarships and all of the schools are academically rigorous.

As a result, Bates plays a limited conference schedule in many sports. For example, basketball plays only ten conference games where many other DIII play teams in their conference multiple times.

Football cannot compete in the DIII postseason at all, as NESCAC schools play an eight game season entirely within the conference.

The schedule is abbreviated for academic reasons, yet certain sports have schedules that conflict with more class time and exams than others.

For example, long distance runners are essentially in season all year if they participate in cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track. Those runners have the opportunity to compete at the NCAA championships in all three sports, as some runners at Bates did last year.

Men's and women's tennis also have separate fall and spring sports seasons, giving them more official practice times than other sports.

NESCAC sports should operate on the same level as other DIII schools, which would translate into the expansion of the conference schedule and give Bates the opportunity to compete in the NCAA football playoffs.

Athletic director Kevin McHugh offers some insight as to why Bates plays a limited schedule in some sports.

"The window for scheduling out of conference games is pretty small; there's only so many teams that you can play that are located close enough, and not many teams are willing to come up to Maine."

While this explains the lack of non-conference games in some sports, the NESCAC could fill this gap by scheduling more conference games. Scheduling more conference games will increase attendance, as fans tend to show up in greater numbers for rivalry games like Bates-Colby and Williams-Amherst, along with giving a better indicator of what team was actually best in the conference that season.

Bates often schedules additional non-conference games against NESCAC opponents — usually Colby or Bowdoin — because, as McHugh says, "it ends up creating a good competitive environment."

While this is a good idea, the conference should step up and implement more conference games that matter in

the NESCAC standings.

The conference should also expand the football season to compete in the NCAA DIII playoffs. Adding two or three non-conference games at the beginning of the season along with the opportunity to compete in the playoffs will only come into conflict with academics if a team happens to advance all the way to the national championship game. Also, football only competes on weekends, meaning that traveling and playing in games rarely conflicts with class time.

"If a NESCAC football team does make it that far, the small academic intrusion to the players is outweighed by the national TV and press exposure that will benefit the conference as a whole. Since every other NESCAC athlete has the chance to win an NCAA title, then football players should have the same opportunity.

"If I had to speculate why the NESCAC does not play NCAA postseason games, it is because the conference does not want to put too much emphasis on a sport that already has 75-80 kids," said McHugh. "I see nothing wrong with playing for an NCAA championship in football; we do it in every other sport."

The argument for keeping teams with lots of athletes from playing long schedules also does not make much sense because the track teams compete in two seasons in the winter and spring with a large roster of athletes.

McHugh noted that there is a greater possibility for the NESCAC to expand the football schedule to include early season non-conference games than adding the postseason.

"There has also been some talk of changing to a five-game NESCAC schedule to open up non-conference games, but it almost does not matter because we cannot go to the postseason," noted McHugh.

While we agree with McHugh's statements, athletic directors are not the people who can change NESCAC policy. Those decisions come down to college presidents, actors who do not want to be perceived as sacrificing academics to benefit athletics.

Expanding the football schedule by three weeks and including some more NESCAC games has a marginal academic impact with a substantial impact on conference exposure and the benefit of attracting more top athletes to the conference.

Outside of athletics, having television exposure can lead to an increase in applications to a school, raising the school's academic profile. An example of this is when Tufts won the NCAA lacrosse championship and were featured on TV, the applicant pool increased for the next year.

More conference games and more football leads to a stronger NESCAC in the future.

Volleyball has mixed weekend at MIT

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ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The women's volleyball team finished up a tough MIT Invitational with a gutsy triumph against Mount Ida.

Bates took on a trio of highly ranked opponents at the MIT Invitational, held at Brandeis University. Although the Bobcats nearly clawed their way to an upset of Brandeis on Friday, they finished the tournament with a 1-3 record.

Their weekend started with losses to MIT and aforementioned Brandeis on Friday night. Both teams are ranked in the top-10 in New England, at 8th and 9th, respectively.

The Bobcats first took on MIT, losing 25-16, 25-20, 25-17. Senior captain Eliza Pyne led all Cats with six kills, and freshman Brynn Wendel had six kills of her own.

Following a short break, Bates took on the Judges of Brandeis University. Much like their NESCAC opener against Hamilton, the Bobcats were competitive throughout the entire match, only to come away on the wrong

end of the scoreboard 27-25, 25-19, 25-27, 26-24.

"We can't get down early in matches and put ourselves in a hole, but I did like that we fought back against good competition," said senior captain Nicole Russell.

Russell set a career high against Brandeis with 13 kills, while Pyne matched her with 13 kills of her own and continued her dominant serving with seven more aces.

Sophomore Tess Walther was again active for the Bobcats, totaling 38 assists and a career-high six kills. Freshman Laryssa Schepel had a team-high 22 digs to go with four aces.

Bates regrouped on Friday night and came back on Saturday looking for their first win at the tournament.

It didn't take long; in their first match of the day against Mount Ida College, Bates took down the Mustangs 25-17, 19-25, 25-21, 25-16.

Freshman Kelsey Berry led all Bobcats with 10 kills, while senior co-captains Russell and Pyne combined for 17 kills of their own.

Fellow first-years Schepel and Wen-

del continued their breakout weekends in the victory. Schepel led all Bobcats with 15 digs and also served up four aces, while Wendel had six blocks at net.

Bates closed the weekend with a loss to Springfield College, the sixth-ranked team in New England.

The Bobcats' strong freshmen class was once again in the middle of the action. First-year Mary Deneen led the Cats with seven kills, and Schepel (11 digs) and first-year Nicole Cueli (10 digs) were also active.

Despite leaving the tournament with a 1-3 record, Russell believes an early-season test like the MIT Invitational will pay dividends for the youthful Bobcats.

Bates currently sports a 6-6 record on the season and has already matched its win total from last year.

"Given that we played some of the top teams in New England, I think this is some of the best volleyball I've seen while at Bates," said Russell.

Bates returns home on Wednesday night, when the Bobcats will take on Maine Maritime Academy at 7 p.m. in Alumni Gym.

Field hockey nipped by Babson

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The field hockey team dropped a close 3-2 game to Babson, as two second half goals from the Beavers silenced the Bobcat effort.

The loss leaves Bates with a 1-4 overall record and a 0-3 record in NESCAC play. Babson won its fourth straight game, improving to 7-2 on the season.

Babson pounded the Bobcat goal early in the game, but junior goalkeeper Becca Otley made a few saves to keep the game scoreless. At around the 20-minute mark, Babson broke through with the first goal of the game.

"We need to get the ball in the back of the cage more and improve on our use of space in the midfield," said junior Bridget Meedzan.

Bates used some offensive power of its own late in the first half, pressuring Babson with three penalty corners and four shots on goal in the final minutes of the first half.

Junior Lexie Carter unleashed a shot toward the left post of the goal and senior Riley Kundtz redirected the ball past the Babson goalkeeper to knot the game up. The goal came with just 23 seconds left in the first half.

The second half started with Bates controlling the tempo, though junior Polly Merck's rifle shot was denied. Babson then took the lead just two minutes later.

Babson then added a critical insurance goal in the 53rd minute. Otley charged out of the net on a breakaway and made the save, but the ball caromed to the left wing and Babson slammed home the rebound.

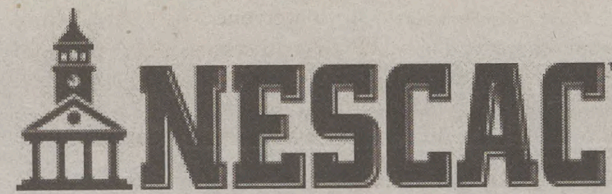
Six minutes later, Bates cut the defi-

cit to 3-2 when junior Bridget Meedzan received a penalty corner from Kundtz on the left side of the circle and smashed home her third goal of the season.

The Bobcats then had numerous chances to tie the game, but Babson's backup goalkeeper made several crucial saves, notably a drive from Merck from just two yards away. Senior Nicole Santuosso had her shot denied with four minutes remaining on what would be the final shot of the game for the bobcats.

Otley made four saves while first-year Cristina Vega added two saves in net.

The Bobcats will look to get back on track against local rival Husson on Wednesday before resuming NESCAC play over the weekend against Hamilton.



Standings

Football

Team	Conf.	Overall
Amherst	1-0	1-0
Middlebury	1-0	1-0
Trinity	1-0	1-0
Wesleyan	1-0	1-0
Williams	1-0	1-0
Bates	0-1	0-1
Bowdoin	0-1	0-1
Colby	0-1	0-1
Hamilton	0-1	0-1
Tufts	0-1	0-1

Field Hockey

Team	Conf.	Overall
Middlebury	4-0	5-0
Trinity	4-1	5-1
Tufts	3-1	5-1
Amhurst	2-1	5-1
Bowdoin	1-1	5-1
Conn. Coll.	2-2	3-2
Williams	2-2	3-2
Wesleyan	2-2	3-3
Colby	0-3	3-3
Bates	0-3	1-4
Hamilton	0-4	0-6

Men's Soccer

Team	Conf.	Overall
Williams	4-0-1	5-0-1
Amherst	3-0-0	5-0-0
Tufts	2-0-2	4-0-2
Trinity	2-1-2	3-1-2
Wesleyan	2-1-1	4-1-2
Bowdoin	2-1-0	5-1-0
Middlebury	1-3-0	3-3-0
Colby	0-1-2	1-2-2
Conn. Coll.	0-2-2	1-2-2
Bates	0-3-1	2-3-1
Hamilton	0-4-1	1-4-1

Women's Soccer

Team	Conf.	Overall
Williams	4-4-0	4-2-0
Middlebury	3-0-1	5-0-1
Hamilton	3-1-0	5-1-0
Amherst	2-0-1	4-0-1
Bowdoin	2-1-0	5-1-0
Colby	2-1-0	4-1-0
Trinity	2-3-0	3-3-0
Bates	1-3-0	1-4-0
Wesleyan	1-3-0	2-3-1
Conn. Coll.	0-4-0	0-4-1
Tufts	0-4-0	1-4-1

Men's tennis dominates Middlebury Invitational

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The men's tennis team dominated the Middlebury Invitational, winning three out of a possible six titles. Bates captured the A and B doubles titles along with the A singles title.

The A singles title was decided this past Thursday at the Wallach Tennis Center as seniors Rob Crampton and Matt Bettles returned to campus to play the final. Crampton managed to defeat his fellow teammate and doubles partner with a 7-5 6-3 triumph.

"Overall, it was great tournament for Bates and we really solidified our ranking after a huge jump in the national rankings last year (29 to 14)," said Bettles.

Numerous Bobcats saw success in the tournament, which was held in Middlebury, Vermont.

"We were able to be the dominant team at the tournament that included 3 top 20 teams," said Bettles.

Both Bettles and Crampton went 3-0 in the A Singles Flight to set up their championship match. With a good crowd on hand, Crampton's big serve and key shots were the key to victory over Bettles.

"Today was just about doing what we do every day," said Crampton after his championship victory. "Matt and I are pretty evenly matched so either one of us could have taken it."

What may have seemed to be only a singles affair, Bettles and Crampton did team up at the Middlebury Invitational and competed in the A Doubles Flight.

Tabbed as only the third All-Americans in Bates Tennis history after their run at the NCAA Championships last season, Bettles and Crampton swiftly navigated through their flight. The two started off with an 8-4 win over Brandeis, and then defeated Vassar 8-6.

On Sunday, they continued their winning ways with a convincing 8-1 win over Middlebury. Their championship match was nearly as easy, an 8-2 victory over another Brandeis duo.

It wasn't just the seniors getting



Matt Bettles '13. ALI MACKAY/THE BATES STUDENT

in on the doubles action. Sophomores Pierre Planche and Henry Lee claimed the B Doubles Flight Crown as well.

Planche and Lee took down Middlebury, Skidmore, Tufts, and Skidmore again to take the tournament crown.

Junior Eric Ruta advanced to the semifinals of the C singles flight, beating players from Skidmore and Vassar before losing to the eventual flight champion from Middlebury.

Senior Kyle DeSisto went 2-1 in D Singles Flight play, also advancing to the semifinals. In the B doubles flight senior Dylan Refe and first-year Cosmin Bardan went 1-1.

That success translated to the following Friday as the 'Cats travelled down to Babson and defeated the Beavers 6-2 in their only dual match of the fall season.

"The returning sophomores and juniors have been stepping it up and will

be the backbone of our team this year," said senior Rob Crampton.

In doubles, Crampton and Bettles fought hard and eventually prevailed in what was the match of the day. The senior duo found themselves in an 8-8 tiebreaker. After falling behind 5-2 to a young Babson team, the duo was staring at a stunning upset. Crampton and Bettles bucked down, however, and took the tiebreaker 7-5 to win the match at number one doubles.

The Bobcats also received matching 8-4 wins from the teams of Planche and junior Peter Yanofsky at number two doubles along with Lee and Refe at number three.

In singles, Planche and Lee won in straight sets while Crampton was pushed to a third set but came away with a 6-2, 2-6, 1-0 (12-10) victory.

Bates will be in action this Friday at the ITA tournament at Williams.

Men's soccer shuts out Thomas while women fall to Brandeis

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The men's soccer team grinded out a 1-0 win against a pesky Thomas squad.

Senior captain Ethan Hirshberg's header goal handed Thomas their first loss of the season when the Men's soccer team travelled to Terrier country, earning a 1-0 win.

"The goal was pretty simple; we've been working a lot on set pieces and corner kicks and getting to the right spots," said Hirshberg.

Bates improved to 2-2-1 on the season while Thomas fell to 5-1-1.

"I just made the run to the front post and Johnny played in a nice ball," said Hirshberg. "I was able to get front side of the defender, put my head on it first and redirect it past the keeper."

The goal was scored in the 22nd minute as senior captain John Murphy crossed a corner kick to his co-captain Hirshberg for the decisive goal of the match.

The Bobcats had an 8-0 advantage in corner kicks and a 20-7 edge in attempted shots and offensive pressure clearly translated into a victory.

The second half was a fight for both teams. Saving 3 shots, Freshman goalie Zach Shabman shut out the Terriers to end the game successfully.

The Bobcat defense was successful in keeping Thomas away from Bates' goal throughout the game.

"There was a period of play in the second half where we were on our heels but we stayed mentally and physically tough during set plays," said sophomore Nick Ford. "We managed to get a big W."

The Bobcats next face NESCAC ri-

val Bowdoin on Wednesday.

The women's soccer team dropped a tough 1-0 game to nationally ranked Brandeis. The game was played under the lights at Garcelon Field.

Ranked 12th in Division III and 2nd in New England, Brandeis showed the women's soccer team a difficult time. Bates dropped to 1-4 with their loss.

Both teams played an even first half with a strong back-and-forth nature. Junior goalkeeper Anabel Schmelz had an outstanding game, finishing with eight saves. Schmelz managed to hold off several Brandeis attempts on goal early in the game.

Brandeis notched the only goal of the game with 1:42 remaining in the first half. A Brandeis midfielder chipped a ball past the Bobcat defense and the ball managed to find a Brandeis player who put home the goal.

Bates pushed hard during the second half attempting to catch up. Senior Camille Smith had a controversial free kick from 35 yards out. The ball may have crossed the goal line but the officials called no goal.

With 16 minutes left in the game sophomore Krista Prouty also had a promising breakaway. Prouty dribbled past defenders and the shot ultimately hit the post. Prouty received the ball back from the post and passed to sophomore Dakota Donovan, who could not find the back of the net.

"Despite the unfortunate result, we played one of the best games all season, and had many chances on net that didn't go our way," said Prouty.

The women's soccer team will face NESCAC rival Hamilton next.

"We will use this as momentum going into Hamilton on Saturday," commented Prouty.

Football drops opener to strong Trinity team

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Bates football dropped its season opener to determined foe Trinity 37-16. The Bobcats gave the Bantams a scare, as halfway through the third quarter the score was 21-16 in favor of Trinity. However, the size, speed, and depth of the Trinity squad proved too much for the underdog Bobcats.

Bates started the game strong, driving down to the Trinity twenty-yard line behind determined running from senior captain running back Pat George and junior Ryan Curit.

George would finish the day with 51 yards rushing on 13 attempts and a touchdown, while Curit finished with 25 yards rushing on 5 carries.

However, Bates came up short on a fourth down conversion, and turned the ball over on downs. On the very next play, Bates' defense forced a fumble and gained possession deep inside Trinity territory.

Bates' ensuing drive would end in a 23-yard field goal by kicker Charlie Donahue '14 to give the Bobcats a 3-0 lead.

Bates' defense then entered a rough patch, as Trinity scored touchdowns on each of its next three possessions. The Bantams ate up big chunks of yardage on big plays, while simultaneously the Bates offense spluttered with consecutive three and outs.

The Bobcats' special teams were able to provide the spark, as sophomore Mike Tomaino forced a fumble on a punt that resulted in Bates having the ball on Trinity's five-yard line. Pat George punched the ball in to cut the deficit to 21-10 right before the half.

The Bobcats came out hard in the second half, as the defense played with renewed energy. Outside linebacker Gilbert Brown '15 began the half by intercepting a pass and returning it all the way to the Trinity two-yard line.

"The key to our ability to cause turnovers was directly connected to our defensive mind set to play with a chip on our shoulder," explained senior cornerback Kyle Starr.

Bates quarterback Trevor Smith '13 ran the ball in to make the score 21-16 and get the Bobcats back into the game. Smith finished the day 5-16 passing for

17 yards, and 38 yards rushing with a touchdown. Cornerback Mike Kelleher '15 gave Bates an opportunity to take the lead as he recorded a dexterous interception on the sideline.

However, Trinity was able to figure out Bates' triple option offense, and the Bobcats only recorded two first downs the rest of the game.

Conversely, Trinity's offense was able to wear out Bates' defense running the ball. "We came out strong against Trinity but we need to keep building on our intensity throughout the game," said George. "We need to finish games stronger in order to win."

The Bantams scored two more times to make the final score 37-16.

"We showed our potential last Saturday throughout the game, primarily through our crucial takeaways," said Starr.

Several Bobcats had strong performances, especially on the defensive side of the ball. Senior outside linebacker Evan Dowd led the team with 9 tackles, including one tackle for loss and a pass breakup, while inside linebacker Josh Chronopoulos '13 had 7 tackles.

Safety Andrew Kukesh '14 (9 tackles) and cornerback Starr (3 tackles) led Bates' experienced secondary. First-year defensive back Michael Lee recorded six tackles and broke up a pass.

Sophomore Lani Eversage returned three kickoffs for 46 yards and mustered three special teams tackles.

Bates is now 0-1 for the year, but expects to compete in every game left on the schedule this year. Trinity won its 44th straight home game at Jesse Miller Field.

Next week the Bobcats will travel to Tufts University to play a Tufts team they have beaten in each of the past two years.

"I think for us to have our greatest chance to beat Tufts, and any other team in our conference, is that we need to successfully execute each play and limit our self-inflicted wounds," said Starr. "We need to make sure we focus on the things we have control over every snap of the game."

Bates plays on the road Saturday at 1 p.m. against Tufts before returning home for a parents' weekend clash against Williams.

Men's golf 5th at state championships, women take state crown

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Men's Golf

The men's golf team captured fifth place at the Maine State Championships, defeating rivals Bowdoin and Colby in the process.

Both men and women's golf teams travelled to Valhalla golf course in Cumberland to play in the event, which was won by Southern Maine. The Bobcats finished with a two day team score of 652, 12 shots behind fourth-place St. Joseph's and three shots ahead of fifth-place Maine Maritime.

Valhalla is one of the tougher courses that the teams have played, as tight fairways and quirky greens have the potential to cause higher scores.

"It was a pretty unforgiving course," noted junior Garrett Johnson. "I only hit my driver a grand total of three times on the weekend."

On the second day, the wind picked up to make conditions even more adverse.

Women's team captain junior Ali

Desjardin also said, "This was probably the most difficult course we have played thus far."

The men's team had a strong weekend, as the team placed fifth out of ten teams in the tournament in what was their best performance of the season.

The par for the weekend was a 144, and senior Corey Gingras led the team with an overall score of 156, which was good for fourteenth overall.

"The key was keeping my focus," explained Gingras, "I just tried to dial it in."

Johnson was second on the team shooting a 160, including an impressive 78 on the first day.

Senior captain Jared Quenzel shot a 166 and newcomer to the team senior Kevin Shaughnessy contributed with a score of 170.

When asked why the team was able to play well, Quenzel responded, "Our two big keys were Corey [Gingras] and Kevin Shaughnessy. While we know that Kevin can eventually lower his scores, he allowed us not to count our lowest scores, saving us a total of 12 strokes."

Bates will next play at the NESCAC Fall Qualifier Tournament at Hickory Ridge golf course in Amherst, Massa-

chusetts next weekend.

Women's Golf

The women's team was the only team playing in the tournament, and won the Maine State Championship by default.

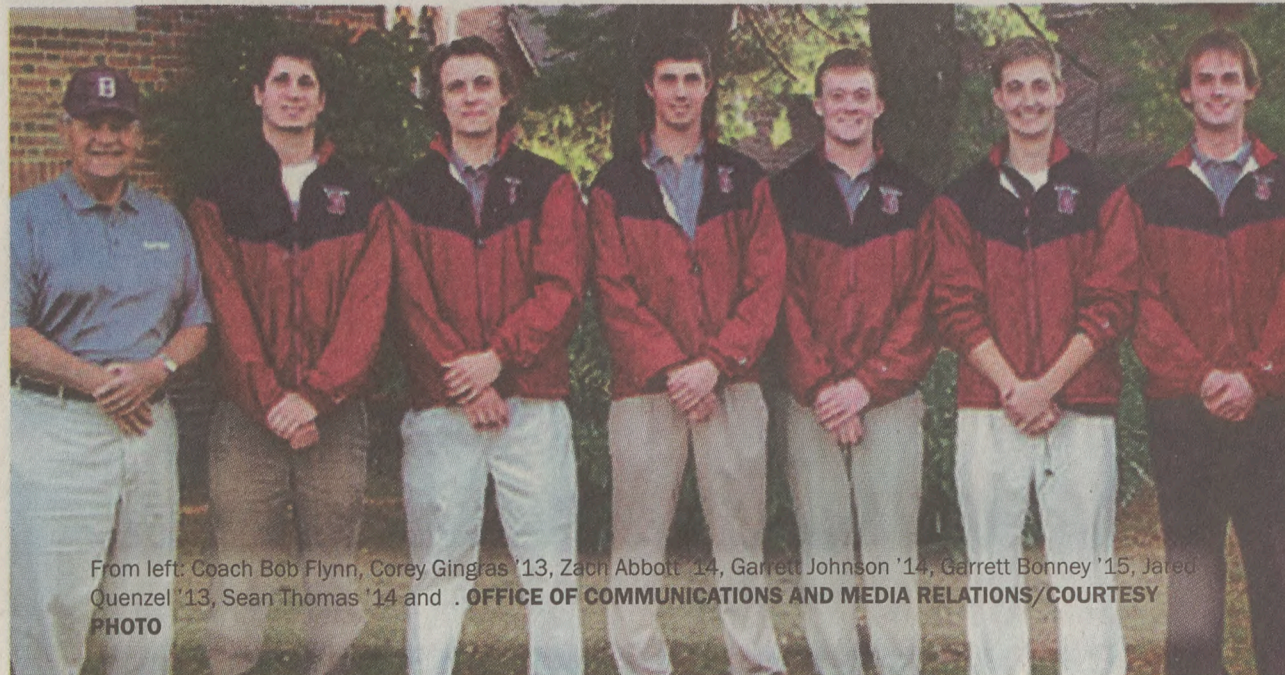
Freshman Elizabeth LaVerghetta continued her strong season, scoring a 192 to win the women's tournament.

"We got some of our best scores yet," said Desjardin. "Elizabeth improved in the second day to become the Maine State Champion."

Also having strong days were first-year Jessica Plotnikov with a 198 and junior Jordan Banez with a 206. Desjardin and first-year Jenn Kulig shot a 243 and 249, respectively. The women's team is very inexperienced, and continues to improve in every tournament.

"The tournament was good preparation for Middlebury this weekend," added Desjardin.

The Bobcats will travel to Vermont for the Middlebury Invitational next weekend, where Bates hopes to continue its success.



From left: Coach Bob Flynn, Corey Gingras '13, Zach Abbott '14, Garrett Johnson '14, Garrett Bonney '15, Jared Quenzel '13, Sean Thomas '14 and Ali Mackay '13. OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA RELATIONS/COURTESY PHOTO