GETTING THE B.S. OUT OF BATES

by Sheila Quinn

The status of the Bachelor of Science degree is now under consideration by the Education Policy Committee. The EPC is discussing legislation for the possible abolishment of the B.S degree at Bates. Simply put, this proposed legislation would allow a student to graduate from Bates with only a B.A. in his major.

The rationale for dropping the B.S. is that although the degree is considered by some at Bates to be the “Superior” one, since it requires certain courses to be taken, this assumption of superiority is not shared by other colleges of the nation. A survey of 30 small liberal arts colleges in the country was taken to determine how many gave a B.S. degree. Of these, only two did so: Beloit College and Union College, (whose B.S. was in engineering). The rest of the schools surveyed, which included Oberlin, Dartmouth and Colby, awarded their graduates only a B.A. in their respective fields, including chemistry and physics.

This survey, taken by Dean Carignan, was used as one of the examples why the B.S. seems to be a superfluous, and possibly even harmful, degree to the graduates of Bates. To many graduate school admissions committees, the B.S. implies an inferior, “technical” degree, and therefore, might swing the scales against a Bates graduate in admissions competition. The B.A. however, carries the implication that the science student has had to complete a core of humanities and social sciences courses in order to graduate, and therefore, has received a “truer liberal arts” education.

It is felt by many among the faculty and administration that if the B.S. degree is possibly detrimental to a Bates candidate for graduate admissions, then it should be dropped.

Last year the EPC questioned the heads of the science departments concerning the proposed abolishment of the degree. All agreed that they were in favor of such a move. A letter was then sent out by Dean Bamberg to all faculty members for their opinion on the matter. From the replies received, there was none in opposition. But before the EPC goes further with its proposal, the members of the committee still wish to research the legislation further to be sure that the best interests of the students will be served by such a move. Also, the members of the committee will attempt to gather student opinion on the question before taking any action.

It should be stated that the potential abolishment of the B.S. would in no way affect the quality of the science major. Students wishing to major in one of the sciences would still be required to take the core courses necessary for a B.S. because they would be incorporated into the requirements of their major department.

Anyone having any questions or thoughts concerning this new legislation should contact the student members of the EPC, Ed Byrne, Val Lee or Ken Gibbs.

CHASE HALL PLANNING

by Karen Olson

Procuring a band for homecoming weekend is currently the Chase Hall Committee's biggest concern. But soon they'll be in the regular swing of coffee houses, country dancing, and - yes, even this far in advance - planning for Winter Carnival.

Barb Billsky, head of the CH Committee, says her group has been trying since the end of last year to arrange a homecoming concert. CH has run into numerous problems. "We don't want to have a concert just to have a concert. We want to have someone who students will go for, really enjoy," Barb explains.

Yet CH has to keep the prices down, and all the groups requested by students in last year's survey were in the $10,000 and $15,000 range. The Bates price limit is more like $3000.

"Another problem in booking is just getting groups to come to Maine," Barb says. "I think booking groups is our major problem this year, because
Now that the accolades for the edifice designed to decrease your paranoia (remember those haunted hallways, doors and stairwells), disappearing (ah the days of the 10 x 10 periodical room tripling as study closet and sundeck) and various other diseases with which one must be afflicted to go near a LIBRARY — have abated somewhat, practical considerations come to the fore. That is, how do you find your basic 800 F502s not to mention 973.77 F546s that the desk clerk tells you is on the same shelf? Being an intrepid scholar you are not discouraged and after three hours circling a .606mm Howitzer mounted on a Greek sacrificial altar (doubles as a fountain but don’t tell them), you decide instead to search for the stairs which eventually lead to the circulation desk. Remember that word eventual. Before you can find these zig zag foundation extensions what appears before your very eyes but a friendly, willing, Dover, electric people hoist: elevator to those who won’t believe that the Warp 9 hum accompanying the operation of one of these mobile padded cells is characteristic of used models. Yes, the Enterprise is really mothballed, Spock. The descent is swift — too swift. The door opens and there you are back at the circu — dark, slab tunnel. Well, no problem you say. Obviously pushed the wrong button. But just as you decide to re-enter the willing vehicle, Whooosh hummmm. Need I say more. Modern automation deserting the recycled man. 1973 + 11 =??? You walk in what seems a familiar direction, fighting creeping Coram paranoia at every quickened step. Entombed in the Bureau library! Eternal Math 105 a gentleman fate would be! But no, you spy two doors. Safe, you sigh. NOTICE THESE DOORS TO THE FON LOCKED AT ALL TIMES NOTICE EMERGENCY EXIT ONLY ALREADY SOUND IF DOOR IS OPENED USE MAIN ENTRANCE!!! You make a second attempt at recalling dilatory Dover. Whooosh hummmm. Not only what Faulkner had in mind but sanctuary nonetheless. Deprived of all logic, you push the first button that yields to a frantic stab. Whooosh hummmm. The third floor balcony never looked this good. A not very slow dash brings you to a strange looking phone. "Intercoms have been installed linking strategic places in the new library to the circulation desk." "Circulation desk, may I help you?" "Yes, can you tell me where to find 973.77 F546s LC107.440 x 1999?" "Oh that’s a special edition kept on reserve at the circu....

Ninety-seven candidates entered the race for forty-six positions in the Representative Assembly elections Monday night. Both Janeane Young and Mary Ellen Flaherty will continue as secretary and treasurer respectively though neither were candidates for dorm rep positions. Vice-president Vicky Aghababian is a dorm rep from Barker and President Bob Goodlatte will serve until his term ends in January. The following candidates were elected: Adams- Andy Lovely, Russ Keenan, Norm Graf, Russ Wood, Steve Lysonski; Hedge- Wendy Ault, Norm Olsen; Roger Bill- Kenny Gibbs, John Troy; J.B.—Frenk Forward, Steve Hart, Tony Fox; Parker- Vicky Aghababian, Ann Austin, Martha Brown, Kathy Shorey; Mitchell- Mary Margaret Shaw; Milliken- Henry Skoog; Frye- Peggy Shaw; Parsons- Susan Gellin; Union- Mindy Cole; Hacker- Linda Morales; Chase- Jim Tomkovich; Herrick- Bernie Heath; Wood St.- Craig Hotchkiss; Cheney- Nancy Ellis; Debbie Cagenello; Pierce- Jim Lawenda; Small- Stephanie Burwood; Whittier- Rayna Bowley; Rand- Marie Cote; Lynn Glover; Off Campus- Bob Goetz, Rick Gaffney, Linda Stewart; Smith South- Bob Miller, Paul Jagla; Smith Middle- Rich Pettigrell; Smith North- Rich Goldman; Page- John Pothier, Sue Dumais, Michelle Dionne.

The committee has located some old films taken around the Bates in the 30s and 40s. So one coming attraction might be a nostalgia night.

The Sadie Hawkins dance will probably be held Nov. 10, the last weekend before Thanksgiving vacation.

Barb predicts that there will be several small concerts on campus this semester and a large, important one in the library next semester.

Coffee houses are planned twice a month, and last year’s New England country dances will be back by popular demand. The Chase Hall Committee also runs the annual ping pong and pool tournaments.

Other officers besides Barb are Dave Greep, director of concerts; Sherrill Spencer, director of dances; Kenny Moore, director of coffee house; Doug Sear, director of miscellaneous other activities; and Dave Wilcox, vice president, head of the homecoming and Winter Carnival Committee.

Any person interested in assisting C.H. should contact one of the above officers of the Committee.
A Revue for All Seasons

Judging from the capacity crowd and their warm reception to the actors and their material, the performance turned in by the Robinson Players under the direction of Mlle. Chris Ross was a roaring success. I found very little at fault with the "Revue" except with some of the obvious lag in some of the material, but all of this must be cast aside and praise be heaped on the cast. I must say Bates has some fine talent to draw from should the path of comedy be pursued this year.

Individual praise must go first of all to the genius of Mlle. Lee Kennett and her partner in crime Ginny Hunter. Their performances bordered on what I would almost have to class as "artiistry". Of the two Mlle. Kennett was the "hammer" of the two and given the greatest chance to show her stuff.

Kay Lee Masury and Kate Garvey turned in a fine show of subtlety and intelligence in their performance of "Rubber Balls". The show offered a wide and diversified look into the many facets of that word "Comedy"...from slap stick to subtlety...from fine political humor to humorous characterization. Sarah Pearson and Dave Lewis deserve praise for their stab into the world of satire. Not once during the performance did one feel that there was any remains to the "JeffDayRitaold-ombo" syndrome. Yes folks, Bates can look forward to finally new talent to hold it spellbound in the new Shaeffer Theater.

As I have said, the performance deserves your praise and admiration for this group on campus...there are few avenues of adventure at Bates and the theater offers all of us from the ego trippers to the "psych" lock to explore and criticize our abstract little world...and I guess if we can learn to laugh at how we stumble along the way we can learn a little closer to living with ourselves...thank you Chris Ross and company for your contribution.

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"Academia Botesina" as the place in which to further our educations. For some, it was the lure of the ivy covered walls and almost nostalgic New England campus that called applicants from afar. The renowned meals at Commons spurned more high school innocents to look into Bates as a temporary four year home. Another motivating factor could have been the school's originality and freshness - I mean, all colleges sell college mugs, shirts, banners, and the like, but Bates bedspeads?!!! And for still others, the fame of the collegiate football team and its - hem! - impressive record was the only persuasion needed.

But, in spite of the reasons we migrated to Bates, most of us are (hopefully!) here to stay. We've muddled through these first few weeks, and with luck, we'll muddle through the remaining four years. Whatever happens, the first obstacles have been hurdled. Most of the frosh have located the mysterious Libbey Forum, can decipher some of the raimarole of letters designated by O.C.C.S.A.P.I.R.G.R.A...know the major differences between Carnegie Science and Dana Chemistry (like location), and have discovered that the Den is not restricted to frosh eating lions. Whether the next barriers will be hurdled as easily will be seen after the first marking period. Til then!...

...by Jane Goguen

Those first few terror-filled weeks at Bates for the Class of '77 are finally over. The major adjustments (that is, to dorms, roommates, and stairs) have been made. Most homesick frosh have assumed a somewhat workable schedule for the week days: breakfast, mail, classes, mail, lunch, mail, free time (studying?), mail, supper, mail, etc. Of course, for some of the new co-eds, this routine can be slightly switched to: breakfast, male, classes, male, routine can be slightly switched to: breakfast, male, classes, male, lunch, etc.

It must be admitted, though, that most of the adjustments which have been made would have been impossible without the assistance of that nightmare known as "Freshman Orientation".

This year, the days of the green horns were filled with picture-taking in the humidity and humidity of early September ("This is Maine??") with Department Meetings, where sadistic professors attempted to intimidate the most confident student (to a group of 100 - plus prospective Bio majors: "Last year, we only had twenty graduates in the field of biology. But those figures shouldn't scare you!"); and stimulating discussions on the mosquito's right to live. How did we ever survive this seemingly endless cycle of mosquito mercy and ego-swatting profs?

Of course, we all had our own personal reasons for choosing Bates...and after we sign on the dotted line...
Booters Prepare For UNH

After a one-day respite, the Bobcat soccer team resumed practice on Monday in preparation for their season-opening scrimmage with UNH. In addition to being unfamiliar with his personnel, first-year coach Davis Van Winkle will have had a relatively short time in which to whip his players into shape, and consequently has been working hard since practice began on September 2 both to acquaint himself with his players capabilities and to ensure that they’ll be physically ready for the UNH contest.

While there seems to be no set starting lineup as yet, both coach and players seem confident that, with the influx of promising freshmen and the return of several experienced lettermen, they will be able to field a respectable team this Saturday at Garcelon Field.

Anchoring the horde of returning lettermen are All-New England picks Erik Tank-Nielsen and Pat McLerny. Joining senior Tank-Nielsen on his halfback line will be John Peterson, a junior. Returning with McLerny on the fullback line will be John Willhoite, also a junior, and sophomore Angelo Salvucci. The high-scoring forward line will be returning intact. Senior wings Kenny Gibbs and Dirk Vissar will be working with the freshman standouts of a year ago, insides Tim Bruno and Glenn Lumar. Senior wing John Dickey will also be back. And Captain John White will be the returning netminder.

Coach Van Winkle has been shuffling his players in and out of various positions in his basic 4-3-3 attack (four forwards, three halfbacks, and three fullbacks), and with the nucleus of eleven returning lettermen and a few talented freshmen, the Bobcats should be a well-balanced and well-disciplined team. Unlike last season, in addition to the regular varsity schedule of games, this year there will be a junior varsity schedule. Besides giving underclassmen valuable game experience, it will simply enable a greater number of men to enjoy inter-collegiate soccer. Assistant Coach Steve Johnson will handle the J.V.’s.

With the stiff competition for starting berths and the unhappy memory of a disappointing season last year providing the incentive, it is not unrealistic for soccer fans to hope for at least a winning season, from the Bobcat eleven, and even a state championship must not be considered an impossibility. State competition begins with the University of Maine, away, on September 19.

Thornhill Takes Alumni Meet

by Andy Lovely and Russ Keenan

The Bates College Thinclads opened their competitive season against the Alumni with a 26-31 victory, in what is hoped to become an annual event. Bill Thornhill (on leave of absence) took top honors with the surprisingly quick time of 24:31 over the 4.85 mile course for the Alumni, edging out Russ Keenan of the younger generation by two seconds. Bruce “Super Turk” Merrill came across the line soon after, being closely followed by the eldest competitor, Bob “Face” Thomas, (class of ’69). Other finishers doing exceptionally well were Jim Anderson, Bob Chasen, Norm Graf, Frank Hazelwood, Scott Bierman, Chris Taylor, Andy Lovely and Steve Streeter. It is hoped that this meet will have given the harriers a taste of competition in preparation for the saga of the Dalhousia Invitational. There they will be running against Canada’s two finest cross-country teams – the University of Toronto and Dalhousia University this Saturday.

Things look promising for the Harriers since many members of the team are putting out fine performances this year. The trio of Russ Keenan, Bruce Merrill and Jim Anderson broke the 25 minute barrier for the first time in their career at this last meet. Nine freshmen, besides those mentioned here, also had notable performances and their contribution will be vital to the success of the season.
New Coach, Cats, Contest

by Bill Cuthbertson

Bates football opened its preseason schedule against Maine Maritime Academy in a controlled scrimmage before a surprisingly large turnout here on Saturday afternoon. The most heartening aspect of the performance was the fine passing attack the Cat's displayed which was led by the outstanding receiving of sophomore end Mark Shapiro. Shapiro who gave the Cat's the deep threat that they have lacked for years riddled Maine's secondary making numerous catches including a 35 yard touchdown pass to Shapiro and Cloutier and then capped the drive with a 35 yard touchdown pass to Shapiro.

quarterback Dysenchuk, Chris Ham scored from the 1 yard line to cap the drive. The second touchdown drive was led by quarterback Kevin Murphy's sharp passing and play making as he picked apart Maine's secondary with first down passes to Shapiro and Cloutier and then capped the drive with a 35 yard touchdown pass to Shapiro.

The Bobcat's performance can be labelled as promising both offensively and defensively as improvement in many areas was obvious. A good indication of just how much progress has been made will come on Saturday at the Cat's face a much tougher test hosting Bowdoin and Colby in a tri-scrimmage starting at 10:30 in preparation for their opening game at St. Lawrence on September 22.

O.C. TRIPPERS GET HIGH ON MT. WASHINGTON

by Karen Olson

A watery frolic on the shores of Lake Sebago and an aborted attempt to scale Mt. Washington were the Bates Outing Club's season openers last weekend.

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But on return to the buses, no one would claim it. The OCers opened it to look for further identification, and pulled out a jug of wine and a sack of apples. The current theory is that someone on a picnic either stole the lunches or was given them by Batesies.

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SAM'S

The Original Italian Sandwich

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The Allman Brothers Band: BROTHERS AND SISTERS Capricorn CP 0111

by Ed Byrne

When a popular band experiences a shift in personnel, usually there is one of two results: a change in style which either turns off any following the band has accumulated, or what is the other side of the same coin, mediocrity, which is the quickest route to anonymity. Fortunately, the high and cry over the loss of guitarist Duane Allman and bassist Berry Oakley in not totally unrelated motorcycle accidents, has seemed to effect everyone but the members of the band. The new arrivals have managed not only to whether the personnel crisis but come up with their most musically tight album to date.

Though replacement bassist Lamar Williams is more than competent, the addition of pianist Chuck Leavell is by far the biggest factor behind the band's vast improvement. Blues has always been the easiest medium for ensemble, and Leavell's piano work practically discounts this eventually from ever appearing. He is always there with subtly placed, harmonically rich piano lines that make the music even more sophisticated.

Williams does admirably in this respect also but two of the most involved songs on the album, "Wasted Words" and "Ramblin' Man" were recorded before Oakley's death.  Unlike Leavell, Williams must fill empty shoes which is enough to prejudice any listener against him. But he makes his presence felt on the beautiful "Jessica" which incorporates Elizabeth Reed-like guitar work and other familiar Fillmore riffs with an acoustic bridge replete with cogs that opens the way for Leavell to pull off his best piano work on the album.

The only acoustical selection on the album, "Pony Boy," is also quite unique in another respect — it is a cover. The imagination evinced throughout the rest of the album is almost heady. The band should definitely stay away from "rocky mountain lush mouth" music unless they can steal the likes of a John Whitehead or a famed Mahavishnu. The album definitely shows Allman musicianship at its best however. The band has broadened their base without dabbling in the obscure or the theatrical, a characteristic of many other bands sharing similar influences. At this point the piano work alone but also as a dynamic statement for the future of blues.