Why is PIRG dying?

By Karen Olson

Why do good ideas die? I'm not sure you can put your finger on the reason. "The way things are" just seems to work against you.

Take PIRG, for example. The Bates Chapter of the Maine Public Interest Research Group has been struggling to establish itself on this campus for one and a half years now. Members are finally giving up.

The idea of students hiring their own professional lawyers and investigators to conduct social reform seemed like a great idea. Students, especially Bates students, don't usually have time or energy to keep coordinated efforts in motion, with all the work and vacations. We PIRG members thought our organization could get around that, and we thought we had student support. So what went wrong? Was the theory of PIRG too complex, too specialized, too unanswerable?

I might have thought so, if PIRG hadn't been so enthusiastically and wholeheartedly received on the other Maine campuses, not to mention some eleven other states and England. Last year some 76 percent of the Bates student body signed petitions in support of PIRG. Yet the PIRG members tried to sit down with every Bates student to explain what was going on, and we felt they understood who we were. Yet no more than ten people usually attend a meeting, and when I mention PIRG in conversation I am met with a blank stare 90 percent of the time.

We promised people projects, but all we've done so far is battled red tape. Other Maine schools have already brought area banks to court for violating truth-in-lending laws. Other Maine schools have hired a staff of three lawyers, who are investigating area problems and land use. But Bates PIRG has plodded along to nowhere in the bureaucratic maze. First we had to become constituted by the Extracurricular Activities Committee. After several meetings, after loud argumentation, they approved our constitution but not our funding proposal.

I am not going to argue here for or against our particular funding proposal. There are points in favor of it and points against it. We want our funds to come to us not through the Representative Assembly, but from each individual student that supports us. There is great controversy over the way we particularly want to operate this.

I want to complain about the illusion of diffusion of power on this campus. For over a year we have been trying to figure out which channels to go to so that all roads seem to lead to the President in practice, though you can't tell this from the hierarchical theory.

Two weeks ago we sent a proposal to the trustees because we thought they were the highest rung on the ladder. President T. Hedley Reynolds informed us that this was pointless, for the trustees nearly always delegated such matters as PIRG to his discretion. Sure enough, that's what the trustees did with our proposal: they neither rejected nor approved, but asked President Reynolds to look into it.

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CONGRATULATIONS

The Student takes pleasure in congratulating Prof. Sawyer F. Sylvester on his appointment to the Lewiston Police Commission. Mayor John Orestis named the Associate Professor of Sociology to the five-year post on January 7, and at the first meeting of the panel Sylvester was elected Clerk of the Commission, the customary role of the "rookie" member.

We sought out his office, somewhere under Libby Forum, introduced ourselves, and asked him to tell us about his new job. We admitted that we entertained notions of lynx-eyed plainclothesmen prowling, and he smiled.

"No, the Commission is not involved with the day to day operations of the Police Department; we're primarily a policy-making body, a board of five citizens who approve the budget, supervise the appointment, promotion, and dismissal of personnel."

Did the professor feel that his job would enhance his role as an educator? "Definitely," he said. "My primary interest is criminology, and my first contact with the Lewiston police was as lecturer on law and criminology. My experience with the policemen was quite rewarding; they made several unmarked cars available to me and my Corrections class, and we were able to observe police routine firsthand."

It is encouraging that Prof. Sylvester is not alone in his willingness to serve both school and community, for Prof. Richard Sampson has served as Trustee of the Public Library, and Prof. Douglas Hodgkin has served with the board of education. We add our hopes that the interface of town and gown will be strengthened by more members of the Bates community in times to come.

THE LATEST ON ENERGY

In an effort to provide as much information as possible on the fuel situation at Bates, President Reynolds, in cooperation with the Representative Assembly, has created an "energy watch" team to collect and disseminate relevant national, state, and local information. The members include Dean J. W. Catignan, Mr. Carpenter, Vice-President, Richard Pettingill, Sue Dryman, and Jill Grayson. In cooperation with The Bates Student we will present a weekly information box in this spot. We hope you will direct questions to us so that we can get the right information to you.

The efforts of the members of the Bates Community have been most heartening. In addition to good weather and alterations in the calendar, the everyday cooperation of all resulted in the following energy savings at Bates during December:

- **FUEL (central heating plant)**
  - December 1973: 96,659 gallons consumed
  - December 1972: 107,829 gallons consumed
  - Saving: 11,170 gallons

- **ELECTRICITY**
  - By removing 130,000 watts of lighting plus some non-essential blowers and water coolers a SAVING of 236,700 Kilowatt hours was realized in December.

Helpful "energy watch" hints:

- Remember to turn off lights, stereos, radios, televisions, and all other electrical appliances when not in use.
- Keep windows closed, doors too, in order to prevent drafts. Pull shades at night to keep out the cold.
- Remember that even though the gasoline isn't quite so tight in Maine, that the shortage does exist. Try to carpool rides home and to Sugarloaf - it's cheaper too!

THE SHORT TERM MESS

By John Pothier

Short Term 1974 will be the true test of the much heralded change in the structure of the short term. Such is the consensus of students, faculty, and administration concerning this year's set of offerings.

The controversial legislation changing the short term, which was drafted by the Educational Policy Committee and passed by the faculty over strong student objections last year, provided for a new type of offering called a Short Term Unit (STU). Only one STU can be taken per short term and these new offerings are not interchangeable with regular semester courses. The legislation also provided for the establishment of a subcommittee on the Short Term composed of members of the Educational Policy Committee and the Curriculum and Calendar Committee.

Last short term marked the start of the phase-in of the STUs. Three of the units were offered with the majority of offerings being regular short term courses. The Short Term Subcommittee, headed by Assistant Dean of the Faculty Carl Straub, requested the 14 faculty members and 156 students involved in units to submit evaluations of their experience. Eighty-three percent of students returning questionnaires agreed that the STU is a valuable academic experience. (5% disagreed.)

Sixty-eight percent stated that the STU provides a different kind of experience than a course. (13% percent disagreed, 18 percent undecided.)

Many students cited such advantages as the experimental and innovative nature of STUs, the concentration of study on a single topic, the smaller class size, closer student faculty co-operation, and "no worry about OPR (STU grades by not used in computing the quality point ratio.)" Faculty cited many of the above reasons and also applauded flexibility of scheduling and the opportunities for off-campus programs and field trips. The Subcommittee concluded that more emphasis should be placed on the need for STUs for freshmen and sophomores and that encouragement should be given to faculty-student cooperation in the planning and evaluation of units.

Last Friday, the Curriculum and Calendar Committee gave their final approval to the proposed units for this short term. These recommendations go before the faculty next Monday. If the faculty approves the committee's recommendations, a total of 63 units will be offered, with 29 of those being new ones (i.e. not offered last year or listed in the catalog). Approximately 20 units are numbered 250-299 meaning that they are open to all and have no prerequisites. Most units will have a limited enrollment with most instructors specifying an optimum number of 12 to 15.

The chairman of the Curriculum and Calendar Committee, Prof. Robert Kingsbury, feels that some very imaginative and innovative units will be offered this short term. However, Dr. Kingsbury, who was an opponent last year of the change in the structure of short term, states that as much innovation will have to be done under the old short term structure and is hesitant to make any final judgement on the changes until after this year.

As of now, several questions concerning the new short term arrangement have not been worked out. Among them are:

- **Graduation:**
  - The scheduling of graduation (for April or June or both) is primarily a concern of the President and the Trustees. For the next few years until the changes are completely phased-in, the scheduling of graduation ceremonies will probably be done on a year to year basis. After this transition, the ceremony will probably take place in April at the conclusion of the second semester.

- **Senior Short Term:**
  - As of now there is no faculty legislation prohibiting seniors from attending short term. However, many expect such legislation and most students will try to get the two required STUs in early.

- **Independent study and special topics courses:**
  - No independent study (except within the structure of the STUs) will receive credit this year. In addition, the Short Term Subcommittee has recommended that all proposals for special topics units must be passed by the entire faculty.

- **Grading:**
  - Last year, all STUs received conventional (i.e. A, B, C, D, F) grades. It is expected that the EPC will recommend to the faculty that instructors may request a pass-fail grading scale.

- **Overcrowding:**
  - No one can predict what the enrollment will be this short term, although it is expected that many freshmen and sophomores will make a mad rush to fulfill STU requirements. Dr. Kingsbury predicts that the college can comfortably handle an enrollment of up to 1100 students.

As stated at the outset, this year's short term will be the true test of the effectiveness of the changes. The student body, which had expressed surprisingly strong objections to the proposal last year, now appears to have accepted the change. The faculty apparently maintains an ambivalent attitude about the STU change.

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HOWL!!!

Allen Ginsberg is coming to Bates College on January the 31st. We make no promises, but the event is a logical beginning for festive celebration of the winter solstice (better than never, June). Like most of your average English-major Post-war Baby-boom Freak-type Wild-eyed Tagliabued Kama-Sutraed Been-to-San-Francisco-in-67- & lived-with-a-chick-who-made-the-best-hashish-chilies reynos-this-side-of-Bob Farina, we first discovered our minds (for what they’re worth, poetical &/or editorial) inside copies of Empty Mirror (1961). Totem Press & probably out of print, though we desparately hope not), HOWL. (City Lights Books, 1967). & Reality Sandwiches (City Lights, 1966). Batesians, this is A Major Event (Kiss Me Again in the Dim Brick Lounge). Bring your sweetest sweet patootie & maybe he will tell us of “A Supermarket in California,” & “A Meaningless Inspiration,” & “Fragment 1956.” & maybe, if lucky, O!!! “The Green Automobile.”(O!!!)

But, please, Allen, don’t shock us; we have so little to give you (a free subscription to the Bates Student with all sorts of news & new journalism & new despair & a whole lot of other lyrical bullshit; our own reality sandwiches, called the ‘Fergy-S,’ available at Luigi’s Pizzaria for 80c & a veritable orgasm of the taste buds (add anxiety, apples & icecream to taste); & a whole bunch of Beauty-ful & Lyrical Chimeric Readers) – we must seem like such a funny death: another sad & crumbly mill town, no ass, & here’s busfare Out of Town, creo. Pictures from Brueghel.

Nonetheless, we await you. In our 23rd year, year of the iron birthday, gate of darkness (& a tangle of borrowed images), sleepless; we await you. Howl.

(Ask John how to find Luigi’s. He will Know.)

JILL SPEAKS OUT

By Dave Webster

In an effort to encourage consideration of ways that Bates could change, the Student is printing interviews with Bates people concerning issues of importance. Jill Grayson is a member of the Educational Policy Committee. The Committee is not presently dealing with a pass-fail grading option, but could in the future.

Jill sees the role of Bates College to provide a liberal arts education for all its students. As part of that she personally would like some kind of pass-fail offered. This would encourage students to take courses outside their fields, she feels. Jill says students who want to take courses outside of their major division, are afraid to jeopardize graduate school possibilities.

Jill cautions that studies have shown that students taking more than ten percent pass-fail courses have a much harder time getting into graduate schools, but she stresses that “even if one half or one fourth of the Bates students go to graduate school that shouldn’t mean restrictions on the rest of the students who don’t.”

As long as the student, whether going on to further schooling, or not, realizes the effect, he or she should be able to take some pass-fail courses. Jill feels. Jill also states that for the college to attract a new type of student it would be beneficial to have some pass-fail.

Jill describes Bates as “straying away from the liberal arts.” In many ways, “Kids are dissatisfied with the offerings.” There were, once, truly beginning calculus, biology, chemistry, and physics courses. But now non-science majors are forced to take science courses with science majors. “It isn’t fair to put together in one class a person who needs calculus for medical school who already had a year of calculus in high school and a history major who needs to fulfill the science requirement,” Jill believes.

In last year’s Calculus 105 class, of the people who had studied no math past Algebra II in high school there were no A’s, no B’s, five C’s, six D’s, and two F’s. Of the students who had had calculus there were 18 A’s and no F’s. Jill feels the college should have separate science classes for science and non-science majors.

Jill also feels it bad that the College discourages experimentation in different fields by making it impossible to try courses for more than two weeks without having withdrawing-passing or withdrawing-failing put on the students’ transcripts. If a student wants to drop a course later, she feels he or she should be able to without permanent record made of it.

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This Was

By Fred Grant

At the CA coffeehouse last Friday night, winners were announced for the ten Campus Association Winter Carnival contests. Competition began the previous Monday, in categories arranged by the Campus Service Commission of the CA. Winners of the Wendy Waldman album drawing were: Marsha Underwood, Mark Quirk, Sue Fuller, Amy Batchelor, Mary Ellen Kowalewski, Debbie Kupetz, Deanne Bennett, Rich Pettengill, Al Green, Eric Chasalow, Donna Myglin, and others, was well-attended. Both coffeehouse events were arranged by the Campus Service Commission of the CA.

Bates News Bureau had to play down the movie schedule to insure that there was enough room for Basties. Although all the figuring had not been done yet, the C.H.C. was predicting a loss of about $200.00, which compare nicely with last year’s drop of a couple of thousand.

The Winterval ’74 was a great success, compared to last year. Wendy Waldman packed the chapel and the movies were always full compared to last year, when James Montgomery and his blues band did not stuff the gym, and the Rand gym was not filling. But, unfortunately, we were just filling up for the long months ahead.

THE CA FOLLIES

By Tom Paine

Looking at the line outside of the chapel on Saturday night waiting to get into the Wendy Waldman concert seemed similar to a scene that most of us have gone through. Remember sitting at the table when you were young, and being scolded by your parents because you didn’t finish your meal? They’d say something like, “There are starving people in Asia, and you don’t even finish your meal which made no sense anyways, because they wouldn’t get the food if you ate it.” Well, I can picture an irate concert committee member at a liberal college or university saying “There are bored people in Lewiston.” (Again, even when they don’t go, we miss out.) That line at the chapel was full of entertainment-starved people. Bates is known for people suffering from this lack of nutrition. But, as luck would have it, every year winter carnival comes along to fatten us up so we can be content into the next September with fond memories of the past carnivals. Up until this year most people were satisfied at least into the next weekend, when pieces of monologue from a Marx Brother’s movie could be swappled over a game of whist. Winterval ’74 is an exception.

The best way to revive this exciting event is by the calendar. Of course everyone saw the bonfire, or at least the seventeen vigilantes running down College Street with blood-curdling cries of “You wanna give Dean Carignan the shock of his life?” It looked like a scene from The Night of the Living Dead: England country dancing, received the spice of life. Tediousness must be the fourth dimension, which is why they are invisible to us.) Along with Stonehenge, a Buddah (by Parker) and the Lincoln Memorial (by Hacker House) won honorable mention. The Statue of Liberty won first prize. The quality of sculpture was better than last year, which claimed a grandprize winning lighthouse and Ralph’s symbol of quality.

The Wendy Waldman concert was successful just in knowing that Fanny was not there. Wendy herself was pleasing but not exciting. She sang about her hangups, not the usual ones, because those are cool now. Instead she sang about being middle class and being a gringo in Mexico. There was a similarity between some of her songs and Woody Allen’s Play It Again, Sam. Woody Allen asks “How do you be cool?” Wendy Waldman’s answer is to just admit who you are. Unfortunately, she seemed to be holding back in some way. The songs ranged from happy (“Ride the Rail”, “Vaudeville Man”) to “My Name is Love” which she described as “the woman’s lib Symphony for the Devil”.

The movies were the main attraction. It was probably the only time in history that a line has formed outside Pettigrew. The
Winterval

WENDY AWES AUDIENCE

By Richard Pettengill

Last Saturday night a capacity crowd in the Chapel were treated to the first full-sized popular concert of the year, and an exceptional one it was. From the moment Wendy Waldman walked on to the stage and began her first song, a very intense but at the same time, a very mellow level of energy was established between her and the audience which was maintained until she left the stage.

The crowd, who had come largely on blind faith (Wendy had come to see us very highly recommended), was{}. and as they left the Chapel; comments such as "She has such an aura about her" and "I don't remember the last time I enjoyed a concert that much" were not uncommon.

Miss Waldman displays an ability to hold an audience riveted of that of Joni Mitchell or Laura Nyro, but her style is distinctly her own. Singalong songs mostly feature, Scott's debut album "Love Has Got Me," (on Warner Bros.) she began with a small piano set, moving to her guitar and dulcimer, back to the piano, then to the guitar for an encore. I found the guitar songs more enjoyable, but I suspect that it was a function of the sound system, which heard much too treble from the piano mixes.

Especially enjoyable were "Train Song", "Gringo en Mexico,"

ARTIST WELL ACCEPTED

By Richard Pettengill

When, as paying students, come to college, there is a certain amount that we expect to be provided for our money, that the college has promised, and is obligated to put forth. When these things, such as good professors and courses, decent living and eating facilities are provided, this produces a certain level of satisfaction among the studentry, conducive to any state of general content which may happen to ensue.

There comes a point, however, when this "satisfied" attitude can be heightened by evidence that the school is doing more for us than they have to, that they are going beyond their obligations, even expectation. I, for one, have been feeling more than satisfied lately; one reason has been the recent advent of Bill Schustik, our new artist-in-residence.

At his introductory concert in Chase Lounge, he sailed through 11 songs, ranging from the Shakes and ballad, to Swiss yodeling songs, to broadsides (17th century newscasts in song form). At one point, he achieved a remarkable effect very by yodeling directly into his banjo.

"Vaudville Man" and "Waiting for the Rain." These songs were introduced with highly personal raps from Wendy which not only provided background and insight into the songs, but also exuded a special warmth to the audience which could not help but be reciprocated.

The concert was a complete success; congratulations to the Chase Hall Committee for their excellent choice, publicity and arrangements.

In another, a "narration to music" tale fusing "Mobey Dick," the story of Jonah and touches of witchcraft, he used his guitar skillfully to convey excitement, suspense, anticipation. In general, his imagery is tremendous, those romantic images which are so attractive, but seldom grasped. His performance was an excellent chance to do so.

His performance in last Friday's coffeehouse however, put across a considerably less favorable impression. His style seemed very slick, polished and almost perfunctory, as though he wanted to get it over with as soon as possible.

In spite of this, his talent showed through and even if the songs did not strike the innermost depths of this listener's soul, there are many people here who enjoy him without reservation. For that reason, I'm happy about his presence and I hereby express, on behalf of many, gratitude to those responsible for bringing him here, for showcasing it what it takes to invite such a guest. Welcome, Mr. Schustik.

NEWS OF THE WORLD:

By Dave Webster

Recently a major world event occurred, a virtually unannounced by most Americans. On Sept. 24, 1973, the PAIGC (African Party for the Independence of Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde) declared Guinea-Bissau independent of Portugal. While the PAIGC controls an estimated two-thirds of the country and maintains a constant struggle against 30,000 Portuguese troops, this is a strong step towards self-determination.

Guinea-Bissau, a colony of Portugal's for over 300 years, lies on the "boule" of west Africa. It has one-half million people, few resources, primarily peanuts and other crops.

In the twelve years they have fought, the PAIGC has done more for the country than the Portuguese had in 300 years. While the Portuguese had not, in that time, trained a single African doctor the PAIGC had established 125 mobile medical teams.

It also established 155 primary schools in the overwhelmingly illiterate country. In September, 1972, 52,000 voted freely for representatives of a national representative assembly in the liberated zones of Guinea-Bissau. In marked contrast, the previous year 7,000 (almost exclusively white--Guineans voted in a strictly controlled election for representatives in Portugal's legislature. The issue of the colonies was even allowed to be raised in that election.

Portugal is already Europe's poorest country and apparently unwilling to give up the distinction. Despite growing opposition to Portugal's colonialism within Portugal the government maintains 142,000 men in Guinea-Bissau, Angola, and Mozambique (Portugal's other African colonies) at the expense of 45 percent of Portugal's annual national budget.

And the US Government's response to the choice between supporting fascist, imperialist Portugal and popularly supported socialist and nationalist groups in Guinea-Bissau, Angola, and Mozambique? How ironic that on the eve of the bicentennial of the American Revolution the United States gives both moral and financial support to the Portuguese colonialists.

Despite US posturings and statements that we "oppose racism" we have contributed over $100 million of military aid to Portugal in the past twelve years; the planes that napalm villagers in Angola sometimes have "made in USA" on them. The US was one of six nations to oppose a UN resolution condemning Portugal for maintaining her colonies. It was also one of only four (US, Spain, South Africa, and Portugal) who voted against the investigation of Portuguese atrocities -- a stand which was subject to some embarrassment when Portuguese troops massacred a mob of 300 villagers in Mozambique.

However, the reason for our support of Portugal can be seen more clearly by the fact that Firestone, Gulf, Alco-Chalmers and many other US corporations have considerable and profitable investments staked in Portugal's colonies, primarily Angola. Angola potentially can be among the top five in the world in oil production. In response to this corporate support of Portugal, many individuals and groups have joined in a boycott of Gulf Oil as the major example of corporate irresponsibility.

Perhaps, too, we, in our foreign policy, have not learned the lessons of Vietnam -- that guerrillas cannot be defeated by calling them "communists" or "outside agitators" and by bombing and napalming the countryside of the nation we are claiming to "protect." Guerilla warfare is a political warfare. When basic rights and freedoms are not allowed, purely military victory can't bring a stable peace.

I suspect that our foreign policy is governed by large corporations economic self-serving, but I feel forced to accept that as true by such actions as the support of Portugal. How inappropriate that America, bastion of the so-called Free World is working against freedom and independence. The historical parallels between US support of France in Indochina twenty-five years ago and our support of Portugal in Africa today are evident. We should have supported Ho Chi Minh, and perhaps we should support the PAIGC and their brethren now.

The PAIGC has become a well-organized, democratic-socialist organization -- recognized by 70 countries across the world, supported financially and morally by some Scandinavian, Eastern European, and African countries, as well as by the World Council of Churches. Yet the US Government has declared that there is little likelihood of the US ever recognizing Guinea-Bissau. In an effort to show US citizen support of the efforts of this fledgling nation a country-wide organization has been formed to collect signatures indicating individual recognition of the independence of Guinea-Bissau and to present these to the US State Department and to the people of Guinea-Bissau.

If you agree that Guinea-Bissau deserves recognition, then your signatures may be signed in the food line soon, offered by the budding Bates New Worlds Coalition.
A NEW STAR:  
Ask Mr. Answer

Dear Mr. Answer: Sometimes I get these dreams, you know? I mean... dreams. Like grandmother's and piggybanks and midnight chase scenes through the Cage in automobiles and electric thighs and (oh) 12-gauge pump shotguns and vast plains of steelwood, strawberries and cream (ohhhhh!) and swollen flesh torn beyond all mortification and blue ducks squawking with firecrackers up their azoles (OHIIH!) and acid-green barbed wire (OHIIH!) strung across velour gravestones whirling and blabbering and smoking over Kansas City, Mo.. Oh.  
The Student plans to run yet another column by an anonymous author, all that came to mind was yet another meaty-mouthed coward hiding behind a pseudonym to take cheap shots at Bates and its people. Do you think it possible that you might fall into this pitfall, and, if not, how do you plan to prevent it?  
— Uncle Mitt

Dear Uncle Mittie: Welcome to Your Show of Shows. I can assure you that my column will be very much different from dear, dead Ralph's Mealtime. For one, all our advice will be based on all the available facts at our disposal, and, for another, I have no intention of letting my identity become common knowledge (after all, there are so many of me!). If that happened, I'd start pulling my punches, like Ralph did.  
— Love, Mr. Answer

Dear Mr. Answer: Who was it who first synthesized urea? — Love to my Mom and Dad, and sign it "Concerned Chemist.

— Concerned Chemist

Dear cc: It was Karl Friedrich Wöhler, in 1826. On first learning that he had succeeded in his quest, he cried "UREA!!!"  
— Your pal, Answer Man

Dear Mr. Answer: I'm a sophomore, pregnant, and flunking out of school. Rather than face my parents with the truth, I have decided to end it all. I know you have all the answers, so please tell me what I should do. Don't let me down.

— Desperate

Dear Desperate: Viewing your situation, sex and station in life, I would say that the best thing to do would be a bottle of barbiturates (Nembies, say). If you want something that will have you stiff as last year's editorials in ten minutes (ten of the best minutes you ever lived, I may hasten to add), barbs are definitely what you're looking for. If, however, you have any qualms about leaving that tell-tale barbiturate mess, then Carbon Monoxide is a great second choice. Not as fast as the rainbows, CO is just as effective and won't stain the cushions. See you on the Other Side.

— The Answer Man.

Dear Mr. Answer: Why does the Great Seal of Bates College have a CO on it?  
— T.H.R., That Mysterious House on College St.

Dear T.: Why. to keep its pants up, silly.

Two new majors may be offered

By Fred Grant

Next Monday, when the faculty gather in the Filene Room for their February meeting, they will be asked to vote on two major proposals. Advanced by the respective departments and approved by the Educational Policy Committee, the proposals are for the creation of majors in Anthropology and Music. This action is of particular interest to students as both departments will be offering a number of new courses.

The Anthropology major, proposed by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, will involve five required courses, ten electives, and three different short term courses. A student majoring in this new department will be obliged to take the five required courses, five electives, and at least one Anthropology STU.

New Anthropology courses, if approved, will be 331 (Symbolic Anthropology), 242 (Political Anthropology), 431 (Religious Anthropology), and 410 (Archaeology of the Southwest). The departmental honors in music will be offered by the faculty, available major fields at Bates will increase from nineteen to twenty-one.

Involves five required courses, eleven electives, and three short term courses. Of these, a student majoring in Music will have to take the five required courses, five electives, and a STU. In requesting a major in Music, the department asked permission to drop Music 223 (the material from which will be covered in Music 211-212 and 311-312) and create 311-312 (Music Theory II), 312 (Modal Counterpoint), 251 (Applied Music), s20 (The String Quartets of Beethoven), s21 (The Cantatas of J. S. Bach), and s40 (Twentieth-Century Counterpoint).

While it is expected that the proposal for a Music major will pass without trouble, it is highly likely that some question will be raised about the new Music 251 course, which has apparently raised some eyebrows by offering credit for applied work in private instruction.

As these proposals were read to the faculty at their December meeting, it is unlikely anything extraordinary will be brought up this Monday. If the creation of majors in Anthropology and Music is approved by the faculty, available major fields at Bates will increase from nineteen to twenty-one.

By Cherwell Cholmondeley

Ralph Kirschbaum, who says the New Haven Register, "is on his way to being one of the world's greatest cellists," will perform at Bates College, Sunday, Feb. 3, at 4:00 p.m. in the College Chapel. The recital is part of the 1973-74 Bates Concert-Lecture Series. The public is invited to attend. Admission will be charged.  

Kirschbaum, the young American violinist, studied with Andre Navarra on a French Government grant. He later graduated magna cum laude from Yale in 1968, attaining highest departmental honors in music theory, election to Phi Beta Kappa, and winning the Quincy Porter and Wexham prizes for his contributions to the musical life of the community.

Mr. Kirschbaum has been a top prize winner in every musical competition he has entered since the age of 15. After graduation, he studied with Andre Navarra on a French Government grant. He later competed in the Fourth International Annual Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow, where he won sixth prize — the only cellist from a western country to be named a prize winner.
world," Bates College begat a new son – an organization that was to be called "The Afro-Am," and it was good and it was done.

Now, rumor had it that Pharaoh (the administration, the Man, the power structure, clear folks, what have you) in reality wanted this organization more than the Negro-ites did, because the Negro-ites were of a very reluctantly typical nature – for they were either very leery of clear people wearing gigs or maybe it just wasn’t their thing yet.

I guess Pharaoh was shaking his head saying "Those so and so people won’t get together for nothing; even if you used all the glue in the world those people would find some way to separate from each other."

A short time passed and the Afro-Am began to see the light. As a matter of fact it was Pharaoh’s light leading the multitudes forth, leading them on, through Chase Hall, on through the Quad to Lane Hall, (I’ll tell you, those people are just like baby chickens – they’ll follow anything.)

Anyway, Pharaoh’s law was to be spoken. "You boys and girls can have it your way, but under one condition: provided that in your constitution let it so state that this is an organization to be formed to bring about a better relationship (I've been looking for one for the longest) or understanding between black and white students."

So it was said and so it was done. In light of this law I urge as many non-black students, faculty, etc., to attend the next Afro-Am or to evoke new conceptions of self and/or other people.

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HOCKEY CLUB IMPRESSIVE

This past week saw what was probably some of the finest hockey ever played by the Bates Hockey Club, although a 1-1 record was all the pucksters had to show when it was all over.

Tuesday night, a delegation from New Hampshire Vocational-Technical College visited the Youth Center and took the game by a 3-1 margin. After Jeff Whitaker (currently the team's leading scorer) gave the 'Cats a lead in the first period, New Hampshire scored three beautiful goals on Mike Larkin in the second and third periods. The first was on a bouncing long shot, the second was a tip-in, and the third was a deflection. Bates, meanwhile, collected nothing more than "almosts" and post shots, even though they completely outplayed the visitors.

The Winter Carnival game turned out much better for our side. Clark University came up from Worcester (Actually, the whole school didn't uproot itself and travel to Loyston, that's just a journalistic form) to absorb a 5-3 loss at our hands. (Actually, the whole school didn't even play much better for our side. Clark was all over.

Last night, Bates travelled to Bridgton Academy to take on their post-grads. All this, however, is in preparation for Sunday's meeting with the University of Maine at Orono. Revenge will be the first thing on the Garnet minds as they think back to last year's 8-1 loss. Plan to be out there: It's another in a long string of 3:45 games.

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CATS CONQUER CLARK

COWED BY COLBY

By Rick Pierson

One loss and one win comprised the (unspectacular) fruits of another frustrating week in the Bates basketball team's quest for respectability. Now, a 50% won-lost percentage is nothing to scoff at, particularly at a school whose athletic prowess is comparable to the San Diego Padres in an off-year. In this case, however, the loss could have, indeed should have been averted.

An aggressive zone defense coupled with some torrid shooting had propelled the Bobcats to a 24-7 first-half lead against arch-rival Colby. The rest of the game, unfortunately, was all downhill for the Cats. Their shooting touch took an early bus back to Lewiston and their zone was crippled by the periodic absences of a foul-plagued Mike Edwards, whose quick hands and shot-blocking expertise had accounted for several Colby turnovers. The end result was a 78-70 victory for the Colby Mules, despite a splashy 23-point performance by Dan Glenney.

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The finish of the 45-yard dash in last Saturday's meet with Colby. From left to right: John Egan, Bob Littlefield, Bob Fiftal, John Jenkins, and Rich Goldman. Bates swept with Goldman and Littlefield tied for first, and Jenkins taking third.

SLOVENSKIMEN SMASH HAPLESS COLBYS

By Rich Goldman

In front of a sparse Winter Carnival crowd, the Bates Thinelads (as they are commonly referred to in track circles) overran an already enfeebled Colby Team by a score of 99-19. Bates won eleven out of twelve events and both relays. It seemed as though we were asleep. When you awake, you will think at all?

Bill Bardaglio bagged the Golden Goose Award for his record breaking jump of six feet-eight inches. Bardaglio has been one of the most consistent performers this season, having previously jumped six feet six inches a number of times. Bob Cedrone was a double winner by out distancing his opponents in the weight and in the shot put. Other field event winners were Tom Wells in the pole vault and Paul Grillo in the triple jump. Bruce Merrill, who has been running very well since the Christmas break, was the other double winner. Merrill, Norm Graf, and Scott Bierman swept the mile run and then Bruce came back and won the two mile. Bob Littlefield, Rich Goldman, and John Jenkins swept the dash; and Bruce Wicks, Gary Richardson, and Bill Coulome did the same in the 600. Chris Taylor and Clyde Lungekow took the 1000, and hundle, respectively. The track team travels to Burlington, Vermont, to try to better their 6-2 record at the hands of UVM next weekend. Their next and last home meet will be February 9 when they will attempt to defend their State Meet Title.

DO you think she loves you? Do you think at all?
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SCIENCE reporter needed to cover Lewiston's science scene & procure programs, literature. & papers for research firm. Write Berliner research Center, Berliner Research Building, Danbury, Conn. 06810. Money involved.

WILL the lucky thracle who beat the Hamilton kid for his gym bag send it to the Athletic Dept. Hamilton, N.Y. 117. Sure. FAID Tutoring. I need advanced senior high-school math tutoring, pref. a Jr. or Sr. Contact Michele, Box 170.

THANKS for your kind note, Linwood.

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DID THE VIKINGS really sail up the Androscoggin and settle at Lisbon Falls? If not, why is there an old Viking statue in the park? For further details, call 4-9281.

SCOOTER: Welcome back. We missed your letters to the Editor, even "if the Editor didn't.

COPY RUNNER will no longer be responsible for untyped articles turned in at the last minute. All future contributions of this nature will be run in your original handwriting. JG.
Decadence: Rome to USA

By Karen Olson

America has paralleled ancient Rome historically, according to Dr. Feaver, a professor of archaeology and classics at Lehigh University, who lectured in the Skelton Lounge last Wednesday and Thursday night.

"I'm going to moralize from history," Dr. Feaver told some 40 to 50 Batesians, and proceeded to do just that. In his first presentation, "Ripe and Rotten," Dr. Feaver described the gradual breakdown of traditional Roman morality and religion around the first century A.D. His second lecture, "By Their Fruits," tried to show America a way out of its current problems through examination of how the Romans survived their empire's corruption.

"Moralizing from history is very out of style - so long out of style that I might be able to sneak it in and start a new trend," Dr. Feaver began. "However, we've come across an age where moral questions seem not only relevant but central. Moral questions are being asked of the academic professors who for the most part have tried to avoid them in the past."

"Rome, Dr. Feaver feels, is a "paradigm" - a simplified example - of what America has become. Not so much the specific events as - of what America has become.

But Augustus was a product of his own generation. It was a generation that had come upon possession of great economic wealth. They had all the Mediterranean for an empire, the art and philosophy of Greece and Egypt, the material wealth of the Orient." Dr. Feaver described Augustus as, in other words, what today's middle-aged parents see in their post-depression youngsters.

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"Some things are better and some things are worse under Augustus," said Horace. The good things were all material - food, warmth, circuses. The bad things were corruption and loss of ethics.

Obsolete cults and astrology became popular. People fell into neurotic love affairs and personal despair. Petronius, one of the most educated men of his time, wrote of parties where the men chased women around.

There was an economic and political crash at the end of the second century. In the third century, emperors lasted only a few months, sometimes a few days. Very unstable.

Entertainment became increasingly sadistic, gross and violent. If a criminal was sentenced to death, he could be ordered to play the part in a drama of someone who died. And he'd be actually killed there on stage. The gladiatorial games performed up to 185 days a year; nearly every other day a dozen people could be bumped off.

America today may not be quite so overtly decadent, but Dr. Feaver sees similar corruption in its core. He told Batesians Thursday night to turn to religion for their relief. His thesis was that this was what saved the Roman people in the end, and that this might therefore save Americans.

To illustrate this opinion, Dr. Feaver drew a comparison between Seneca and Saul of Tarsus, two contemporaries with very similar philosophies.

Seneca could write nice mottos like "If you want to be loved, love." But his ideas bore no fruit. He had a chance to tutor the person who would be at the top, the young Nero, but he wasn't a success. Nero ended up murdering his mother, maneuvering to win the Olympic games, playing his lyre as Rome burned, and using Christians as human torches to light his parties.

"But Saul's ideas achieved results. They changed lives individually and collectively. The Christian religion promised fruit of character that could survive and provide happiness in the middle of this swamp of intellectual despair," Dr. Feaver opined.

During most of Thursday's lecture Dr. Feaver elaborated his view that America, like early Christians, should turn to religion for relief of current corruption.

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