EXAM WEEK HASSELE

To the faculty:

For the first time in recent years, there are only 40 hours between the end of classes and the beginning of final exams. This problem is compounded by the administration of GRE’s on Saturday, Dec. 14 (a full exam day according to the schedule) and the fact that many courses open to freshmen have exams during the first two days.

To remedy this problem we have suggested that the schedule be changed so that after the first examination day (Dec. 13) there is a two-day break before the remainder of exams. This necessitates lengthening by one day an already extraordinarily long semester, but due to this most unfortunate current schedule, we feel that the extension is justified and fully warranted.

Alternate methods for obtaining the extra day, such as taking it from class time, appear impossible as they would necessitate the revamping of syllabi, lectures, etc.

Therefore, in the interest of alleviating some of the unnecessary pressure from what is inevitably a pressure-packed experience, we urge the faculty to approve the change in schedule at the faculty meeting at their November meeting.

To the Editor:

This article is a rebuttal to Darrell Waters’ critique on Etheridge Knight.

I felt it would be a mistake for a Black poet to express his own experiences as opposed to situations he hasn’t experienced? We felt that the strength of Knight’s poems was in his ability to relate experiences to people who were willing to at least try to understand. On the surface, Knight appeared somewhat narrow but in looking into his poetry, it is evident that he expressed an abundance of universal human emotions.

For example, his poem, “All Fucked Up,” is an illustration of his universality. He talks about a happening which is common to everyone, male or female, young or old, black or white. The poem is about the death of someone you love. If that is narrow, then what is being open-minded?

Knight talks about his experiences in prisons. To some this might be a narrow view of black

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BIG BURGER RIP-OFF

Last week very few faculty members received their weekly Student. There were no newspapers in the book store, and none sent to the library (or the permanent files). And even many students were minus their Student – apparently their boxmates had sticky fingers.

It was one of our best issues, and nobody read it. Why? Because hamburger-gluttons were out in full force scavenging for the free “Big Mac” coupons. We estimate 300 to 500 newspapers fell prey to the hamburger-hunters, in batches as big as 60 at a time.

It’s not much use trying to be idealistic and ask people to take only their share. So we will now convince you that it is to your benefit to refrain from such hauls in the future:

1. Student gripes against teachers and administrators serve no purpose if the paper they are printed in cannot be distributed to the faculty members in control. Your activity fee helps finance The Student – Don’t waste!

2. We are giving MacDonalds a cut advertising rate when they offer coupons of benefit to students, and we are no longer going to run the ad at all if it is not of benefit to The Student. Will anyone who has a copy of the Oct. 24 paper please drop it in the PA Office lock box or in Room 305 Parker, so that a few can be distributed to key administrators, so that two can go in the library files?

Thank you.

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BLACK GAP

Dear Sirs,

There have been some pretty good appraisals of the cultural gap encountered by black here at Bates in the last two issues of the Student, and I’d like to throw in my two cents worth. How true they are! For instance, when was the last time you heard somebody say “jive” or “you’re man” in Lewiston? How many cars around here have you seen with gangster white-whites, or shag-clothed glove compartments? And – perhaps worst of all – how many restaurants around here know that “soul food” doesn’t mean the fish? Good Lord, the poor or indolent-more-black-African-Americans are in a cultural desert here.

My sarcasm doesn’t mean I don’t recognize the worth of the problem, though. Having been an American living off-base overseas, I am at least partly familiar with the feeling of being virtually surrounded by people “different” from yourself. But even at the short, end of the stick it’s fairly Continued on p 6

NASTY NOTE

To the editor:

A brief, nasty note about last week’s issue.

First of all, it struck me that an apparent fan of “socialist realism” in art shouldn’t be assigned the review of Robert Pepenig’s pottery. Secondly, it seemed to me that even a lambasting masquerading as reasonable criticism ought to include the name of the artist in question and what he calls his works (Raku pottery). Barbara Braman did neither. Ms. Braman ought to spend an afternoon contemplating Rome’s monument to Vittorio Emanuelle. As a reviewer, she deserves it.

I couldn’t care less. Mr.

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QUICKIES!!!

THE BAND PLAYS
By Doug MacSwan

A week from Friday the Chase Hall Committee will sponsor a concert by the Pousette-Dart String Band. Led by Jon Pousette-Dart, a co-founder of the band, the concert will be held on the weekend of Feb. 14. 15 and 16, featuring appearances at clubs and colleges throughout New England.

A variety of music will be played, ranging from folk and country to rock and roll. The Pousette-Dart String Band's progress should be worth following.

C.A. News
By Stan Dinock

The ISC, now a part of the Campus Association, is organizing course evaluations for the last quarter of this semester. Course evaluations will be offered to second semester students this year; evaluations are intended to be helpful in choosing which to take. Booklets will be available at the concierge Monday. Professors will also receive copies of the booklets.

CA wishes to remind student organizations that they may not use CA's new mail service for personal letters. These should be delivered by group members at the post office. CA also requests that those sending large quantities of mail, such as party invitations, arrange them according to box number.

Of 349 students questioned in a recent poll, 282 indicated that they have no need for a shuttle bus service to the Portland jetport. Sixty-seven students said they thought such a service would be useful. Of those questioned, 297 never use the jetport, whereas 52 go there occasionally or frequently. These results are being sent to the jetport and CA will be notified if such a service is feasible.

Carnival Caravan

The French Club is sponsoring a trip to Quebec City this February during the annual "Carnaval d'Hiver," Winter Carnival. The Carnival, much like Mardi Gras, begins two weeks before Lent and features continuous street dancing, drinking contests, parades, ice tobogganering, etc.

There will be space for some 45 people at the weekend of Feb. 14, 15 and 16, leaving early Friday morning and returning late Sunday.

Some $23 to $25 will be charged to cover all expenses, including lodging and breakfast in a monastery.

French Club members will have first priority, but the trip will be open to the rest of the college if more people are needed to fill the bus. Professors Alexis Caron and Michael O'Dea will accompany the group.

Anyone interested in going should see Carleen LePage immediately.

Commens Congestion
By Steven Wice

Are Bates students getting a fair deal where Commons is concerned? The Food Committee of the Representative Assembly doesn't seem to think so.

On Wednesday, Sept. 25, the Food Committee met for first time with Dean James Cargman; Craig Canedy, Food Services Director; and Bernard Carpenter, Vice President for Business Affairs. Also present were the members of the R.A. committee, chairman Tod Goble '76, Steven Wice '78, Liz Mackie '76, Sandy Shea '75, and Charlie Zell '77.

At the first meeting many suggestions were proposed. Some of the suggestions included: moving the salad bar to avoid congestion at the soda fountain, posting someone outside Commons around 5 p.m. to tell those in line whether or not they will make the 5:15 p.m. cutoff point, shortening the gap to ten minutes and possibly extend dinnertime another ten minutes and finally to remove all food from the counters during the break so that the first few students who enter after the break won't get an ice cold supper.

However, at the present time only the first suggestion has been acted upon by the administration. The gap, which is not ten minutes but sometimes longer than the original 15 minutes, occurs without notice many times before the established 5:15 p.m. cut-off time. Also, food is still left out on the counters during this break.

Another meeting was to be held Tuesday, after The Student went to press, to try and straighten out some of the problems with Commons.

However, students are still urged to use the Costello, Rowe and Ramsdell Rooms, and to try to avoid the 5 p.m. rush hour. They are also assured that if anyone is in the dinner line at 6:15 p.m., the doors of Commons will not be closed on them.

Give to Garnet
By P. E. Cate

The Garnet staff is currently soliciting for its December edition contributions of any sort specifically artwork, photographs, essays, poems, and prose fiction. The deadline has been moved ahead one week, from tomorrow to Friday, Nov. 8 to allow folks more time to get their material together. A system is being set up so all works may be evaluated anonymously, that is, without the judges' knowledge of identity of the author.

Written material should be no more than six to eight pages in length, submitted typed, double-spaced. Drawings and photographs, where possible, should be no larger than the average 8½ x 11" sheet. Photos should be black and white. The Garnet will not be printing in color. Work may be turned in at the library main desk folder; to The Garnet, Box 369; or given to the following people: Paul Haskell, Peter Cate, Ernie Hudley, Maria Spanos, Carolyn Parsons, or Jeff Burton.

Chute Tonight
Robert Chute will give a poetry reading at 7:30 tonight in Skelton Lounge. His subject is "Wonder Bread, the problems of being white in a white society." The reading is sponsored by the Sawyer Biological Association.

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Proctor Problems?

Editor's note: Due to recent complaints about the efficiency of the proctor system, The Bates Student has decided to run a two-part feature story on the issue. This week, John Howe interviews Dean Judith Isaacson, in charge of proctor selection and advisory. Next week, The Student prints an interview with Cam Stewart and Bob Littlefield, heads of the two main proctor groups.

By John Howe

"We need a presence in the dormitories, we need a person who will take the responsibility in case of an emergency, dorm damage, we need someone to communicate with the administration when it is appropriate," says Dean Judy Isaacson.

"Thus, there are 46 proctors at Bates, a number that could have been increased with responsibilities ranging from counseling freshmen to protecting college property. Proctors are paid $250 a year to administer these responsibilities. Nevertheless, the efficiency and value of the proctor system has been under question in recent weeks. Students wonder whether proctors are doing their jobs and whether these jobs really need to be done. Dean Isaacson answers with a strong "yes."

"When students complain about problems in their dorms, they usually feel that the proctor couldn't do anything about it," explains Dean Isaacson. She gave the example of a student who complained of excessive noise in his dorm, and who concluded his complaint with: "but the proctor couldn't do anything about it."

The problem of the proctor being unable to do anything about a problem is a serious threat to the existence of the proctor system. The administration at Bates feels the solution to the problem is multiple meetings and conferences with students. When a complaint is made, the proctor is automatically called in for a conference with the dean. Dean Isaacson also described the bi-monthly meetings of the proctors and the deans as being a forum "where both the proctors and the administration can talk about proctors' problems and responsibilities."

Dean Isaacson also explains that she meets with all the proctors at least once in small group luncheon meetings, where the runnings of particular dorms are discussed.

Some proctors are involved in a steering committee made up of three representatives from each dormitory group: men's council, women's council, and mixed dormitory council. This committee meets every two weeks to discuss proctor selection, room selection, and any other issues that arise from the fulfillment of their responsibilities. They try to design a new policy to meet students needs the best.

In the past, policies for proctor responsibilities have varied. This year the steering committee is trying to arrive at some general agreement and conclusion as to the role of the proctor. Some interest limiting the number of years one can serve as proctor to one. One suggestion list from the mixed dormitory council suggests the amplification of specific responsibilities to general roles. An example would be to tell proctors, not "to counsel freshmen" but "to be an advisor" (both academic and personal).

Dean Isaacson feels that the proctor system is still very valuable. But she also realizes that proctors have their problems. One is that "proctors in large dorms feel they have a hard time getting to know fellow residents and feel they have a hard time developing a relationship that makes the fulfilling of their responsibilities possible."

Among the possible solutions to these problems, Dean Isaacson especially advocates increasing the proctor-resident ratio in certain dorms. "We probably should add any more proctors but we might move a proctor into a spot where he or she is needed from a spot where he or she isn't, maybe even increase the ratio of proctors where freshmen live," she says.

Another big concern of students is in the area of proctor election. "Students should take it seriously," says the Dean, explaining that "the number of votes a candidate gets is not the sole determining factor in the selection."

In voting for proctors, students rate candidates on a spot, and a proctor is elected. "The quality of the votes is just as important as the number of votes," says Dean Isaacson.

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people, it might even be considered stereotyping all Blacks as having prison records. However, Blacks, proportionately make up a large percent of those who are in prisons. The average person at one time or another during his life comes across someone who has been in prison and has to admit that there are diverse personalities incorporated in this aspect of human experience.

If Knight's program has been viewed in its entirety with an objective mind, the diversity would have been evident.

Our last argument was why it Knight's mistake to consider Blackness first, and a second, second? Why is it wrong to have pride in being Black and being willing to communicate that Blackness and that experience to people?

And herein lies his mistake?

Afro-American Society
By Fred Grant

Last Saturday, 200 years ago, the First Continental Congress adjourned in Philadelphia. By Thursday of the following week, most of the representatives were on their way home, bringing news of the radical happenings at the Congress—the rejection of Mr. Galloway’s compromise, the decision for a boycott of British goods, and the vote in favor of the openly subversive Suffolk resolves.

The representatives had indeed put lives and sacred honor on the line, and to many it seemed independence would be only a matter of time. The world watched as the fuse on the American revolutionary bomb was lit, a bomb that would go off with a report that can still be heard today.

We are approaching, as we are a little too aware, the 200th anniversary of that great upheaval, and many groups are coming forth to celebrate it. The official national Bicentennial organization, the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, is headquartered at Jackson Place, in Washington, D.C., and has quite a history.

Original plans for the Bicentennial observance, as mapped out by Congress in the mid-1960s, were for the celebration to be run from 1973 to 1983, a period corresponding to the years of the American Revolution. Then, quite without warning, President Nixon went before the nation on July 4, 1971, in a special television address and announced—to the surprise of Congress—that the official Bicentennial Commission, which was being changed to 1971-1976, that being a period against which the project had been fashioned, and many groups are coming forth to celebrate it. The official national Bicentennial organization, the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, is headquartered at Jackson Place, in Washington, D.C., and has quite a history.

The People’s Bicentennial now being organized in Maine is repulsed by this. We believe the ideals of the American Revolution are important and deserve consideration at this time, and to think that the majority of them would have been realized in 1776.

We believe America’s revolutionary heritage is sacred and vital, and feel the deepest contempt for those Tories who choose to profit off our 200th anniversary. We have never heard such raunchy, glibishments issued “in their honor” over the heads of the promoters.

In an interview dealing with the Bicentennial Commission, said the Iowa Bicentennial Commission, said “Principles are nice, but they don’t make the cash register ring.” This is what we’re up against.

The Maine People’s Bicentennial Commission is organizing now, and can really use the assistance of Bates & community Patriots. All are invited to contact the author of this article at Box 337, Bates College.

Join us in reviewing, reaffirming and implementing the basic principles upon which this nation was founded!
Good-bye, Sabattus Cabin

By John Blatchford

The sign outside the BOC booth in Chase Hall read "Work trip to Sabattus Cabin" or something to that effect. But the catch was the price: 25 cents. That’s 25 cents in the USA. So this reporter thought he’d go on this first Sabattus trip and save a few quarters more than those who go on the extravagant mountain climbing trips.

Sabattus Mountain is no Everest, yet, we can profit from some other people’s reactions to the same problem. The log cabin was built in the mid-’30s and was used as a weekend camping spot. But throughout the cabin’s history, particularly in the ’60s, it went downhill physically, due to harsh weather and vandalism.

Bates students used the cabin, but not enough to merit the extensive repairs necessary to put it back in good shape. Inside the cabin, it was very dark, the only light being a flickering candle on the front door. (There were two windows, a few years ago, but the owners put plates over them, to keep out vandalism.) So, at the Sept. 11 meeting of BOC, the cabin and its problem were recommended for removal. It was started on Sept. 28 as a project to dismantle the cabin. With five people working, they managed to remove the roof, leaving the single door intact.

Last Saturday, 12 people showed up to work on the cabin. The crew consisted of Dotty Sammons, Middy Estabrook, Linda Jones, Ginger Anglevine, Tod Goble, Brad Hammond, Lester Kenway, Andy Malkiel, Bill Miller, Tim Sacc, Jim Simon, and John Blatchford. Lester Kenway was the group leader.

This group worked as hard as any I’ve ever seen. Hundreds of pounds of bricks, lumber, and shingles were moved down a steep slope, covered with slippery leaves and rocks. Trying to keep one’s footing is hard enough, while carrying 50 pounds of shingles, while wearing vibram-soled boots. It was even more difficult for those having smooth-soled shoes, which had all the traction on the leaf-coated slope as a new pair of Rastios have on hard-packed snow.

By noon, the group had stacked all the logs of the cabin, and had taken quite a bit of the frame and the bricks (from the chimney) down the slope. (The bricks and beams covered a point about 200 yards down from the cabin, where Jim Simon’s 4WD Toyota could be used to carry the stuff.) The job was all but done by 5 p.m.

Lester Kenway, one of the two Directors of the Cabin and The Directorship, told The Student that a replacement will be built for the Sabattus Cabin. It will be built in a more secluded place near the town of Webster, and will be a cabin, but not a house, as the group design doesn’t invite any breaking in. The property was made available to the Outing Club by a friend of the college.

Another group will finish the job soon. It is recommended that those going bring old clothes, gloves, a warm jacket, and good, heavy boots.

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is doing this year.

A feminist poet is a possibility. But before we bring in a lot of heavy emotional stuff, there’s a lot of groundwork that needs to be done. For instance, some concentration in updating. And that means a bunch of people, male and female, students & faculty, getting together and talking.

Some real communication like there doesn’t seem to be too much of around here. Really getting down to what’s wrong and why is the male-female conflict in this campus. The well-publicized dating situation, discrimination against female students and professors, the problems guys face dealing with sexual stereotypes, will all be discussed and argued and torn apart.

It’s expected to bring a whole lot of people to the open who have never thought something can be done about them. This session is designed for a broader appeal, so start watching the newsletter and bulletin boards for the exact date. Once the course starts, we’ll have that problem exists, and not until then, we can profit from other people’s reactions to the same problem.

WHATS GOING DOWN

Newman is more than Three Dog Night will ever be, and that the Village really does exist in the mind.

Fellow students, these and other dark matters must be observed by you. A small clique is getting access to these proceedings at your disadvantage. Remember, the Chapel Bell Plot was detected by only one reporter. Fellow students, please remain vigilant.

Another matter has come to my attention by letter. It was not lucid because of the burns and tomato stains. It read the matter...am Bates performer trapped on W. Street...morning after, much demanded by the women's community who chained to column. The coffeehouse is dead. Vespers is Sacrifice. Chase Hall doesn’t think there is any talent. No wonder they keep me chained down here in the basement. They don’t know I exist. They don’t know my friends exist.

How should a writer respond to such a plea. Find out next week. More light, more light!

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obvious that the large part of the burden of integration rests on the shoulders of the minority. Especially when it's as far out of the way as Bates.

As things stand now, it would be pretty hard and financially bad for the Chase Hall Committee to bring a "soul" group to Bates, because the potential audience isn’t too big. And with the handful of blacks at Bates comprising most of the blacks in the whole area, you can't really expect the space to stock many black-oriented goods, or the restaurants much food. And you can't really expect 1000 plus whites to go very far out of their way to make 45 or so blacks feel comfortable at home. This is unfortunate, but it’s true.

I'm not saying that the Bates store carries a lot of poor Afro comb or black clothes (although I sometimes think the term "black clothing" makes the Bates store think of skin lightening cream) or that white whites couldn’t take a little interest in the Afro-Am society; but I am saying that due to circumstances beyond their control, it is largely up to the blacks of this school to make some additional effort to show it, to put it bluntly, if they’re not willing to make that effort then they should either take the way they are now, or admit that they’re in the wrong place.

David Brooks

(The Bates Student would like to proceed to at least two of the students who have most closely written about interracial relations at Bates. Should not be addressed "Dear Sirs.")

Archie ‘Makes Sense’

By John Howe

"Mr. MacLeish has lived a full and rich life...he has lived the life of a poet, he became involved in the issues of the times." That’s how Prof. Barbara Kaster of Bowdoin College introduced the American poet Archibald MacLeish, who gave a poetry reading at Bowdoin on Oct. 21. Prof. Kaster, Professor of Oral Interpretation, continued to describe the many accomplishments, awards and achievements that make the 82-year-old poet noted in his field. These include 15 honorary degrees, three Pulitzer prizes, and his service as Assistant Secretary of State during World War Two.

Mr. MacLeish spoke to a full auditorium. "The message in a poem, in a poem, there is an experience of life that can be lived again, it can be true for the poet and true for the listener if he hears," he began.

"The poet tries to make some sense out of this chaos we are born into," he continued, reading from his latest book, concerning childhood, youth, old age, love, and the art of poetry.

Archibald MacLeish is perhaps best known for his play "J.B.", a modernized version of the Biblical story of Job, and also for his work on the Declaration of the Rights of the United Nations.

Those dozen who attended the reading from Bates said they were impressed with his sincerity, and his belief in the ability of poetry to "make experiences in life livable.""Mr. MacLeish’s poems enthralled, as Prof. Kaster said, both the fact that he believed in truth and did not always see it," and his feeling that "we have made and unmade the young."

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Waters wants to climb on his soap box and talk about Bates apathy in his review of a poetry reading, but it does only seem fair to note that Chase Lounge was filled to overflowing for the event. I’ve made the same point myself, so I won’t comment further.

It’s lots of fun being an institution, but it doesn’t change the hurt when the likes of Mr. Brooks (Flix...Flix) accuses me of ruining Bates’ sense of humor. I can’t comment specifically, but I know I haven’t, hugs. Moreover, I thought the two misspelling in his column were hilarious. Ha, ha, ha. . . . didn’t think his cute little joke was going to work for weeks ago.

So what?

Yours in deadly seriousness,
Fred Grant
LACK OF OFFENSE KEYS LOSS
By Bob Littlefield

For the fourth time this year the Bobcats’ inability to register points on the scoreboard led to a loss. This past Saturday it came at the hands of Norwich University 16-0. It was a case of two differently played halves as the Bobcats showed both offensive and defensive strength in the first half. The second half, however, proved to be a different story as the offense got bogged down, losing its effectiveness, and the defense fell victim to several bad breaks.

The only threat by Norwich in the first half was a fifty-yard drive that resulted in a 13-yard field goal. To call it a drive is actually a mistake, as it was Bates penalties that kept the drive going. Offensively, the Bobcats moved the ball quite well. They put together a 60-yard drive that was highlighted by some fine running by Jim Geitz and Gary Pugatch. The same jinx that has plagued the offense in all four of their losses then set in. After moving the ball at will down the field, the drive stalled at the twenty. Sparky Godiksen attempted a field goal but it was blocked. The score remained 3-0 for the rest of the half. When the teams went to their respective locker rooms, Bates could be given the nod as the better club.

This opinion changed in the second half. A Hugo Colosante pass was intercepted and returned to the Bobcat 30. The defense took over and pushed them back to the 45. The Cadets were forced to punt and the Bobcats were ready to jog off the field with a job well done when the Norwich punter flipped a pass to a wide open receiver who ran unscathed for a touchdown. The kick was good and the score was 10-0.

Sparky kept it from being a touchdown. It was not long, though, before the Cadets took advantage of their great field position and took it in for the final score.

With three minutes remaining the Bates offense came alive and began to move. A few key passes by Colosante and some good running by Geitz, Pugatch, and Hugo brought it down to the one with a minute to go. Once again, however, the drive stalled and the ball was turned over on downs and the Cadets were assured of their shutout.

Kevin Murphy should be pointed out not only for his outstanding performance on Saturday but for his solid play all year. He consistently came up with the big hit from his line-backing position.

In fact, all of Murph’s defensive companions played well. A little bit of offensive power would have made the game a different story.

This week the Bobcats are back home on Garcelon field for the first time since September. The Homecoming crowd will see the first game of the CBB series when the Bobcats take on the Bowdies at 1:30.
THE SOPHIST

By Charles Schafer

"If a person fears someone, he's showing disrespect." — Charles Turner, The Bates Student, Oct. 24, 1974

Disrespect? thought the Sophist? What has fear got to do with respect? Does not Job, for instance, tell us that, "the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom."? And Job, surely, was not being disrespectful. Nevertheless, Mr. Turner's words had a certain sound of truth about them, and the Sophist sat down to see whether he could show that the two statements were both, somehow, correct.

It is interesting to note that, when Job began his great quarrel with God, he was not particularly afraid of him. Having been brought lower than the dust, he no longer had reason to fear anything: no greater misfortune could befall him. Thus he was free to stand up and attempt to justify himself before God.

The argument was finally settled, and Job brought back to his God. That is, the source of ethical imperatives. Fear God (says God) not because of ethical imperatives. Because God's will is the definition of righteousness. To obey God is necessarily, to do good.

This, then, is the philosophical justification for Mr. Turner's complaint. As a law-abiding citizen (the law, in our secular society, taking the place of Divine commandment) he may justly claim that no other law-abiding citizen has the right to be afraid of him. To fear Mr. Turner is to deny him that civility to which, as one who recognizes the law, he is entitled (note his ironic comment that, "I was taught long ago to respect you for what you are!").

So it would seem, insofar as the Sophist is able to follow his own sophistry, Mr. Turner has the right of it. The best of luck, Mr. Turner, obeying that command is the moral thing to do.

It is this matter of predictability which is at the root of the relationship between fear and respect. God is to be feared, certainly, insofar as his fury, when aroused, is irresistible. But, on the other hand, we need not fear to obey him; in doing so, we will not be seduced into error.

But what has all this to do with Bateses? The righteous need not fear God because God combines his strength with righteousness. When we fear lesser things, however, this fear is a tacit declaration that what we fear is both potent and unpredictable. (If we are not righteous, we face an altogether different situation: the fear of getting our just deserts. But such fear is unworthy of anyone who takes his morality seriously.)

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PERSONALS... CHEAP THRILLS...

Congratulations Mark, Smitty and Ken! Who's next?

WANTED: Female companionship for lonely male. Leave a note for Pinky. Box 446. No experience necessary.

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For a Late Snack, at 345 Main St., the lot at Getty Gas, open 7 nights a week 8 p.m.-2 a.m., Fri & Sat till 3 a.m., Hamburgers, Fries, Steamed Hot Dogs...

ANSWERMAN ENTERPRISES PRESENTS

Ask Answerman


Dear Answerman,

We heard that Prof. Thumm, previously long-time stalwart of Bates tradition, is giving a test which (sic) will allow his students to "show their genius" and "apply their intelligence". We are greatly worried at this shocking subversion of academic evaluation.

We hope that Dr. Thumm will return to the Tried & True testing method which rewards students for feeding back the lecture notes.

We fear that Thumm's decadent approach will warp & maladjust wholesome Batesies. What can we do to prevent this perfidy from recurring henceforth?

Too Befuddled

(Ozgroo Phlatertschlump)

Dear to be fiddled,

Like your name.

As for your letter, it's interesting (unusual for a product of Bates). Lots of implications.

For one, it gives me an excuse to be positive. Know no one's going to like it, but it's happening anyway. Bates is on the upswing. It has been ever since Thed got here, and it ought to continue to be for some more years. This is good; that diploma of yours is going to be carrying a little more weight. Gratefully, with our economy that's the difference between hawkwing greeting cards and pumping gas, but it is a difference.

Alright, this means you work harder. My heart bleeds for you, but just try to consider the other end. Consider the poor slob who took a prof's position just as a job, and has been using the same lecture notes for the last 15 years. He's in trouble. Sees the brighter, younger guys (gals) in the department get nailed. Someiterate. And the dumber students go to his course. Is bright enough to see the problem; makes his course harder. Another Bates gut bites the dust.

I'm giving no advice on how to "prevent this perfidy". You can suffer. Also, Thumm's an unfair example. He's decent, if hard. Passing his course is your problem, not mine.

And judging by your writing style, that's a big problem. Also, I've never met a "wholesome" Batesian, and this observation leads into the problem of how the profs view the students. Did it occur to you that might have been veiled sarcasm? Genius? Intelligence?

— ANSWERMAN

Dear Answerman,

Who got it? You're good at this sort of thing.

— Bates Faculty

Dear Batfeld,

Answer in code.

PRO — Mi, Ru, Br, Ha, He.

CON — Ke, Ja, Mo, Ya.

You bet I'm good.

— ANSWERMAN

"Ethnic-Ash" will hold an organizational meeting Friday in the Rumanian room. A buffet upper of grape leaves and cabbage will follow in Parker.

Dear Reggie, HOW can you STAND it, really, your poem?

Open note to all students wishing to celebrate HALLOWEEN: Meet in front of Hathorn at 10:30 tonight in costume and with bags of candy. We'll cheer up the late-night library grinds.

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INFIRMARY: A Sick Situation

By Larry Block

I never paid much attention when, as a freshman, everybody warned me that the infirmary was the last place to go if I ever got sick. After a frightening experience with the nurses just a few weeks ago, I am convinced that the quality of medical care available in the infirmary is far below that which ought to be provided to the students of Bates College, especially for our present tuition of $4,550.

Moreover, I believe that the general attitude of the infirmary staff, as well as their inability to properly react and make sound decisions in an emergency situation poses a serious threat to the student body. A change in the system must take place to insure efficient medical services on campus, as we certainly don't have that now. I would like to illustrate the incompetence in the present system with the following true accounts.

Just a few weeks ago I walked into the infirmary with severe chest pains, demanding to immediately see a doctor or to be taken to the hospital. In this situation I would have expected the nurse on duty to contact my doctor and then escort me to the hospital. Instead, the only thing she did was nonchalantly say she didn't BELIEVE me.

After having me lie down on the bed and finding my blood pressure and heart rate normal and my pulse rate slow, she said to me, "You just must be nervous." Then she started staring at me in a suspecting manner, and when I asked her why, she replied, "Well, you DID walk over here, so I was afraid that you were having heart attack and died in that place, but because I walked over there I was fine.

After an HOUR, the nurse finally got in touch with the school doctor, who to my surprise (I was far from pacific) told me to come back and she would send me to the hospital. But before I left, she came through with two beautiful remarks: "What do you think it might be?" she asked smirkingly, "a heart or a lung or something?" And as I left in a cab, she said, "If it's not better by tomorrow, be sure to come back!"

Well, I never made it back, as I was found to have a collapsed lung, and was sent to the next two weeks in the hospital.

Talking with fellow students, it is evident that the indifferent attitude displayed by the infirmary staff, as well as their poor decision making, is a rather common occurrence.

Kathy Flom was cut playing field hockey. The nurses said it wouldn't require stitches, and refused to call a doctor or send her to the hospital. After demanding to see a doctor, it was decided that stitches were necessary, but Kathy had to go through quite a hassle to get them.

Tim Bruno had an eye infection, and instead of sending him to a specialist, the infirmary administered medication. The medication proceeded poorly, and eventually she lost the eye and it got worse. After seeing a specialist, the eye was found to be so bad that Tim was sent home to recuperate. (I'm happy to announce he's back on campus and is doing fine.)

Karen Stalk took medication that her family doctor gave her for a stomach virus. She reacted violently to the medication, giving her stomach spasms, and paralyzing her mouth so she couldn't barely talk. When she went to the infirmary they advised her to come back the next day if she didn't feel better. They didn't send her to the hospital, didn't check why she had taken anything that she could have reacted to; they didn't do anything.

The point here is clear. The infirmary staff, perhaps as a result of being too concerned with flushing out hypochondriacs and imposters, fails to administer proper medical care where there is a need. My doctor told me in the hospital that a collapsed lung can cause further complications (like moving the heart over to the right side of the chest), and should be attended to promptly. What is the infirmary doing keeping me there for over 36 hours?

I believe the staff is inexperienced, and that changes MUST take place. I discussed my case with Dean Carigian, but I don't believe he or any of the administration realize the gravity of this matter. I ask all of you who have problems with the infirmary, in the past, and for those treated poorly in the future, to see the Dean and tell him your story. Because if it is medical changes that are not coming about in the system, my advice is take care of yourself, or go directly to the hospital on your own.

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"We're trying to emphasize that this is not for students who play for big stakes, but for those just wanting to try," Doug says. "However, we are going to try and have one shark table for poker hot dogs who want to run up the stakes.."

Doug says he'd like to keep a fairly rapid turnover from table to table. "We'd like people to move on from game to game so they don't take up too much space at certain tables," he says.

The casino is costing a great deal less this year than last year since many of last year's supplies will be used, including card tape, dice, cards. Still, over $500 is invested in Casino Royale II. Those gambling licenses are expensive.

Chase Hall Committee would like to finance a free jukebox in the Den for dancing. That plan is very tempting.

But little else is tentative, at this point. Maureen and Doug have been planning ahead for almost a month. They're looking for 30 to 40 Liberals from the Bates ID. In my heart attack and died in that place, but because I walked over there I was fine.

The easiest game to start out with is faro. Craps is the most difficult, but it's also the most dynamic of games," he continues. "Poker's pretty common knowledge, Baccarat and blackjack are madding. They're not difficult to learn, or they wouldn't be casino games.

Maureen says that pastries "not the Commons kind" – and drinks will cost a nickel apiece. No alcoholic beverages or intoxicated people are permitted on gambling premises, by law; however, Maureen has worked out an alternate menu of Harem's Delight, Screwless Driver, Blackjack, Old Maid and Pocker-Punchy.

"We're putting out a booklet called "Casino Made Easy."

"The rules carefully so you know how to play the games," Doug advises. The booklet should be in post office boxes by the end of this week.

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