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Rooming How The Lottery System Will Work

by David Foster

This Saturday marks the beginning of what actually could be a very exciting experience. On this day, computer-assigned numbers for the class of 77 will be posted on the ramp to Commons and the lottery is a new system for room assignment, its efficacy is anybody's guess. All that can be predicted with any accuracy is the tension that will mount as each student waits for his or her number to come up. Thus, on the 21st, has gotten his number, he then makes his final rooming decisions and reports to Hirawawa Lounge on Monday night armed with a long list of preferred rooms. Available rooms will be posted in the lounge in schematic form, so that when a student's number comes up he will have two minutes to write his name in the square that represents the room he wants. Up-to-date lists will therefore be kept posted, and the numbers will also be announced over WRJR, to give the whole affair an election-night feeling. Once the student has signed for his room, the pressure is off, and he can relax with a beer in the joy or disappointment of knowing definitely where he will live next year.

So how does the number system work? Every student is randomly assigned a number within his class, excluding group rooming forms, where one number will be assigned for all members of the group. (Don't worry about this, if you haven't already signed up for group rooming, the deadline is already past.) If, for instance, you get number 15 and you are planning to live with a roommate who had the misfortune of receiving number 187, you report to Hirawawa around 7 on Monday night, and wait until Cary or Debbie Thomas calls out "fifteen." Then you and your roommate return to the board, and in two minutes to decide which remaining room you want to live in next year. By the time either you or your roommate shows up!

These are the dates upon which lottery numbers will be posted in Commons: Saturday, March 20 — Seniors (77) Wednesday, March 24 — Juniors (78) Saturday, March 27 — Sophomores (79)

The actual assignment of rooms occurs according to this schedule:

- Monday, March 22 — Seniors
- Thursday, March 25 — Juniors
- Monday, March 29 — Sophomores

For the seniors, the whole affair starts at 7:00, and times for the other two classes will be announced later.

The purpose of the lottery system, as regarded by some, is to provide the average Bates student with a wider range of social options than those presently existing on campus. The R.A. believes that by channeling the direction of social functions away from the typical large keg party or cocktail party, the incidence of extraordinary dorm damage will cease.

The idea of such a committee was conceived in a meeting between Dean of Students Judith Isaacson and the Residential Life Committee shortly after the keg party held at Smith South last month. The committee at that meeting was that the limited type party tended also to limit the number of people in attendance.

It is felt by the R.A. that a "party committee" set up under its auspices will encourage a wider range of choices and participation of more students. Bob Larson and Charlie Zelle are working out the details of this committee at present. Rather than set up guidelines saying what not to do, this committee would help to create a more positive form of student socializing.

One function of this committee will be to co-sponsor (or other campus organizations) large events along the idea of Disco, sponsored last semester by Chase Hall Committee and Afro-Am.

A brief investigation was undertaken by the Student to study the present status of parties at Bates. Blue slips, which are the administrative procedure for holding large parties, were analyzed. "Maintenance reports of dormitory damage were also studied.

According to the blue slip forms, there were 65 parties held last semester, with 35 being held to date this semester. These parties ranged in size from 10 people to 300 people. The parties took the form of semi- formal dinners, cocktail parties, birthday parties, Halloween and Christmas parties, keg parties and barbecues. Most of these parties were planned for attendances of between 150-300 people.

Mr. McKenzie of the Maintenance Department says that much of the damage at parties is the extra work of cleaning and rewaxing the floors. He also stated that broken windows and chairs were common.

Dorm damage resulting from these parties generally ranged from nothing to $50. Rand Hall had a bill of $136 for its Jan. 12 keg party. One notable exception to these figures is the damage at Smith South a month ago which has accumulated to $590. However, a majority of the parties had damage bills in the vicinity of $50.
March 21 marks the coming of Spring. It also is the day devoted to moratoriums on the Earth's environment — Earth Day. Many of us have forgotten the days in past years when we went outside and cleaned up streets, parks, and school grounds. Several years back pollution suddenly became a hot issue. Many people felt that the high interest level of the public would die off. Today we once again ask: Have we come very far?

The answer is yes. The Bates curriculum now includes several courses in Ecological Studies. Ecology and Environmental studies have become popular courses not only for Biology majors, but also for Humanities and Social Science majors. Students and faculty members are now participating in a lecture series concerning environmental issues. The opportunities for learning about Ecology and the environment have vastly improved.

We now are seeing that modern life can hurt and destroy the environment. Yet regardless of this education, our society still allows the environment to take a back seat. During the hard choices of the past few years we have been far more interested in other issues rather than for strict environmental issues.

We know today that pollution hurts the earth's environment, which means that it will also hurt human life. Yet we are still willing to pollute the rivers, the air, the land. One of our greatest problems still is what to do with all the trash we discard. We know today that discarding in the "proper places" will not solve our basic problem: waste and pollution of the environment.

On Earth Day 1976 we should reaffirm the drive to recycle everything we can: paper, beer cans, and bottles. Paper recycling boxes are available in every dorm — use them. A recycling bin for cans and bottles could be made available by a group of enterprising students. This group of students might undertake a project that would also involve the Lewiston Community. Finally, environmental issues should be of prime concern to us when deciding who to vote for in the next election.

We need the environment in order to survive. On March 21 we should reaffirm an active stance against the destruction of the environment. A strong Bates recycling project would be a positive step in the right direction.

J.H.H.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

We're looking for new ways and ideas for stimulating the Bates College community. One idea that was suggested was a gathering of students, faculty and others who will afford all the opportunity of meeting one another. Hopefully this will generate other ideas, too.

Every Friday afternoon from 4:00 to 6:00, beginning on March 26, there will be a new opportunity for Bates College to communicate with, relate to, and enjoy other people. The "people" include everyone of the community of Bates —faculty, students, administrators.

Fridays can now be celebrated at the HAPPY HOUR in various hosting dorms where beer, fruit punch and munchies will be provided. The C.A. has appropriated money for the refreshments, but the most important part — the people and the sharing — is up to us. Take advantage of this time every week to get together with others and have a good time.

MARCH 26  PAGE 2  FLOOR LOUNGE
Sincerely, Jane Meary Todd Geble Wendy Korjeff

MAN WALKED ON STILTS FOR 1830 MILES!
SYLVA, N.C. — Imagine, walking on Stilts from Paris to Moscow. It was reported a man did just that in France, 80 years ago. But he got off 50 times. The report states he did it in 58 days.

How about somebody stilt-walking from Watertown, N.Y. to Miami, Fla. without getting off? Now, North Carolina folks who build stilts by hand, say that record can be beaten by an American. The folks at Beacon Company, Sylva, N.C. say they are hand-crafting stilts that will beat that record. They're hoping some college man or woman, or any individual, will contact them to get details on a new stilt-walking contest.

Dear Bates College,

This Monday, when you peer wondrously into your postbox, take a moment to examine the pair of enclosed papers before doing the old crumple and toss. They didn't come easy, and we'd like to think that they warrant a quick eyeball.

Next month, four college grads, (two Batesies no less), will begin a 2,800 mile trek northward from Georgia to Maine along the Appalachian Trail in an effort to raise money for United Cerebral Palsy in Augusta. The format of this extended Walkathon will be an enclosed pledge sheet, soliciting a nominal sum for each mile we can hike.

Nobody likes to ask for money. But the combined potential of a lot of people, pledging even a little is so great, that we were compelled to test the benevolency of our fellow students and friends in the Bates community.

In very specific terms, terms that you can relate to, pledging the entire state of New York won't even cost you the price of a beer at the Goose. In fact, you can have most of northern New England for less than it takes to buy the new Bruce Springsteen album.

So please, you can get high and listen to tunes anytime, but you can only pledge for the money we spend on federal programs. This is Congress would ask to identify inactive duplicative programs so that congressional committees would be able to eliminate or consolidate them as soon as possible.

My bill does not intend to dismantle the government. But it does intend to make certain that we are getting the most for the money we spend on federal programs.

My bill is not an attempt to abandon the goals that we are trying to achieve in federal programs. But it does set up a process for making certain that the programs we have now are helping us reach those goals.

My bill does not aim at stifling the interest in new federal efforts to solve our country's problems. But it does recognize that unless we put our house in order, we will have neither money nor public for new initiatives.

The spending reform program that I have introduced proposes a fundamental change in the way Congress looks at the executive branch. It also proposes a change in the way the bureaucracy deals with Congress.

As I wrote last week, I hope public concern over the performance of government will give us the leverage we need in Congress to get this bill passed into law. But, as is the case for all proposals which change our accustomed way of doing things, I am sure there will be substantial opposition.

The bill is relatively simple:
1. Congress would be required to approve virtually every government program at least once every four years. Otherwise, the program automaticaly goes out of existence. The only exception would be programs like social security and Medicare, to which people contribute with the expectation of future payment.
2. In reviewing these programs, Congress would use a zero-base budget approach. That is, Congress would ask not just how much we should spend for a program, but whether we should spend any money at all for a program.

In this way the executive agencies would be forced to justify each program on its merits. The fact that a program exists would no longer be a reason for continuing it.

3. Congress would be encouraged to make better use of the budget reform process and the General Accounting Office in its review of federal programs.
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Proctors Council Releases Keg Party Guidelines

A collection of suggestions dealing with damage at parties was released by the Ad Hoc Keg Party Guidelines Committee on Monday. The Chairman of the group explained some of the implications of the guidelines to the Student Senate:

"I think the proctors were a little abashed at their inability to solve the Smith problem, so I suggested that we draw up a list of recommendations designed to lower damage at parties. We presented the list to Dean Isaacson in the hopes that the ideas would help her with damage problems. Unfortunately, both President Reynolds and CHet Emmons wanted specific rules which would make decision-making easier. The recommendations have consequently been worded in a more restrictive manner than the committee intended, but I still feel that any person running a party would be wise to follow them. They should prevent any serious damage," says Chairman Dave Foster.

"These rules won't be strictly enforced so don't worry. Maintenance won't show up at 1:30 and chase away large crowds. I just hope that people who go to parties will remember their responsibilities. In the event that things do get damaged, blue-slipper will definitely find themselves liable if they have not followed these precautions."

The guidelines, which will be attached to blue slippers, are as follows:

1. Blue-slippping: Remember you are responsible for any damage that occurs at your party. Let people know this and hopefully your friends won't break anything if they realize that you have to pay for it.

2. Have as many people act as organizers as possible, listing them on the blue slip. We recommend at least one sponsor per 25 people. (This will help to share the cost should damage occur.)

3. Try to organize all aspects of the party beforehand. Assign responsibilities such as policing, clean-up, refreshments, set-ups, doorkeeping.

4. Notify security. Hopefully they will make more stops, especially late at night.

5. Announce a final tap-off time, after which no more alcohol will be opened. In most cases, the party should be over by one o'clock.

6. Don't buy too many kegs. (Estimate carefully how much beer you will need to make sure that the supply does not last beyond the end of the party.)

7. Don't send out for more kegs if you run out.

8. The proctor (or the proctor's designate) and the organizers should verify together at the conclusion of the party whether there has been damage which should be billed to the organizers; after that point, any damage which occurs is the responsibility of the dorm.

9. Don't let people in at the door who had not paid previously. Stamp the partygoers who have paid. If anyone should still enter who had not paid previously, get his or her name.

10. Don't leave any alcohol behind when the party is over.

11. During the party, some success may be had in moving each new keg to a new location, so that the crowd is more evenly distributed.

12. Don't call your party a keg party. Try a theme or have some activity other than drinking.

The committee was comprised of Jim Anderson, Tony Fox, Terri Thomas, John Pasquini, and Doc Ellis.

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Future Shock will be shown March 23rd in Room 119 of the Dana Chemistry building. Shows will be held at 7 and 9 P.M. and there is no admission charge. All are urged to attend.

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Poussaint Gives Lecture

by Kristen Anderson

"There is no such thing as value free psychotherapy," emphasized Dr. Alvin Poussaint at his lecture in Chase Lounge, on March 15 at 8:00 P.M. An assistant professor of Psychology and Dean of Students at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Poussaint has in past years been involved with the civil rights movement in the South (while practicing in Mississippi) and has been affiliated with a community health organization in Boston.

His illuminating lecture was entitled "Psychiatry and Social Politics," a topic he is apparently quite qualified to deal with, on the basis of examples he gave from hand experience. He pointed out that mental health concepts must exist in a social context; he warned that because of this, psychiatry can be and sometimes has been oppressive and disarming in its attempts to help people adjust to their society. Dr. Poussaint pointed out that the definition of disorder was established by the social norm, and psychiatry in many instances was "reinforcing the status quo." With some humor he recalled when the issue of homosexuality as sexual deviance degenerated into a political contest in which psychiatrists voted on whether homosexuality was a mental disorder or not.

Psychiatry has evidently played many social roles in the U.S. — the enemy of champions of integration and women's rights; the salvation or damnation of prisoners and court cases; the way out for middle class juvenile delinquents. Through it all Dr. Poussaint was easy to listen to, had something worth saying, stuck to the point, only talked for an hour, and ended with a joke. You can't ask for much else.

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Inflation in Context: Analysis of Bates Financial Situation — Tuition Increases Compared

Since 1967, Bates' comprehensive fee has risen $2,350, almost doubling in ten years. Other small colleges of Bates' caliber have registered increases of even higher magnitude. College officials lament the situation, but see the steady rise in price as a reflection of the enormous inflationary trend of that period — a predicament over which they have no control or voice at all.

It is a painful scenario of a balloon representing college costs hovering in the air. Once with a small leak one could grab the balloon; later it became necessary for some students to climb onto a tottering mass of aid and loans to reach the hovering object, which soars ever higher and faster into the sky as the student strains every resource to grasp at his slippery goal. At the same time, the college itself has the same problem — climbing onto a growing heap of rising prices, seeking to stand upright and not fall in its attempts to lounge for the soaring balloon.

Bates has always been a college which admits students regardless of whether they can pay. As a result, 15% of Bates students come from families making under $7,500 a year, 15% from families making over $50,000 a year, and the other 70% of the students come from families that are somewhere in the middle. This makes Bates a solidly middle-class college, and that may be one of the reasons why its tuition has consistently been lower than in Maine sister schools.

In addition, Bates tuition is also the lowest among the other New England small colleges of its class:

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How have these increases affected the quality of the student body at Bates and the school's general admission's policy? "Not at all," according to Assistant Dean of Admissions Ralph Davis. "As long as the financial aid budget keeps pace with tuition increases, things will stay the same." Both Davis and Dean of Admissions Lindholm credit President T. Hedley Reynolds with doing a fine job finding new sources of financial aid, thus keeping in pace with tuition increases. In addition, the amount of federal and state student aid and loans has substantially increased over the past 10 years.

"Everything we Buy," says Carpenter, "is higher each year..."
The New Deansmen: The Hubcaps Hit The Road

by Brad Fuller

The R.A. granted Free Lunch funds for their first two issues, which were to be complimentary on the condition that they became self-supporting. So they began to sell subscriptions. At the moment their circulation has hit 200. One of the initial problems they have had is with a name and format. "Free Lunch" was chosen because "Why with an M?" is too obscure (it's from Alice in Wonderland) and "Nickel Beer" did not have the resonance needed to sell newspapers. (At this point Jack again raised his clenched fist toward the ceiling and again proclaimed "Freedom on lunch throughout the land!" There was a certain amount of resonance in that statement.)

The format is now dictated by the printing methods that they use. Since it is mimeographed by the secretarial pool it resembles a hand-out more than an underground literary magazine. In concept the format is allegedly modeled after Harper's. It contains poetry, prose, and articles of topical interest. They are, like true underground newspapers, unafraid of controversy.

With all that they have accomplished it is interesting to hear that they feel they aren't being overly successful at the moment. They feel that their biggest need at the present time is people to write and to work. It is enlightening to know that they do have a small, but loyal staff: Tim Lundergan who is Head of the Department of Redundancy Department Chief; Vicky Gibbs, Stapler General; Bonnie Bower and

Chris Kerr, Itinerant Poster Makers; and Susan Gregg, Vice-President in charge of Skipping Meetings.

Is there a future for "Free Lunch"? Both editors hope so. Rich ambitiously cited his plans for the publication. He feels that Maine needs an inter-school (Bates-Bowdoin-Colby) publication, and that publication should be "Free Lunch."

They can't go inter-school with their present format however. The first step will be to have "Free Lunch" printed professionally. This is not an economically sound idea, given the present size of circulation.
The Strange Story of The Bates Visitor

Granfalloon Notes is the creation of David Brooks '76. His satire represents his opinions and does not necessarily represent editorial policy.

by David Brooks

A friend of mine was supposed to come up and visit me last week, but he never showed up. This was quite puzzling, as he is usually quite punctual, so I called him up that night to see what had happened.

"Dave!" he cried when he answered the phone, "my God, I never thought I'd see you again! What kind of a school is that you go to, anyway?"

"What are you talking about? Why didn't you come today?" I asked him.

"I tried," he said, "but that school of yours is a hoot! He wasn't being too coherent, so I calmed him down and got him to tell me what happened.

"I got off at the Lewiston exit, like I usually do," he said, "and there I saw this giant ugly boiler-house.

"That's Rand! That's where I live!" he exclaimed.

"It's not a boiler-house, it's a dorm! I live in a boiler-house!"

"What happened?"

"What are you talking about? Why didn't you come today?"

"I began to see your problems," I said. I started talking with any more of those people you've got there."

"What happened?"

"Well, I went to the building next door, Lime Hall or something, and asked this lady. But all she would tell me was that the money I owed the school. I tried to tell her I didn't owe the school anything, but she refused to believe it. She kept saying that everybody owed them something. I barely got out of there with my wallet intact.

"I began to see your problems," I admitted.

"Three-quarters of an hour," he said, "I tried."

"What happened?"

"I don't know," I said, "and I didn't dare ask. She sounded pretty strange, so I gave it up for lost."

"What happened?"

I thought I saw this big ugly boiler-house.

"Oh — I thought it was a boiler-house. Sure looked like one. Anyway, I figured you'd bottle the directions, so I pulled into this back of this official-looking building with a smokestack next to it to ask directions.

"The Grove Palace. Who'd you talk to?"

"It couldn't find anybody at first, but finally dug up this old guy asleap on a power-mower way in the back. I asked him if he could help me, but he got in this very confused conversation — I could hardly understand a word he said."

"He probably didn't speak English! Did you try French?"

"Well, yeah, but before I'd figured out what he was speaking he'd somehow gotten hold of my dictaphone and shower nozzles. Here I was, trying to ask directions and this guy's screaming "Shower nozzle — nozzle!" at me from all sides."

"What does it say? —"

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"Yeah — Jumped right at me, with a knife in her face, I screamed and backed away, but she took this vicious swipe at me — grabbed the cigarette I was smoking right out of my mouth! Threw it on the ground and stomped on it, gave this Tarzan-like victory yell. I nearly jumped out of my hide, especially since just then somebody rammed into me and dumped creamed carrots into my front pocket!"

"It does get a bit crowded," I agreed.

"Oh no," I groaned, "you must have had the meatballs! It probably took her that long to walk up and down the stairs!"

"Whatever it was, I began to give up on your school. I went outside again and stopped this well-dressed guy who was getting into an Audi. I asked him where your dorm was, but he asked me if I'd like to make a small donation — tax free — to the school."

"Then what?"

"Well, I tell you, I was beginning to think that Bates was some sort of halfway house for the criminally insane!"

"But wait! —"

Dr. Yonah Alexander, Professor of International and Foreign Area Studies at the State University College, Oneonta, New York, who has a serious purpose for participating. They're planning to publish a book on the subject.

"So I figured I'd give it one more try. I got back in my car and drove down, finally stopped next to something called "The Hall."

"I went inside, heard a lot of people in there, so I figured I could find some place to sit down. There was this big long line of people going in one door, so I walked up some stairs through another door.

"You must have hit Commons just a minute ago!"

"I don't know what it was. I had barely stepped through the door when I was attacked by hundreds of people sitting in wooden slabs with sodden food on them. My God, the noise was terrible! It sounded like somebody was tossing tin cans into fifty-thousand, Waring blenders right next door. I staggered through that mess, but I came into this other room, and it was worse.

"What happened?"

I thought I'd stepped straight into the black hole of Calcutta! All of a sudden there were thousands of people surrounding me, yelling, shouting, ramming into me, dodging slabs of those wooden slabs, dumping food on me, etc. I started panicking. I was practically knocked down, trampled, but I managed to save myself by grabbing onto a table. I turned around. I was surrounded by this lady out from nowhere and attacked me!"

"Attacked you?"

"Yeah — Jumped right at me, with a knife in her face, I screamed and backed away, but she took this vicious swipe at me — grabbed the cigarette I was smoking right out of my mouth! Threw it on the ground and stomped on it, gave this Tarzan-like victory yell. I nearly jumped out of my hide, especially since just then somebody rammed into me and dumped creamed carrots into my front pocket!"

"It does get a bit crowded," I agreed.

"A bit crowded? My God, between that crazy lady and those hordes of frenzied slab-wavers, I barely got out of there alive! Man, I ran out of there at fast as I could, and I was singing when I made the turnpike!"

"Wow, that's too bad," I said. "Look, I'll tell you what. Why don't you come up next weekend?"

"Dave," he said, "no offense, but I would rather walk right into a blinding foldout into a pit of half-starved aborigines than come back to this place."
Lead Timing But A Net Gain

by Fred Clark

What appeared to be in need for at least a couple of years finally came to the Bates College cage. Last Friday the final strings were tied on the new net draped overhead in the cage. The old net deteriorated by age, heat and sunlight — was in need of replacement, but a problem in timing created disruption for several groups that use the cage.

The original plans of the school were to replace the net during the recent vacation, however, the manufacturer of the net was late in delivering the goods. Work started on Tuesday afternoon, March 9, and continued until completion on Friday. The Student contacted Chick Leahey, coach of the baseball team, for comment. He admitted that he was happy to see the new addition although the timing wasn't the best. He was happy that the team had missed only one day of practice due to the inconvenience. Other groups suffered more. Three nights of intramural cage softball were postponed possibly shortening an already limited schedule. Men's and Women's lacrosse were also curtailed. The effect on the Women's softball team was unknown to this writer.

Coach Leahey listed the following advantages of the "new look" cage:
1) Relieves the problem of damage to the roof with balls going through the holes in the net.
2) Relieves the headache of retrieving the lost balls.
3) Much nicer appearance to both residents and visitors of the school.
4) Adds brightness for better visibility.

The new hanging mesh is much lower and more taut than before. The first characteristic is by design. The lower center of the net will be less subject to the damaging effects of the heat and sun. The tautness will require greater alertness of any participant in baseball or softball. However, it has changed the nature of cage softball. The soft, high tautness of the old net made fielding an art. Cage softball will be a much quicker, higher scoring game with funny spins and folds of the old net made fielding an acquired art. Cage softball will be a much quicker, higher scoring game with funny spins and little net-finesse in the field but such is the price of progress.

Track Schedule

April 10
24
28
May 5
8
14 & 15
21 & 22
at M.I.T.
12:30 p.m.
at B.U.
1 p.m.
at States (Orono)
1 p.m.
at New Englands (B.C.)
at I4A's (Penn)

April 19
20
21
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23
27
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30
at C. Conn.
1 p.m.
at Trinity
1 p.m.
at Clark
1 p.m.
at Babson
12:30 p.m.
at UMPG
1 p.m.
May 1
& 2
at NESCAC
1 p.m.
(at Williams)
11:45 a.m.

Bates Baseball Schedule

April 9
10
21
22
23
24
26
28
30
at Maine Open
9 a.m.
May 1
3
at Colby
1 p.m.
Bates College cage. Last Friday the final completion on Friday. The manufacturer of the net was late in delivering the goods.

The Bates Women's Varsity Basketball team came out of a three game set this week with a disappointing 1-2 record, and a record that stands at 8-5 going into the tournament, which will be played at the University of Maine at Orono this weekend. Bates has only lost to two of the teams in its league.

On Thursday, February 11, the Bobcats travelled to Portland to face a strong POGO team. Darla Potter, the 6'3" center for Portland, led her team to an 81-47 victory. Priscilla Wilde and Sue Caron excelled defensively in the losing effort. High scorers were Priscilla (28 points) and Sue Pierce (9 points), putting all but ten of the Bates' points on the scoreboard.

On Saturday, Coach Crosby and her team faced University of Maine at Machias in another away contest. The first half was an action-filled one, with the score at the break, 30-29, in favor of the Clipperettes. Claudia Turner's nine points early in the game kept the Bobcats going, and the combination of good shooting and fine rebounding by Wilde and Faveau helped the Bates team take the lead, and eventually win, 55-44. High scoring honors were shared by Priscilla Wilde and Sue Pierce, each with 18 points.

Women's Basketball Action

By Jane Goguen

Monday afternoon saw the Bears from Bowdoin at the Alumni Gym. The two teams vied for the halftime lead in a hotly contested first half. The score at the break was 19-21, in favor of the team from Brunswick. The final twenty minutes were fast-moving, with both teams aggressively fighting for the advantage. Vicki Tripp contributed with several fine plays in the last minutes, and Priscilla Wilde, in an unparalleled effort, led all scorers with sixteen points and excellent defensive maneuvers. The final score was a heart-breaking 44-39, with Bowdoin on top.

The team would like to extend its appreciation to the fans who have loyally supported them throughout the season.

Tennis Schedule

April 21
22
23
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&
1
May
3
6
8
10
11
12
at Nichols
2:30 p.m.
at Bentley
3 p.m.
at Merrimack
3 p.m.
Babson
1:30 p.m.
at UMPG
Brandeis
1 p.m.
at New
England
(Anherst)
Clark
1:30 p.m.
Nishols
1:30 p.m.
at Bowdoin
1:30 p.m.
Colby
1:30 p.m.
at Maine
1:30 p.m.
at C.B.B. (Colby)
2 p.m.
Genetic Intervention: Medical Ethics Symposium

Medical Ethics Symposium
The Bates Student
by Steven Wise

REMINDER
The 1976 Medical Ethics Symposium will be held tomorrow and Saturday March 19-20, 1976. Once again the theme in "The Ethics Issues in Genetic Intervention." It is sponsored by Bates College Campus Association, Medical Arts Society, and Biology Council. The Schedule of Events will be:

Friday, March 19, 1976
8:00 P.M. Welcome and Introduction
Hugh Kennedy
8:05 P.M. "Recent Developments in the Technology of Genetic Intervention"
Kostia Bergman,
Northeastern University, Boston, Mass.
8:50 P.M. "Issues of Law and Public Policy Concerning Genetic Intervention"
Alexander Capron,
University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, Penn.
9:35 P.M. "The Ethics of Genetic Manipulation: A Philosophical Inquiry"
Sumner Twiss,
Brown University, Providence, R.I.
Reception Chase Lounge
Saturday, March 20, 1976
10:00 A.M. Individual Seminars:
M. S. Bergman, Mr. Capron, Mr. Twiss
3:00 P.M. Chase Lounge

PANEL DISCUSSION: Ethical Responsibility of the Biomedical Community to the Public Concerning Genetic Research.

Grant — Sears

Bates College is one of thirteen privately supported colleges and universities in Maine which will share Sears-Roebuck Foundation grants totaling more than $6,300, President Thomas Hedley Reynolds announced. The Maine colleges and universities are among more than 850 private, accredited two and four-year institutions across the country which are sharing in more than $27,000,000 in Sears Foundation funds during the 1975-76 academic year.

The grants are unrestricted to be used by the colleges and universities in any manner they consider necessary. In addition to the unrestricted grant program, The Sears-Roebuck Foundation, in 1975, invested more than $850,000 in a variety of other educational activities. This brought the budgeted educational expenditures of The Sears-Roebuck Foundation to more than $2.1 million in 1975.

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N.E. Solar Energy Assoc.
Announces Conference

Special to The Student
The New England Solar Energy Association has announced that its first annual Conference and Exhibition will be held June 24 and 25, 1976, at the campus of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. NESEA, in conjunction with UMass' Toward Tomorrow Fair, is expected to draw over one thousand solar energy manufacturers, authorities, developers, community leaders and citizens interested in seeing solar energy technologies widely implemented.

The conference will focus on the unique requirements of fossil fuel poor New England, which depends on imported sources for as much as 88% of its energy needs. The conference will emphasize the tremendous contribution solar energy can make to a region with long, cold winters, and industries set back by escalating energy costs. Using solar technologies, New England and the U.S. at large, can greatly reduce its dependence on foreign oil and our own depleting fuel resources.

In addition to papers and formal presentations to be made at the conference, currently available solar hardware will be displayed on a large field in front of the modern Lincoln Campus Center. These exhibitions will be a graphic representation of the emerging role for solar energy in New England's and the nation's future.

Mr. John Schnehley, chairman of NESEA says, "We expect this conference to be one of the largest and most exciting such events ever held in the country. We look forward to seeing many of our friends exhibiting and attending."

The Toward Tomorrow Fair will open as the NESEA conference closes. The solar energy option can then be presented before the general public as the Fair draws people from the Northeast urban areas and from among the tremendous influx of visitors to New England, the weekend before the Fourth of July.

The Toward Tomorrow Fairgrounds, scores of exhibitors will present their positions on the social, technological challenges of, environment, resources, atomic energy and other forms of energy production, food, communication, transportation and shelter. In addition to the solar energy displays in place for the NESEA conference, people will be displaying video technologies, geodesic domes, electric cars, methane digestors, as well as models, plans, crafts and literature. Social and political groups covering all technological challenges of positions to be made at the conference, currently available solar hardware will be displayed on a large field in front of the modern Lincoln Campus Center. These exhibitions will be a graphic representation of the emerging role for solar energy in New England's and the nation's future.

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The Toward Tomorrow Fair and Toward Tomorrow Fair will offer an opportunity for New Englanders and their visitors to the region, to see a wide range of social and technological choices available to us as we enter America's third century.

For further information contact Toward Tomorrow Fair, 200 Hills House, North University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01002 (413) 545-0474.

RA PARTY COMMITTEE
FORMED . . . by Charlie Zelle

The R.A., in a move designed to "fill a gap in the present C.A."
has taken the initial steps to form a Party Steering Committee. This week the group will start preparing budget requests to the Assembly.

The committee has Fritz Foster as a chairperson, and includes Ann Bushmiller, Wally Nalesnik, Charlie Zelle, Clyde Lungebob, Bob Larson, Dr. Zelle's sister, Mark Gorham and Dorsey Meyers.

The purpose of the new committee will be to "initiate, direct or assist as a group who has an idea for a party. The first step has involved purchasing of such items as tapes, fondue sets, carvings, and possibly a sound system. This equipment will be available to Bates Students."

"We hope that the availability of equipment and the people we have that are ready to help organize will let kids feel that any idea they have, no matter how wild, can be turned into reality," said Fritz.

The committee is already involved in the upcoming Afro-Am party.