where were you when the lights went out?

by june peterson

A high speed chase took place in Lewiston on Monday night. Local police pursued a van involved in a hit-and-run incident and witnessed the vehicle hit two other cars and then crash into a utility pole on College Street near Fortin Way. There were no injuries. The crash, however, caused a one and half hour power outage.

Mr. Johnson, the Director of Maintenance and the Deans were notified of the problem immediately and the Central Maine Power Company was then contacted for an estimate on how extensive the power failure would be.

Evacuation of the library took place under the direction of the Security Department of the Maintenance Center. Steve Hill, a student working at the Concierge was the co-ordinator for the security force.

The Deans telephoned the power company and each residence to remind them of proper security precautions. Dean Issacson and Assistant Dean Fitzgerald were impressed by the manner in which the emergency was handled. They said that by the time the calls were made, the proctor or another responsible student had already taken the necessary safety procedures. Dean Issacson noted that much time would have been saved, had a Head Proctor System (such as the one to be employed next year) been in operation. This new system necessitates the contacting of ten people whom the concierge or the fifty proctors with whom communication was necessary in an emergency.

The maintenance crew worked throughout the night replacing # fuses and taking care of various problems. "Everything went really well," said the maintenance foreman which contrasts sharply with the fifty proctors who with communication was necessary in current emergency.

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The response for a Foreign Language Residence proved insufficient to justify creating such a dorm. Only three German students and two French students expressed an interest in this idea. No plans for a German triple have been proposed yet.

Several respondents protested the creation of a foreign language residence as a form of a fraternity, which Bates has sought to avoid. Some leaps of logic, these same respondents did not consider the special dorms they favored as fraternities.

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Cats take 2 big ones

by david plum

The Bates College basketball team scored a rare weekend sweep by upsetting Wesleyan on Friday night, 51-49, then coming right back on Saturday afternoon to down Trinity 71-65. The win left the Bobcats with a 7-10 mark with three games to go.

Wesleyan came to town with a 13-2 record and with its sights set on a post season tournament berth. The Bobcats, hurt by their patient, slow-down type of game. Wesleyan was content to work the ball around the perimeter of the Bates zone, often waiting well over a minute to take a shot. This type of slowdown game has brought the Cardinals a great deal of success this season, but their games are often scoring, dull affairs. For example, the week before the Bates game they managed only 49 points in a double overtime win over Coast Guard.

Bates seemed content to let Wesleyan control the tempo as the Bobcats fast break never really got untracked in this one. Yet, Bates matched Wesleyan basket for basket in the first half thanks to some fine plays by vastly improved Earl Ruffin. Ruffin scored 10 of his 12 points in the opening half as Bates took a 32-30 halftime lead.

The second half could have been a sleeper if the game did not start early in the first half and led by six, 36-32, when Wesleyan called time out to slow the pace even more. The strategy paid off, however, and the visitors rallied to lead 47-46, with about six and a half minutes to go. Here the Cardinals played like North Carolina, but were at least a Phil Ford and Walter Davis away from making the four corners' still work. After three minutes of Continued on page 4...
In the past week I have been questioned by several groups of students about the editorial policy towards letters to the editor. Since this seems to be a rare new sport at Bates, I thought it might be helpful to set down the rules of the game.

I will accept all signed letters. If the author desires that his name be withheld or an appropriate pseudonym used, that is fine. Just as long as I know who wrote the letter and can be sure the source is legitimate, I will publish the letter.

This is a forum of campus opinion. As such, any letter, signed or unsigned does not represent the feelings of the editor. That is the purpose of the Commentary section. It represents the opinion of the authors. I feel I would be overstepping my authority to censor this section of the newspaper unless the letters are redundant, libelous, or come to me unsigned.

If an individual feels that he has been unfairly censored or that his interests have been threatened by any column, news article, review, letter, editorial, or feature, I would welcome a written response. The forum section of the newspaper exists only to reflect opinions from different elements of the campus. It exists most happily in the midst of chaos and controversy. If as a consequence of these letters a group or an individual feels hurt or even insulted it must be remembered that the opinion of one individual. Those that write for the newspaper realize that just by setting fact of opinion down on paper they are leaving themselves open for disagreement.

I extend a full apology and deep sympathy to those who have been upset by anything appearing in the Forum. But at the same time, it is to be hoped that they remember that the forum by its nature takes no sides and that with effort of their part it can reflect their point of view as well.

B.B.B.

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Sweet and Sour

To the Editor:

Once more I have passed my "tolerance threshold" and been motivated to take time out of my extremely active and fulfilling life here at Bates and pen a few thoughts on what I've been reading recently in the Student.

A few optimistic notes first: the cartoon is funny again, both illustration and layout are vastly improved, and the addition of "Campus Complaints," and "Alphabet Soup" were significant steps forward. These people are willing to express their ideas, creativity, and talents and still sign their names proudly.

On a more sour note, however, is the "carelessness" with which this paper appears willing to accept unsigned materials, along with the apparent belief that someone can publish anything he wants to say without being "man enough" to take the criticism with its entailments. It was my hope that problems of this sort had been resolved after a recent forum by its nature takes no sides and that with effort of their part it can reflect their point of view as well.

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I extend this statement hold true today? Has not the College and the community drifted apart? Lewiston, like the Indians, has become an innocent victim of progress. The city is no longer the prosperous place it once was, and it seems that the Bates - Lewiston union is drifting apart, much as the wealth and prestige of the city has drifted away. I wonder what the Indians would think??
Bardwell Street won’t be the same

Walding down Bardwell Street is not an extraordinary experience. There are old houses and new houses - some white, some grey, some brown. A cluster of young maple trees, naked under the winter sun, strives toward the crisp, clear afternoon sky. Only the scraping of the sand beneath my feet, and the delicate shuffling of an occasional breeze penetrate the silence. Except for her house, there is nothing on Bardwell Street to note that for 34 years, it was the home of Mrs. Helena Hirshler, teacher and friend of many Bates students and faculty until her death last month at age 88.

Mrs. Hirshler and her husband, Dr. Max Hirshler, left their home in Nazi Germany before the beginning of World War II. Dr. Hirshler established a practice in Lewiston; Mrs. Hirshler, a pediatrician, decided not to continue medical work. Instead, she began tutoring Bates students in the languages she knew; German, French, Italian, English and Latin. "I was always excited when I met someone I thought she would enjoy," said one friend. "I'd take this person to her little house - she created such a wonderful atmosphere there. When students went to read for her, I think it was like a holiday for them." "It wasn't at all like studying," one of her pupils remembers. "You were her guest. She made lemon or almond cookies and served tea. Then, we'd read together." With a French pupil, the reading might be from Baldalear; with a German student, perhaps it was from Goethe.

".Maybe we'd listen to Caruso records," the student continued. "Sometimes, she'd sing to me - and then apologize for her voice. She sang right up until the end, even when she had trouble breathing." There were other things to do. "She really enjoyed sitting in her window and watching the squirrels chase each other."

Occasionally, she'd talk about her life in Germany, where she was believed with, among others, conductor Otto Klemperer and Philosopher Erwin Blach. "Once, when she was in the hospital, Klemperer sent flowers every day," said a friend. Not too long ago, she took the bus to New Jersey to visit another friend, Albert Einstein's daughter. "But, there was nothing snobbish or pretentious about her at all. She just enjoyed the company of good friends and conversation." "All her friends were amazed by her energy," the friend remarked. "I was once in Williamsburg with her. We were touring the homes, and I said, "Sit down, Mrs. Hirshler. Wait here. The stairs and walking will be too much for you." She insisted on leading me up and down flights and flights of stairs; I became tired before she did." "But, she was never frenetic about it. It seemed natural to a person with such alertness, such curiosity."

After she died, her sons found a small piece of paper nestled between the pages of a telephone book. On it, she had written: "Let the merciful interpretation of all things be the main concern of our life." Thirty years of friendship taught one friend a lesson. "I think that Mrs. Hirshler showed me that it can be great to grow old. We all need to learn that."

However, Mrs. Hirshler was more than a wonderful example of a good idea. "Even as she gave warmth and charm to her friends, she felt she was receiving something from them," said her friend. "But, I don't know what made her the way she was. It's something that can't be defined, the quality of her personality, the quality of her mind."

"Private Lives" is great

When I learned that the Bates College Theatre was going to produce "Private Lives," I doubted it could be done well. The play requires heavy doses of sophistication and "savoir-faire." Moreover, two of the roles warrant almost constant presence on stage. The play climaxes in an hilarious confrontation between the four people, sandwiched between the discovery and confrontation is probably some of the funniest dialogue in comedy history.

Janice Camp is really fine as Amanda. She played her part with great control and awareness, and, in doing so, gave her character a new dimension. In many other productions, Amanda has been a small self-contained woman, conducting herself with total disregard for the people and things around her. Jan's Amanda is quite different, but still a total success.

Andrucki has created an hysterical character a new dimension. In her small part as Louise, the nurse, she took the bus to New Deauville, France. On one evening of drawing-room frolic, she played her part impeccably to the last line. The Marlene Dietrich songs in the second act, such as "Naughty Lola" and "Falling in Love Again," are from a movie called "The Blue Angel," a must-see film in France, when it was released in the summer of 1929. The great technical job demonstrates the hours of planning and thought that obviously went into "Private Lives."

The Bates College Theatre is re-staging "Private Lives" on June 3, 4 and 5. If you have not seen the production, you should be there. If you're out of town, thumb a ride to Schaeffer Theatre. You just have to get to "Private Lives."

(D. J. Griffin)

THE BATES STUDENT
By MARN DAVIS

The weekend of February 11th and 12th was a very successful one for the women's ski team. They finished in third place with a total of 169.5 points. Closely followed by St. Lawrence in second place with 166 points and Harvard in first with 202 points, the Bates Bobkittens put on a good show. Other schools competing, with a total of 169.5 points. Closely followed by St. Lawrence in second place with 166 points and Harvard in first with 202 points, the Bates Bobkittens put on a good show. Other schools competing, (how light were those bindings cracked, Gim?). After Friday's exhausting events, Bates was in sixth place.

On Saturday, the cross-country skiers won their events, maintaining their formidable reputation. Nancy Ingersoll breezed to a first place finish with a 2 minute lead over the second place finisher. Marn Davis came in 6th, followed by Laurie Schultz with a 10th finish, Deb Kupetz 12th, and Teri Thomas 18th. The excellent performance of the cross-country squad raised the team's standings to third for the meet.

I would like to extend a sincere apology to the women's ski team for the continuous "botch-up" in newspaper coverage. Sorry, B.W.

The Women's Basketball team again split the week's games, losing to Orono and defeating Tufts, bringing the team's record to 6-3.

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passing and dribbling, Bates stole the ball and Tom Goodwin, who had a fine game on the boards, converted two free throws to put Bates in the lead. Then Wesleyan killed another two minutes before a Tim Schroyer basket with 1:03 to go put the Cardinals out in front. Bates was equally patient and a pretty, twisting lay-up by the team's "bread-and-butter," Jim Marois, gave Bates the lead. Then Wesleyan's patience ran out of time and finesse as a turnover with four seconds left spelled defeat.

While the style of play was short of the type of excitement the fans hoped for, the game was close and well played. Tom Burhoe contributed a solid game, off the bench, helping Bates dominate the boards. His fine play earned him a 30-second starting job the next day.

The next afternoon it was a question of who was more tired. Bates from the Wesleyan game, or Trinity who had lost to Bowdoin the night before. Fatigue hampered both teams and the game was sloppy. At one point Bates committed four consecutive turnovers in a minute span. Trinity came into the game with a 4-10 mark and played no better than a team of that record. However, they have beaten some good clubs including a ten point win over Central Connecticut. Bates jumped to an early lead once again and led for most of the first half. Another good half by Ruffin helped Bates stay on top for all but the last minute of the half when Trinity tied the game at 32 all.

In the second half with Marois wheeling and dealing all over the court Bates built up a ten point lead with four minutes to go. 60-50. However, Pete Switchencho heated up for the visitors and the Bantams made a late run. They closed within three points, but never were able to overtake the Bobcats. The irrepressible Marois ruined any late hopes of a Trinity miracle by sinking six consecutive free throws.

For Bates, Jay Bright, who was effective underneath, scored 13 points. Tom Goodwin, who has played much more aggressively this season, had 11, while Ruffin had 10. Steady Brad Smith, who runs very well and is on the receiving end of many a Marois pass, added 8 and was strong off the boards. Bates got help from the officials and it was nice to see the right team "homerded" in Alumni gym.

For the season, Bates will not have a winning record. However, the team has played hard and with an attitude much better than previous Bates' teams. Unfortunately, it may be the last chance for Bates fans to see Marois. The last home game is next Friday, and in typical Bates fashion, that is the Friday spring vacation starts. Marois seems certain to wind up as the school's second highest scorer after getting 24 against Trinity and 15 against Wesleyan. He is undoubtedly the finest ball player that has ever gone to Bates and it may be a long time before anyone that good come to play in Lewiston again. Games will not be the same without him.