SHORT TERM CHANGES PROPOSED

by Brad Fuller

The Committee on Educational Policy (EPC) has presented two proposals to the faculty, which, if approved, will change the manner in which short term is presently credited.

Beginning with the class of 1982, students will no longer be given the option to complete 20 courses and 3 short terms. Instead, each candidate for the baccalaureate degree must complete the following requirements: 32 courses, 2 short term units, and 68 quality points.

The second proposal will become effective with short term 1978. If approved by the faculty in their December meeting, grades earned in this year's short term unit will be included in the QPR. Each short term grade will carry the same weight as a single semester course. When a unit is graded on the satisfactory/unsatisfactory system, as in several internship programs, the grade will not count in short term.

Dean of the Faculty Carl Straub feels that the EPC "has given great care to the study of short term." and hopes that "the Faculty will understand the recommendations of the Committee." In response to the EPC decision, the student Representative Assembly has forwarded a letter expressing its disapproval over the new proposals.

The decision to eliminate the 3-0-3 option was based on two arguments. First, the EPC sought to eliminate a "clear distortional trend" which they argued was never intended by the Faculty in the original short term proposal several years ago. This trend is for seniors to enroll for only three courses during one or both regular semesters, graduating with the acceptable 30 courses and 3 units. The Committee cites the following statistics as evidence of this trend:

NUMBERS OF SENIORS COMPLETING 3 COURSES PER SEMESTER


Secondly, the EPC wants to change the degree requirement in order to "emphasize that registration in two units is the normal expectation for students." By only requiring the attendance of two short term units the EPC feels that high enrollment in short term may be carried on. The Committee hopes that lower enrollments will "enhance the opportunities for fulfilling the purposes of the short term." However, students will still have the option to take three short terms.

The main reason for the proposed change in short term unit size is the EPC's conviction that "academic work in the short term should be understood by Faculty and students as having just as much significance to the educational process as work in the regular semesters." According to Dean Straub, "students who do exquisite work during short term are cheated by not having it count toward the QPR." He added that "if what is done in the short term has academic validity, why shouldn't it come to bear upon the QPR?"

Some members of the Bates community, including a high ranking member of the administrative faculty, have observed that the quality of short term has improved over the last few years without external pressure like changing the crediting process. Possibly, some say, short term will become more "academic" without changing the way it is credited. Others prefer short term independent of the QPR because it creates an unpressured academic atmosphere.

On March 25, 1977, a questionnaire was given to the student body concerning short term which brought 620 responses. To the question "how would you feel about the inclusion of STU grades in the cumulative grade ratio," the following responses were given:

SENIORS-20 very much favor, 16 favor, 29 neutral, 24 opposed, 30 very much opposed. JUNIORS-7 very much favor, 18 favor, 35 neutral, 16 opposed, 0 very much opposed. SOPHOMORES-6 very much favor, 24 favor, 35 neutral, 31 opposed, 41 very much opposed. FRESHMEN-16 very much favor, 24 favor, 39 neutral, 33 opposed, 33 very much opposed.

4 Stars Coming to Bates

By PATRICK MURPHY

The Campus Association has the honor of bringing to the Bates Campus General William Westmoreland on Wednesday the 16th of November. The main feature of the general's stay will be an appearance by General Westmoreland at 8:00 p.m. lecture to be held in the chapel where the retired Army Chief of Staff will speak on United States involvement in the Vietnam War as Deputy Commander. Once into Germany he was assigned command of the 9th infantry division. Westmoreland led forces across Utah Beach, through France and Belgium. Once into Germany he was appointed Chief of Staff of the 9th division. Westmoreland remained in Bavaria and Germany heading occupational forces when World War II ended.

When stateside in 1947, Westmoreland taught at the Army War College until 1952 when he assumed command of an airborne combat team over Korea. In 1953 at 38, Westmoreland became a brigadier general and by 1956 he had earned his second star. Prior to the Vietnam War, Westmoreland commanded the airborne "Screaming Eagles," and in 1960 became Superintendent of the West Point Military Academy.

In 1964, Westmoreland entered Vietnam as Deputy Commander. By 1965 he was calling the shots and continued to do until 1968 when he was appointed Army Chief of Staff. The general had that job pinned down until 1972 when he retired according to military law.

I was under the impression that Westmoreland's realm makes ours look like a north woods hermit's. What Uncle Sam says is certainly true: "Join the Army and see the world." Don't be surprised when General Westmoreland addresses the audience in a business suit. He has enough awards and medals, including the Boy Scout's Silver Buffalo, to sink a battle ship. Following the lecture Westmoreland will be available for a question and answer session open to all. Not since Mohammed Ali has a fighter been to town, but Westmoreland's appearance on the 16th of November will provide an opportunity to see and hear a fighting man of a different nature. I urge one and all to reserve that evening for an enlightening lecture in the Bates College Chapel.

R.A. ACTS

Responding to the Faculty-Student Educational Policy Committee's proposals, the Representative Assembly drafted a letter reflecting their dissatisfaction that was given to each faculty member as they entered the faculty meeting to consider the question on Monday, November 7.

The letter is as follows:

To: The Faculty of Bates College

From: The Representative Assembly (R.A.)

RE: EPC proposals

The Representative Assembly has been informed that a proposal is being submitted to the faculty concerning a change in degree requirements and the academic status of short term. On Monday, October 31, after deliberation, the General Assembly of the R.A. expressed an overwhelming dissatisfaction with the proposals. On the first issue, concerning changes in the baccalaureate degree requirements, the R.A. expressed disapproval by a vote of 39-0-2. Student sentiment was also clearly stated on the issue of grading short term by a vote of 37 opposed, 2 for, and 2 abstentions.

The main objections cited in the deliberation of the first issue are as follows: 1. The aggregation that the seniors have a lightened workload with three courses is not valid; most seniors are writing theses, taking graduate and entrance exams, heading student organizations, and seeking future employment.

The trend cited in the proposal, indicating an increase in the number of seniors taking three courses cannot be used as a basis for argument if absolute numbers are not included in the study. The numbers cited do not reflect the parallel increase in class size and the lower attrition rate. 2. A 3-course semester, for the average student, may hinder his or her overall performance. 3. The increased workload lessens free time for extra-curricular activities. 4. Students will be apprehensive about taking a course in an area they are unfamiliar with because it proves to be too difficult.

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**Commentary**

Within the last year, student disenchantment with changes in both residential and academic policy at Bates has been expressed. Yet most of this disenchantment has been expressed after the changes were already approved—witness the Freshman Center, the new grading system, and the "Sadie ultimatum." Students claimed they were not informed of the changes until it was too late for them to do anything.

The blame for this ineffective communication process between the Administration, student groups, and the student body, cannot be leveled at one group or person alone, but is a result of carelessness of all the parties involved.

As a consequence of these errors, the latest proposed change to College policy is being treated more intelligently. I am referring to the proposed changes to the short term credit system which have been proposed by the Educational Policy Committee, and will be voted by the faculty on December 5th. (see article pg. 1)

I have the opportunity to express either approval or disapproval of these new proposals. Faculty members are open to student ideas concerning the changes and it is up to students to seek them out. The RA has already acted by sending a letter to faculty members giving reasons to vote the new proposal down. (reprinted in this issue).

In previous decision making, the student body had a viable complaint—they were not properly informed. But they have no excuse this time. If you have something intelligent to say concerning the new proposals, write a letter to the Dean of Faculty, talk to faculty members you know, and above all get off ass.

**Bates: Will it be a good place to learn?**

To the Editor

It is exciting to think that Bates is going to get a new swimming pool and squash courts a new field house, new gym, new ice rink. Maybe we'll even get new badminton courts, which myself will very much enjoy. And Bates will get a great place to come to if you want to swim, ski, skate and run. Where else will there be a great place to come to if you want to educate yourself something else again.

Mark Define said in his article a last week that the future expansion of facilities at Bates is often discussed among faculty and students. What Mark Define may not know is that the faculty as a whole has not been consulted on these matters, has not debated them, has not expressed an opinion on what the goals of the capital campaign ought to be. There is a faculty committee on the creation of a new library, with a special interest in such a capital campaign. There is a long range planning committee that the President and heads that otherwise consists of several faculty members, but neither committee has brought its thinking to the faculty at large for discussion and debate.

Bates Student

**Noisy Library Not Amusing**

To the Editor

I suppose Clifford Crawford was supporting the idea of having a library at Bates when he suggested that the library, after nine o'clock in the evening, was a social club. I am not so sure, however. The library is a place where students ought to expect and have a quiet place to study and learn, it is not to be a social club, and if it is, Bates students in disregard of the rights of everyone using the library have made it so. I have visited every major student organization at Bates asking for student help in keeping the library quiet. Apparently without results. In fact, recently a letter was written to me asking another person in the library to be quiet, the freshman got angry in the library. Yet it was the freshman’s right to study quietly in the library, and it was no infringement on anyone’s right to have a loud and disturbing conversation. What all the student body, anyway? Do you want librarians who act like directors of concentration camps? Perhaps the “social club” ought to close its doors at nine o’clock if young women come to the library, but this is not to control their urges to make the library unpleasant for students who wish to learn a little IN QUIET.

Sincerely,

S. Joseph... Derbyshire Librarian

**Forum**

**The Best Is Yet To Come**

To the Student

First of all, I’d like to thank the persons who signed the letter about “Emmanuelle” in the last issue of THE STUDENT. This letter has indeed been the best publicity the International Club could expect for this film—a lot of students, after reading the letter, decided to check by themselves that it was all about. Thank you again! Now I’d like to answer some particular points of this letter.

I don’t need to refer to any dictionary to ascertain my views about what culture is or should be. The culture of a society is the society itself—the people, the way they behave, what they create... and this includes sexual matter. In this respect, I just can’t see why a film which depicts the sex“depravation” of a certain group of people shouldn’t be called a cultural event? I got the word “depravation” in quotation marks because I’m not sure I agree with it. As an individual I have no right whatsoever to judge the behaviour of other individuals. We are free, let’s use what freedom the society has left to us!

Let’s come back now to the subject matter of the film: Emmanuelle, a young woman who was a visiting crowd and, therefore, a significantly smaller one. In talking with several of the Colby fans, however, the message soon became clear: The fans masquerading as a ballerina.

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**DUE TO RECENT INCIDENCES, WOMEN ARE ADVISED TO TAKE PRECAUTION WHEN USING THE FEMALE LOCKER ROOM FACILITIES AT NIGHT...I.E. SHOWER WITH A FRIEND!**
Battleship Volleyball

Victory

Hathorn's bell chimed out the victory as the Bates volleyball team returned home later Saturday night from the University of Maine at Machias with a first place finish.

By Betsy Williams

The Bates Field Hockey squad ended its season last Friday, losing to the Bowdoin Polar Bears in the Finals of the state tournament. Bates hosted on a Tuesday, October 25th, the overconfident squad stepped back onto the field to face Bowdoin, in a match that was to determine who would be seeded #1 in the state tournament.

In front of a large crowd, the game was a 2-0 Bates victory, with the score remaining 1-0, Bates through half-time. Renata Cosby finally tied up the score, twenty minutes into the first half. This was quickly followed with two goals by Sue Doliner.

At 3:00. the tired Bates squad put in a hat trick goal to put it away for Bates, and place them in the state tournament. Bates was one of four teams to participate in Saturday’s tournament. Key serving by Val Paul and Joanne Brambley helped Bates win the first match against UMF, 15-5, 15-13. The tough defense held the successful Farmington spikes to a minimum. This was the only two game match that Bates had to play all day, UMPI and Bates played a first-year player match, again giving the newer members a chance for more experience. UMPI, edging out Bates in the first game 16-14, dropped the next two, 11-15, 4-15, losing the match. Successful spiking by Alice Wise and Sue MacDougall led the Bobcats to a victory over home-team Machias, 15-9, 12-15, 15-8. There was no stopping Bates now as they went into their last and toughest match of the day against UMPI. The team built, as the lead went back and forth in the first game, eventually ending in Bates’ favor 15-11; however, UMPI was not to be beaten easily as they fought hard to gain the second game, 15-12. The consistency of the Bates team raised Presque Isle in the final game, who were unable to maintain an aggressive offense surrendering 15-5. Daphne Topozis had an extremely well-rounded match, excelling in both offense and defense.

This coming weekend the volleyball team will be entering the state tournament at Presque Isle with an overall record of 18-13.

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follows her report.

"After talking to the laundry service and to Maintenance, I found out that Bates buys all their sheets from J.P. Stevens. I went to talk to Dean Carignan about the boycott, about buying sheets from a different company. He told me to speak to Bennie Carpenter (Vice-president for Business Af-
fairs).

"I can't remember the exact words he [Carpenter] used. I was really angry. He told me that although he personally would support the boycott, he did not think that the college should. He said that the college means many things to many people, and could not take a stand on anything."

Anne says that she then men-
tioned to Carpenter that the College had supported the United Farm Workers by boycotting non-
cotton linens at the insistence of NWC petitions. "I remember exactly what he said to that. He said, 'That was something different. It was 3000 miles away.' He also stated that he felt that the cost factors—a few cents a sheet—were more important to stu-
dents than the people who were making the cloth."

[Note: Mr. Carpenter was out of town at the time of writing this article and could not be reached for further comment.]

Carpenter's comments stand in stark contrast to those spoken by Dennis Blais, a Lewiston resident who came to the Tuesday evening presentation on the basis of a newspaper announcement. "This is a moral issue as well as an economic issue," said Blais. "Do we as a society permit a company because of its economic strength to run over human beings? As the factory worker is in the film said, 'Well, we're interested in higher wages and all. But a little self respect would go a long way as well.'"

When asked what her next step would be, Anne said that the New

World Coalition was planning to send a fact-sheet out on the J.P. Stevens Co., and that there would probably be a petition over Bates' refusal to stop buying Bates' sheets.

Field Hockey

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Of Colby display far less enthusiasm than those of Bates. "I wish something like this would happen at Bates once in a while," remarked one dairyman, a co-ed. Indeed, many of Colby's fans were genuinely impressed by Bates' vigorous support of their team.

School spirit is something which should not be taken for granted. It is an element which every school desires, but which not all can attain. In a college which places academics well ahead of athletics, we are truly fortunate to have such a high degree of enthusiasm.

Isn't this the Bates spirit there? Yes this is the Bates spirit there.