Interviews
May 1–December 15
Weekdays on the hour from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Campus Tours
Early April to mid-November:
Weekdays on the hour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Mid-November to early April:
Weekdays at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

Bates Admissions Open Houses
Check at www.bates.adm.xml in late summer for information.

Interviews at Bates
A Bates campus interview works two ways: It’s a key part of your search for the “right” college, and it helps us select our incoming class.

We strongly recommend interviews for prospective students. We feel that the information gained and personal impression made during an interview may not be available anywhere else. It is our one chance to meet you, the person behind all those grades, essays and test scores.

We do not treat the interview as a time to put you on the spot with trick questions. We want to learn what has influenced you to become the person you are.

How can you best present yourself? Be prepared. Read the Viewbook and other literature and have some questions ready. Be able to explain what sparked your interest in Bates and what you believe the College will offer you as a student and person. Ask about ways you can explore your specific interests. Bring a copy of your secondary-school transcript and discuss your academic career’s highs and lows.

A word to parents: The campus visit can be a valuable experience for you as well. We encourage you to let your son or daughter be the boss, but feel free to ask questions and offer your reactions.

Interviews off Campus
Every year the deans in the Admissions Office travel extensively. Much of their time on the road is spent interviewing prospective students in or near the regions where the students live. We will send this schedule to all seniors in high school who are on our mailing list, letting you know when the admissions deans will be in your area.

Alumni Interviews
If you live a long distance from Bates and are unable to schedule an interview with one of our traveling deans, you should notify the Admissions Office. An interview with one of our alumni representatives can be arranged. In the admissions process, the alumni interview carries the same weight as an interview on campus.

Even if you have visited Bates, you and your parents might like to speak with a graduate of Bates to gain another perspective.
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The 2002-03 indoor track season was memorable. “We performed well at all the championships,” said Al Fereshetian, head coach of men’s indoor track and field. “We kept improving week to week.”

Among the women, junior thrower Elizabeth Wanless earned All-America honors by finishing second in the shot put with a distance of 50 feet even. Senior middle distance runner Kelley Puglisi earned her second All-America award in the 1,500-meter run, her first indoors. She finished sixth in a school-record time of 4:36.18.

As for the men, thrower Jesse Carney ’03 became the latest of 23 All-Americans under the tutelage of assistant coach Joe Woodhead. Carney finished eighth in the weight throw at the NCAA Division III Men’s Indoor Track and Field Championships, with a toss of 57 feet, one inch.

Athletes breaking records this winter included the distance medley relay team, hitting 10:04.10. Joe Northrup ’05 shattered the 20-year-old pentathlon record by 13 points. Andrius Staisiunas ’05 eclipsed the 18-year-old record for the 1,000-meter run with a time of 2:28.12.

Hurdler and jumper Adam Macbeth ’06 established himself at the Coast Guard Invitational by winning the 55-meter hurdles — in the process defeating an All-American from MIT.

John Bauer ’06 was just a second shy of setting the school record in the 500-meter run. His fellow distance relay mates also excelled in middle-distance events, with M alcorn Gray ’03 finishing sixth in the 1,000-meter run and Staisiunas taking third in the 800 meters at the ECACs.

Cookbook author Ken Bergeron came to campus in March to support a new student organization, People Eating Plants (PEP), as it asked Bates students to swear off animal food products for a day.

Bergeron spent the day of the Great American Meatout in Commons fixing vegan specialties for the 654 students who took the PEP pledge. PEP’s goal for the Meatout was to raise both awareness of the harmful impacts of eating animal products and money for a local charity. Dining Services was all for it. For every student eating vegan, Bates donated a “plate cost” of $1.82 to a local soup kitchen.

Bergeron and PEP President Alexis Curry ’03 of South Salem, N.Y., agree that confrontation is no way to convert carnivores. “Let the food speak for itself,” says Bergeron, author of Professional Vegetarian Cooking, “and let people make their own decisions.”

A longstanding interest in diving led sophomore Josh Lichtman of Princeton, N.J., to investigate hyperbaric medicine (the use of oxygen at greater than normal atmospheric pressure to promote healing by forcing oxygen into the body’s tissue). “Practitioners on the cutting edge of medical technology see hyperbaric medicine as a tool to increase circulation, repair damaged tissue, fight infection, save limbs and relieve pain,” he says. In speaking with area physicians, Lichtman met Dr. Robert Abrahamsen, director of the TotalWound Treatment Center at St. Mary’s Regional Medical Center. Over several months, he observed Dr. Abrahamsen’s application of hyperbaric medicine to treat patients with poorly healing wounds. During winter break, Lichtman completed a Key Largo, Florida-based hyperbaric medical training program, where he was certified as a hyperbaric chamber operator. “I hope to spend my junior year abroad to further my interest and complete a senior thesis in this field,” he says.
Bates College junior Lori E. Jessup of Hatboro, Pa., received a national award for working with disabled Maine skiers as part of the third annual Glamour magazine-sponsored “Best of You” contest, honoring women for “their personal best quality to make a difference in the world.” Jessup’s third-place prize included a $2,500 award, along with an all-expenses-paid trip to New York City, where she and three other winners were honored at a luncheon.

One of four Center for Service-Learning volunteer fellows who support and encourage community service at Bates, Jessup is a board member for Central Maine Adaptive Sports, a non-profit, community-based program for children and adults with disabilities. Jessup also serves CMAS as an instructor for disabled skiers at Lost Valley Ski Area in Auburn and as a liaison between CMAS/Lost Valley and Bates, informing students of volunteer opportunities. Her efforts yielded 10 Bates coaches.

Mary McNulty, CMAS president, praised Jessup’s problem-solving talents and creativity. McNulty described one of Jessup’s students, a young man with deafness and developmental delay. “He always arrives at Lost Valley in a state of extreme agitation and refuses to relax until a volunteer has plunged his boots into his ski bindings,” McNulty says. “Then, seated in the chair lift 40 feet above the groomed slopes, he squints at the pine trees and distant snow-covered hills, gives a huge sigh of satisfaction and links arms with his coach” — Jessup.

“He just really inspires me — such an incredible amount I can’t even put it into words,” Jessup says of her charge. “You can just tell that he’s so happy, and just seeing him be that happy makes me much happier.”

In a year filled with politics and no small amount of tension, various distinguished speakers shared a wide spectrum of viewpoints with the Bates community. Former U.S. Surgeon General M. Joycelyn Elders opened the 148th academic year with the convocation address “Leadership and Responsibility in the 21st Century: What Will Your Role Be?” Discussing U.S. foreign policy in a post-Sept. 11 world, the outspoken and iconoclastic journalist Christopher Hitchens preceded populist historian Howard Zinn, who explored the same topic with remarkably different conclusions. Invited by Bates Democrats to mark the 30th anniversary of the decision that legalized abortion in the United States, Sarah Weddington, the attorney who won Roe v. Wade, gave a talk titled “Some Leaders Are Born Women!” Hoover Institute Fellow and best-selling author Dinesh D’Souza, known for his challenges to the politically liberal academic establishment, filled the Benjamin Mays Center with his discussion of “informed patriotism.” First-year student Oliver Wolf of Pittsburgh, Pa., a major organizer of the event and vice president of the Bates College Republicans, was thrilled by the opportunity to host D’Souza. He said, “This event was very much an effort for Bates to respect a different form of diversity — diversity of political thought.”

A political science major with a concentration in economics, Jessup is a standout varsity athlete in Bates lacrosse and field hockey. She is also a sports columnist for the campus newspaper, The Bates Student.

In addition to her CMAS commitments, Jessup works as a service-learning student with the Maine People’s Alliance, focusing on health care and environmental issues. “Service-learning gives students a completely different outlook on life,” she says. “It definitely broadens your perspective.”
Sorubh Mahadoo ’03 discusses his research project “Effect of a Spatially Filtered Optical Feedback on a Helium-Neon Laser” with Antonio Planchart, a lecturer in biochemistry, during the Mount David Summit, an annual celebration of student academic achievement at Bates.

(Above center) Wacky costumes are the norm for annual Senior Week festivities.

(Above far right) With spectacular views afforded by a “window wall,” ficus trees rising to the upper levels, and soothing sounds of fountains, the Joan Holmes Perry Atrium is Pettengill Hall’s signature gathering and study place, used by students and faculty alike.

(Right) Raising their helmets and voices in cheer, the football team relishes victory after ending their 2002 season with a 37-0 win over Hamilton College.
Weekdays at 5:10 a.m., fall and spring, Bates rowers drive in darkness to a boathouse on the Androscoggin River, lift their shells above their heads and march in ceremonial procession to the water’s edge. At first light they launch their impossibly narrow boats. They curse the hour, resist the urge to barf and endure muscle-scourching oxygen deprivation, all in pursuit of the ultimate satisfaction: the swiftest boat.

Mark Thomson ’03 of Minneapolis, a rowing co-captain, arrived at Bates as a skier and a runner, but was drawn to rowing “because it seemed like the classic collegiate sport.” Non-rowers, Thomson says, “just don’t understand the feeling of racing and succeeding together. Sure, I hate getting up at 4:50 a.m.—but it’s worth it if we can bury another boat in the sprint because we worked harder.”

In photographs, sculpture, ceramics, prints and paintings in a variety of media, 15 art majors capped their Bates careers with the popular Annual Senior Exhibition that runs from April through May in the Bates College Museum of Art.

“Because the exhibition has been given ample room on both floors of the museum, it looks especially beautiful,” says the students’ faculty adviser Robert Feintuch, a New York-based painter whose work has received prominent exhibitions in America and Europe.

Nine painters are among the exhibitors, representing diverse approaches. In his self-portraits, Brent McCoy, of Hartwick, Vt., combines “realistic” figurative depictions with ironic elements to poke fun at various facets of masculinity. McCoy was one of a select group of talented junior and senior art majors from nine Maine college campuses chosen to exhibit his work in Next Generation, featuring 60 works in various media at the Center for Maine Contemporary Art in Rockport.

(Top left) Counting Crows perform at Bates. The student-run Chase Hall Committee books and organizes student entertainment.

(Left) The Ronj, a student-run coffee house serves a variety of beverages and snacks.
To schedule an interview or overnight visit please call the Admissions Office at (207) 786-6000.

Bates Update is a newsletter designed with you, the prospective student, in mind. Our purpose is twofold; first, to provide insight into what makes Bates the lively college community that it is, and second, to offer some advice to help you cope with — and even enjoy — the college admissions process. Let us know if you have any suggestions for articles you would like to see in future issues of Bates Update.

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