If you would like to read some of the materials that we have been mulling over, please go to Ladd, search under Course: Bates Education Committee (Instructor: Bonnie Shulman) or go to our web site http://www.bates.edu/goals-bates-education-04-05.xml

**News and Updates**

**Elizabeth Kamarck Minnich**, Core Professor of Philosophy and Women's Studies at The Graduate School for Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences of The Union Institute & University will be at Bates, to speak and interact with faculty in **Chase Lounge on January 19th from 4.00 to 6.00 p.m.** Dr. Minnich will reflect on why interdisciplinary education is so important, what it does for us and our students, and why it matters for public life and moral concerns. Such reflection also helps us think through what our goals are, and how to assess whether we have achieved them.

**Poster Session:**

On Monday December 13th our “curriculum possibilities” poster session in Perry Atrium was viewed by more than seventy faculty members, and several staff from the Dean of Students Office, Registration, Writing Workshop, Advancement/Development, IT, Library Services, Admissions and the Dean of Faculty’s Office. Members of the Coordinating Committee and the Design Team were on hand, to listen, and to answer questions. We were delighted, not only by the hearty turnout, but also by the length of time that people stayed, and the depth and richness of their responses, both verbal and written. It is a tribute to Bates faculty that we can have such lively discussions about these important issues at the end of a semester. We are still sifting through these responses (at the time of writing this newsletter), and look forward to sharing them with everyone when we have done so thoroughly. Thank you to everyone who came and shared their views.

**We will repeat this session, this time for students, early in the new year.**

E-mail someone on the committee, if you would like to talk. We are: John Cole, Dyk Eusden, Leslie Hill, Lynne Lewis, Laurie O'Higgins, Kirk Read, Paula Schlax, Bonnie Shulman, Yang Jerng Hwa, Marie Hemmelgarn, Jill Reich, Pam Baker.